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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 1, 1993

CALL TO ORDER

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

The following members of the Senate were absent:

*D. Batch	*R. Baugh	V. Falkenberg
*M. Fleming	*C. Franke	*H. Funderburk
A. Mohanty	T. Myers	*T. Ricks
*J. Roberts	*D. Robinette	*W. Schulz
*R. Sims	*K. Splinter	*H. Tracy

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Mr. Brett Dunlap, Eastern Progress; Dr. Ronald Messerich, Philosophy and Religion; and Dr. Theodore Smith, Professor Emeritus, Speech Communication and Theatre Arts (Guest Parliamentarian).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Engle called for additions and corrections to the October 4, 1993, minutes. No changes were made and the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

No report was given since President Funderburk was attending a meeting of the Kentucky Higher Education Review Commission.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR ENGLE

The Executive Committee met and discussed drafts of two reports from the Ad Hoc Committee on Research and Teaching Ethics, chaired by Dr. Messerich. Members of the Executive Committee raised a series of questions on technical and procedural issues for both reports. As a result, both drafts were returned to the Ad Hoc Committee for additional information. The Executive Committee briefly discussed the possibility of sponsoring an Oxford-style debate in the Spring on the topic of the "Role of Lectureship Positions at Eastern."

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed reported that he and Senator Engle recently met with President Funderburk, several members of the central administration, and Board of Regents Chair Jim Gilbert to discuss implications of an upcoming meeting of the Kentucky Higher Education Review Commission. President Funderburk mentioned that current recommendations of the commission, which will be discussed at the upcoming meeting, have been revised and are somewhat milder than the original recommendations. Senator Freed briefly mentioned the major critical areas of the revised recommendations, noting that the very critical issue of admission standards needs significant clarification. Senator Engle commented that the work of the commission appears to be moving away from quantitative to more qualitative areas with discussion centering around clarifying areas of ambiguity, more precise role definition, and the need for programs to follow defined missions. Senator Freed stated that the role of community colleges will probably be more defined and enlarged once the final report is issued in late December.

On November 8 the Council on Higher Education will meet and devote most of its time to the issue of raising tuition. Senator Freed concurred with the observation of the president of Northern Kentucky University that Kentucky's system of public higher education is moving away from being state funded to being state assisted. Senator Freed said the recent Eastern Board of Regents meeting focused on ordinary business.

After the report, Senator Laird asked several questions pertaining to faculty involvement in current higher education issues. Senators Engle and Freed agreed that now was not the proper time for faculty to get actively involved until various recommendations have been more clearly defined. Senator Engle suggested a wait and see posture. He felt the current reform efforts will lead the people in the Commonwealth to a better understanding of what faculty actually do. Senator Laird expressed great concern about the state imposing a KERA type program on higher education without faculty involvement. Senator Engle did see a problem with a trend toward more formal centralized management of higher education, which could seriously reduce the flexibility of regional teaching universities.

REPORT FROM THE COSFL REPRESENTATIVE: SENATOR LEE-RIFFE

No report was given.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Budget: Senator Rink

Senator Rink has collected information from Jim Clark and plans to distribute it to his committee members and schedule a

meeting soon.

Committee on Committees: Senator Rink

No report was given.

Committee on Elections: Senator Tracy

No report was given.

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Harnack

The Committee is finishing work on recommendations and will have a report soon.

Committee on Rules: Senator Duncan

The Committee has met and will be presenting a proposal to the Executive Committee for the December meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Ronald Messerich presented an interim report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Research and Teaching Ethics. The committee has divided its activities into examining ethics in research and ethics in teaching. The committee submitted two reports concerning ethics in research to the Senate Executive Committee last month. The first report covers research involving human subjects. The committee will recommend a flexible system that will allow a review process at the chair and departmental level as well as at the university level. The second report addresses the question of investigating scientific misconduct, especially relating to the roles of chairs and deans. The executive committee requested the ad hoc committee to refine the reports and present them at the Senate's December meeting. The ethics in teaching report will be presented in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Fraas reminded the Senate that a motion was passed at the April 1992 meeting to institute a faculty newsletter and to recommend quarter release time from teaching for a faculty member to serve as editor. The editor would be appointed by an advisory committee, which in turn is to be selected by the Senate Executive Committee. Senator Fraas urged the Executive Committee to carry out this action.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ENZIE

There was no report given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary