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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 1, 1993

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, February 1, 1993, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Senate Chair, Joan McGill, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

V. Falkenberg	*M. Frisbie	R. Hopkins
*T. Ricks	*J. Rowlett	J. Thomas

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Mrs. Jill H. Allgier, Registrar; Dr. Richard M. Clewett, Jr., English; Mr. Timothy M. Glotzbach, Art; Mr. James R. Moreton, Speech and Theatre Arts; Dr. Karen L. Rudick, Speech and Theatre Arts; and Mr. Mark White, Eastern Progress.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair McGill called for corrections to the December 7, 1992, minutes. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

The president reported that he attended a NCAA meeting in January. A resolution was passed on gender equity directing a task force to develop recommendations and legislation on this problem which will be considered at the next convention in 1994. He mentioned that one significant item passed was on certification of athletics program, which calls for an in-depth self-study at institutions every five years. The president mentioned that he spent four days at East Tennessee State University with the visiting committee for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The accreditation committee looked at the administration, finances, and athletics of the institution.

Dr. Funderburk stated that he wants EKU to combine the certification process for athletics with the institution's upcoming SACS self-study. He stated that a chair of a steering committee and maybe one or two more persons need to be appointed to attend a

SACS workshop in December, 1993. Afterwards, the remainder of the self-study committees throughout the university need to be appointed. He stated that the 1994-95 school year will be the time in which the self-study will be conducted at ECU. The visiting committee will be on campus in January or February, 1996. The president mentioned that the combining of the athletic self-study and SACS self-study will save ECU time, effort, and, one hopes, money.

Dr. Funderburk reported that the Council on Higher Education (CHE) is to meet February 8. One item for consideration is the tuition issue. The Council may recommend and pass proposal number two, which will increase tuition by eleven percent. Also, of the two percent held back from this year's operating budget, one percent was taken away this quarter with the possibility that the remaining one percent will be taken away next quarter.

The president stated that assessment and accountability have come to Kentucky higher education. He mentioned that the CHE has developed procedures for implementing legislative mandated accountability in a publication entitled Kentucky's Plan For Implementing the Higher Education Accountability Process. He also mentioned that ECU wants to be accountable, but questions the bureaucracy associated with accountability. The president would like Mr. James R. Clark, Director of Planning and Budget, to attend one of the next two or three Senate meetings and brief the Senate on the involved process.

Questions were raised by several senators concerning 1993-94 salaries and the dismantling of three departments. Dr. Funderburk replied that salaries are a top priority to be considered once the state decides how it will handle this year's income tax returns. He also mentioned that better, effective and more efficient ways to handle resources had been discussed at retreats held by academic administrators and others, but he has yet to receive any proposals. He also stated that discussions should be held on the issues of closing or merging departments.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR MCGILL

The Executive Committee met on January 20, 1993. The University Improvement of Instruction Committee is looking at honors and recognition for non-traditional students. Reports were received from the University Professional Growth and Faculty Welfare Committee and the Senate Rules Committee. Senators received a summary of the professional liability insurance policies that the University now holds.

At the end of New Business during the March 1 Faculty Senate meeting, Senator Duncan, chair of the Senate Rules Committee, or his designee, will ask permission of the assembly to discuss, for a limited amount of time, the organization and membership of the

Faculty Senate. Because of this request, senators are asked to talk with their constituents so that any questions for the presenter can better represent the faculty-at-large. Faculty may want to communicate their views in writing either to the Rules Committee or the Executive Committee.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed read a statement to the Senate, which he had given to the Board of Regents at its January meeting, expressing his concern for what he saw as "a lowering of the quality of instruction at Eastern." He was also concerned about the increase in class sizes and the trend toward more use of adjunct faculty in place of professors. Senator Freed said that higher education's funding problems must result in "a serious re-examination of financial priorities" at Eastern. Senator Freed mentioned that he will be available on Wednesday's from 8 to 9 A.M. in the Faculty Lounge of the Keen Johnson Building to meet and talk with faculty about the issues he has raised.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Stebbins announced that thirty years ago the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) was formed at EKU. He mentioned that former officers of AAUP met recently and plan to reorganize and reactivate the organization this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The floor was open for continued discussion of the motion that was postponed from the December 7, 1992, meeting: "that the grading system at Eastern Kentucky University be altered to include the grades B+ and C+. This 'augmented' grading system is to be used in both graduate and undergraduate courses, campus-wide, and the 'plus' grades will have the qualitative values of 3.5 and 2.5, respectively, on a four-point scale. These numerical values will be included in calculating grade point averages." After extensive discussion, the motion was defeated by voice vote.

Senator S. Davis moved "to change the present grading system so that it contains the following grades, each with the indicated numerical equivalent: A (4.0), A- (3.67), B+ (3.33), B (3.0), B- (2.67), C+ (2.33), C (2.0), C- (1.67), D+ (1.33), D (1.0), D- (.67), F (0.0). All of these numerical values would be included in calculation of grade averages. A "C" (2.0) average would continue to be required for graduation. The 'augmented' grading system is to be used in both graduate and undergraduate courses, campus-wide."

Senator Laird moved to amend the motion to read that "Ds for graduate courses will carry no grade point." The motion was

seconded by Senator Stebbins. The amendment to the motion was passed by voice vote.

Senator Tunnell moved to amend the motion "to eliminate C-, D+, and D-." The motion was seconded by Senator Rink. After some discussion, the amendment to the motion was defeated by voice vote.

Senator Duncan moved to amend the motion "to add an A+ with a grade point equivalent of 4.33." The motion was seconded by Senator V. Wright. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

The question was raised concerning off-campus facilities. By consensus of the Senate the words "campus-wide" will be changed to read "throughout the university" to clarify that the augmented grading system would apply to on campus and off campus classes.

The final motion is "to change the present grading system so it contains the following grades, each with the indicated numerical equivalent: A (4.0), A- ((3.67), B+ (3.33), B (3.0), B- (2.67), C+ (2.33), C (2.0), C- (1.67), D+ (1.33), D (1.0), D- (.67), and F (0.0). All of these numerical values would be included in the calculation of grade averages. A "C" (2.0) average would continue to be required for graduation. Ds for graduate courses will carry no grade point. This 'augmented' grading system is to be used in both graduate and undergraduate courses throughout the university." The motion was passed by a vote of 38 to 32.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senate Committee on Elections: Senator Engle

Senator Engle reported that the committee sent out memoranda to the deans on the number of full time faculty they are expecting for the upcoming academic year for representation purposes. He also stated that the committee will not unseat any departments that have lost faculty until the term of the current Senator has expired.

Senate Committee on Budget: Senator Vance

Senator Vance reported that this committee has heard from Jim Clark on the financial status of the university. He also stated that they are continuing a study on salary compression.

Senate Committee on Rules: Senator Duncan

Senator Duncan, Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, moved the adoption of several proposals amending the Organization of the Faculty of Eastern Kentucky University concerning the keeping of records by the Faculty Senate Secretary and a time frame of reporting in writing by chairs of standing and ad hoc Senate

committees to the Senate Executive committee. (See agenda materials)
The motion was approved by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Engle moved to suspend the rules for Letter of Commendation for Model School, which placed second in the Commonwealth in the Kentucky Department of Education's composite scoring for academic assessment. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote.

Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie

Senator Enzie moved proposals from several colleges. The College of Education: to suspend the Specialist in Education Program in School Counseling. Senator Robinette seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. The College of Arts and Humanities: new option in photography to existing Bachelor of Fine Arts Program in Art; change of name in minor in Art to minor in Art(Studio); new minor in Art(Art History); and new option in Health Communication to existing Bachelor of Arts Program in Speech Communication. Senator Moore seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Senator Enzie moved to add the following element to the syllabus policy in the Faculty/Staff Handbook: "student progress--the syllabus will describe a mechanism by which the instructor will provide students with written information on their progress in the course at least once prior to the mid-point of the course." The motion was seconded by Senator Moore. After extensive discussion, Senator Lee-Riffe moved to postpone the motion to the next meeting. Senator Mohanty seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Laird moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary