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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

MARCH 7, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, March 7, 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:

P. Creighton	*D. Feltner	*M. Fleming
C. Gardner	L. Hayes	*R. Hopkins
*J. Huston	*R. James	T. Kubiak
*T. Ricks	*W. Schulz	*S. Slusher
K. Tunnell		

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were: Dr. Bruce R. Pratt, Agriculture Department; and Ms. Angie Hatton, Eastern Progress.

Senator Robinette served as acting parliamentarian for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Engle called for additions and corrections to the February 7, 1994, minutes. Senator Knight raised a question for clarification of the \$600,000 in the last sentence on page 3. Senator Rink replied to the question. The minutes were then approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

Dr. Funderburk reported that the Council on Higher Education (CHE) met today to discuss several topics. The first topic was a proposed engineering program for Paducah. He stated that CHE members considered that it would be inappropriate and imprudent for them to make a decision on the Paducah proposal since it was an economic development issue rather than a higher education issue. The Council also discussed the various recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Teacher Preparation. Senator Freed, representing COSFL, read a letter to the Council which urged it to reject four of task force's twenty-two recommendations which dealt with tenure, teaching methods, and evaluations.

Dr. Funderburk mentioned that the CHE discussed the Higher Education Review Commission (HERC) recommendations. He stated that as HERC recommendations are being reviewed for implementation,

direct university involvement in the process is essential. Another subject discussed at the meeting was performance based funding. He stated that there is a general agreement between state political leaders and higher education officials to use this method of funding for at least one year.

Dr. Funderburk reported on the status of a couple of bills in the General Assembly. The Budget Bill on Higher Education still has no changes in the operating budget, with the recommendation of 2% increase the first year and 3% the second year. Elementary and secondary schools appear to be getting a 1% increase over the governor's recommendation.

Dr. Funderburk mentioned that many capital projects and large bond issues are still in the state budget. The Teacher Preparation bills are two joint bills (one started in the Senate and the other in the House) giving the Professional Standards Board and CHE authority to implement the twenty-two recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Teacher Preparation. He stated that a bill is on the governor's desk for signing that will place a non-teaching staff member on Boards of Regents of the regional universities.

Dr. Funderburk mentioned that Health Care Reform bills initiated in both houses will have a major impact on state funding. The current House Bill does not affect Eastern, as we are not part of the proposed health alliance, but the Senate Bill does affect Eastern since the institution will be in the alliance in 1995-1996. Dr. Funderburk stated that the health care issue appears to be a budget-buster and that any reserve money the state might save will be used to bring more people into the health care pool.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR ENGLE

The Executive Committee met on Monday, February 21. The Executive Committee discussed a series of agenda items for the March meeting. The Committee was notified that an interim report was coming in March from the Editorial Advisory Committee, appointed by Dr. Funderburk, to look at communication processes in the Senate and within the university community. The Executive Committee received a motion on the suspension of academic programs from the Council on Academic Affairs via Dr. Enzie. The Executive Committee recommended for that motion.

The Committee also received notice from Dr. Messerich that the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Teaching and Research hopes to have some additional recommendations to place before the Senate in the April meeting.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed handed out a copy of a COSFL letter written

primarily by Dr. Heberle which was read at the recent CHE meeting. He stated that higher education had no input in the Governor's Task Force on Teacher Preparation deliberations and report, and that the recommendations constitute a serious violation of fundamental principles of academic freedom and university governance. He mentioned that the COSFL letter concentrated on recommendations 9-13 of the task force's twenty-two recommendations. Senator Freed stated that several CHE members seemed surprised by the letter.

REPORT FROM THE COSFL REPRESENTATIVE: SENATOR LEE-RIFFE

Senator Lee-Riffe stated that Senator Freed covered COSFL during his report.

REPORT FROM THE SELF-STUDY: SENATOR WISENBAKER

Senator Wisenbaker reported that the steering committee was appointed in mid-January and has been meeting to develop plans for the self-study. He expects to have a kick-off meeting probably in April. He stated that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) provides free consultation for institutions that are beginning the accreditation process. Senator Wisenbaker presented a timetable for the twelve principle committees involved in the accreditation process. Intensive committee work will begin in Fall 1994 and end by Fall 1995. He stated that he expects a visiting team in Spring 1996. He also mentioned that there are copies of SACS self-study manuals and the EKU's last two self-studies on reserve at the library if anyone wants to review them. Senator Wisenbaker mentioned that there will be regular reports made to the Senate as the self-study progresses.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Budget: Senator Rink

Senator Rink stated that the Committee will meet at the end of April and has no report at this time.

Committee on Committees: Senator Rink

Senator Rink stated the Committee has mailed out a two-page notice about nominations for various university committees to deans and chairs. He mentioned that he hopes to have the forms back in a couple of weeks or the end of March.

Committee on Elections: Senator Tracy

Senator Tracy stated the Committee was sending a letter to all chairs for information about the May election of senators.

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Harnack

No report was given.

Committee on Rules: Senator Duncan

No report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Editorial Advisory Committee: Senator Creek

Senator Creek stated that the committee is developing criteria for the editorial advisory board. He mentioned that the committee was initially established in April 1993 and has been charged with the following: 1) the creation of a logo/letterhead for all Faculty Senate communications; 2) development of a job description for the editor of the faculty newsletter; 3) to analyze the many and varied newsletters and other campus publications with an eye toward consolidation. Senator Creek reported that he hopes the committee will have specific recommendations at the next Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Enzie moved acceptance of a motion from the Council on Academic Affairs to suspend or delete several programs for the Fall 94 semester. (See attachment) After some questioning the motion passed by voice vote.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ENZIE

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary