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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

APRIL 4, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, April 4, 1994, 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:

*R. Baugh	W. Davis	*D. Elias
V. Falkenberg	*D. Feltner	L. Hayes
R. Hopkins	S. Kipp	*T. Kubiak
C. Laird	*T. Myers	*T. Ricks
*W. Schulz	J. Thomas	*P. Tudor
K. Tunnell	*N. Wright	

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were: Dr. Danny Britt, Agriculture Department; Dr. Charles L. Hilton, Business Administration Department; Dr. Ron Messerich, Philosophy and Religion; and Mr. Don Perry, Eastern Progress.

Senator Robinette served as acting parliamentarian for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Engle called for additions and corrections to the March 7, 1994, minutes. There being no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

Dr. Funderburk reported that the EKU budget process is on hold until Frankfort passes the state budget. He reported on the status of three bills which affect higher education. The Teacher Preparation bill (HB 238) did not pass; the nonteaching staff member on the Board of Regents bill passed; and a bill appointing a representative from private colleges to the Council on Higher Education passed.

In response to several questions from the floor, Dr. Funderburk stated that whenever the state budget is approved EKU will be in a position to move forward with employment contracts. He hopes, the state budget impasse will be settled by the time the Board of Regents meets on April 15 and 16. He replied that he hopes for more than a 1% increase for pay raises. He also

mentioned that he knows of no changes in the current policy on early retirement. Dr. Funderburk clarified that the early retirement policy is in place for the institution rather than for the faculty.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR ENGLE

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 21. The Executive Committee discussed a series of agenda items for the April meeting. Senator Riggs gave a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Mid-Term Deficiency Reports. After some discussion this report was recommended by the Executive Committee and placed on the April Senate agenda. The Executive Committee took up a recommendation from Dr. LeVan, Acting Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, on modifications in the Faculty Staff Handbook related to communicating promotion and tenure procedures in the handbook. After considerable discussion, the matter was referred back to Dr. LeVan for further clarification and additional rationale for the changes. Dr. Enzie presented a motion on modifications in several academic programs; that motion was recommended by the Executive Committee and placed on the April Senate agenda. The Committee also received notice from Dr. Messerich that the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Teaching and Research will make an interim, verbal report before the Senate at the April meeting.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed reported on two items of interest. He stated that the COSFL letter he presented to the Council on Higher Education last month received criticism from some faculty in the College of Education. He pointed out that the letter intended to make a statement of the COSFLs concern about academic freedom and institutional integrity. The letter was not meant as a letter of support or rejection for Bill HB 238.

Senator Freed stated that he recently received material from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in which ten public policy issues for higher education in 1994, such as budget squeeze, accountability, enrollments, cost containment, and other subjects are discussed. He stated that this material is available from him for review.

REPORT FROM THE COSFL REPRESENTATIVE: SENATOR LEE-RIFFE

No report was given.

REPORT ON THE SELF-STUDY: SENATOR WISENBAKER

Senator Wisenbaker reported that there had been a planning workshop on March 24 during which budget unit heads were instructed on how to prepare unit reports for the self-study. He also stated

that on April 7, 1994, Dr. James T. Rogers, Executive Director of the Commission on Colleges for SACS, will be on campus making a presentation at 11:00 a.m in the Keen Johnson Ballroom, and that the meeting is open to the university community.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on the Budget: Senator Rink

No report was given.

Committee on Committees: Senator Rink

Senator Rink reported that the Committee met on March 25. He stated that the Committee did not come up with a sufficient number of nominations from all of the colleges for all of the slots available for university committees. He stated that a report will be presented at the May meeting.

Committee on Elections: Senator Tracy

No report was given.

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Harnack

No report was given.

Committee on Rules: Senator Duncan

No report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee on Mid-Term Deficiency Reports: Senator Riggs

Senator Riggs reported that the Committee recommends that the current system be kept intact and that mid-term deficiency reports continue to be sent to advisors to give to students. He stated that the Committee polled other universities and found that most of them still issue mid-term deficiency reports. The Senate approved by voice vote to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Teaching and Research: Dr. Messerich

Dr. Messerich reported that the Committee will issue a report on sexual harassment next month. The Committee is still working on how to handle research proposals which involve human subjects. He stated that developing a unified policy on human subject research, especially if federal money is involved, is necessary. Dr. Messerich stated that some departments and colleges on campus do their own individual review, but there is no institutional review process on human subject research at the University level.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Nominations were accepted for Senate Chair for the 1994-1995 Senate year. Senator Kopacz nominated Senator V. Wright and Senator Riggs nominated Senator R. Rink. The election will take place at the May 1994 Faculty Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Enzie moved acceptance of a series of proposals from the Council on Academic Affairs. The Department of Agriculture proposed three new options to the Associate of Science in Technical Agriculture degree program--floriculture and floristry, landscape horticulture, and turf management. Senator Kleine seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. The College of Arts and Humanities proposed that with the merger of the Departments of Humanities and Foreign Languages the name be changed to the Department of Foreign Languages and Humanities. Senator S. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. The College of Business proposed that with reorganization within the College, department names be changed to--Department of Economics and Finance, Department of Information Systems, and Department of Management and Marketing. Senator Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. The Department of Business Administration proposed four new options to the Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing degree program--Business Logistics, General Marketing, Marketing Promotion, and Retail Marketing. Senator Patrick and seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary