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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

February 6, 1995

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, February 6, 1995, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. Senate Chair Virginia Wright called the fifth meeting of the 1994-1995 academic year to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

M. Brown-Davis*	J. Frazier	J. Martin*	T. Ricks*	P. Shuttleworth
L. Chase	G. Gow*	M. Myers*	F. Roberts*	
V. Falkenberg	R. Hopkins	D. Quillen	K. Sehmman*	

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were: Dr. John Roberts, Music Department; Dr. Marlow Marchant, Technology Department; Mr. James Clark, Planning and Budget; Dr. Doug Whitlock, Executive Assistant to the President; Dr. Imogene Ramsey, Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Clyde Craft, Technology Department; and Mr. Chad Williamson, Eastern Progress.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Wright asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the December meeting. Senator Creek stated that the minutes should be changed to the following: suspend the option (Biotechnology) in the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology degree program and new option (Aquatic Biology) in the Bachelor of Science in Biology degree program in the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. There being no further changes or corrections, the minutes were approved.

Report from the President: President Funderburk

President Funderburk began by informing the Senate that he had been in regular contact with the Kentucky Health Alliance. He has been told that Eastern is expected to join the Alliance on July 1, 1996. However, he has no concrete information on rates or coverage.

He also announced that recently he had attended several meetings regarding university accreditation. The U. S. Department of Education is currently trying to locate a central service which will establish criteria for regional accrediting agencies. This process, he noted, has a major effect on the money institutions receive from federal agencies. He is watching events in this area very closely.

He, along with the presidents of other Kentucky higher education institutions, have been working with the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education to prepare a position paper to present to gubernatorial candidates. This paper is completed and is with the Advocates now.

President Funderburk also noted that the 1995 Special Session of the Kentucky General Assembly passed several new tax cuts which he felt would affect higher education budgets in the future. All of the tax reductions are to be phased in over the next four years, and we could expect budget cuts as a result.

President Funderburk then requested that Mr. James Clark, Director of Planning and Budget, address the Senate on the recently completed four-year plan for 1995-1999. He noted that Eastern has had a planning process in place since 1982. This process has been revised and reworked regularly. It has also adapted to the needs of the Council on Higher Education which has recently begun long-range planning.

Mr. Clark gave a broad overview of the planning process and of the major goals which were accepted by the Board of Regents as a part of the four-year plan. He noted, using academic affairs as an example, that the planning process begins with each budget unit presenting to its dean its top five goals for the next five years. The deans consolidate these goals into the top ten goals for the college and these goals are forwarded to the vice-president. The vice-president further consolidates the goals to the top ten for the vice presidential area. These goals are then presented to the Institutional Planning Committee. This is a policy committee that works in conjunction with the Institutional Planning Analysis Committee which has representation from faculty, students, and the administration. This committee examines the work of the Institutional Planning Committee. The work of the committee is then presented to the President who makes his proposals to the Board of Regents via the Executive and Academic Affairs Committee. This committee makes its recommendations to the whole Board of Regents, which votes and selects the goals to be included in the University's four-year plan.

The four-year plan is used to develop both the University operating budget and the budget proposal to the legislature. The goals established through this process determine how discretionary dollars are to be spent by the University.

Mr. Clark noted that the Board of Regents had recently approved the four-year plan for the 1995-1999 planning cycle with the improvement of teaching and learning first among the priorities.

Report from the Executive Committee: Senator Wright

Senator Wright began her report by asking that Senators note the clarification of procedures for making Senate presentations presented in her memo to Senators. She also noted that the Advisory Committee on Campus Collegiality is tabulating the results of the campus survey and will be presenting their findings at the March meeting of the Senate.

She then reported that the Executive Committee had established tentative agendas for the four Senate meetings of the spring term, and discussed the recent report from the Office of Institutional Research on responses from the SACS Self-Study Faculty Survey.

The Executive Committee also appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Class and Holiday Schedules. The committee is charged with gathering input from the faculty, administrators, staff and students and reporting results at the May Senate meeting. Members of the committee are: Karen Foster, English (chair), Gary Steinbach, Technology; Vernon Stubblefield, Chemistry; Jeanne Widener, Baccalaureate Nursing; Charlotte Tanara, Planning and Budget; Scott Douglas, Student Senate; and a staff member (to be appointed by Ronnie Mink, Staff Regent).

Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

Senator Freed began his report by announcing the current efforts by the Board of Regents to evaluate President Funderburk. A randomly selected group of approximately ten percent of the faculty were chosen to evaluate the President. Senator Freed urged all faculty who were selected to complete the evaluation form and return it, as Board of Regents Chair James Gilbert is very interested in the faculty responses.

Senator Freed then reported that the Board of Regents met on January 21, 1995, and approved the 1995-1999 four-year plan after changing the order of the strategic directions so that the first item on the list would be to "improve quality of teaching and learning," and the second would be a statement urging the use of resources to "ensure timely and reasonable progress for all students toward completion of the degrees/programs."

Finally, he announced his concern about the results of a recent AAUP poll that dealt with the role of the Faculty Senate on campus. The survey noted that a majority of the faculty do not feel that the Senate adequately represents faculty interests to the administration and feel that it is difficult to learn about significant developments on campus or to get a hearing of their own views. He hoped that if the plans for the faculty newsletter come to fruition, communication among the faculty will be improved.

Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe

Senator Lee-Riffe reported that COSFL met on January 14, 1995, at Kentucky State University. The meeting was held to discuss the questions and priorities COSFL wished to present to the Council on Higher Education (CHE) staff, as well as discuss CHE Executive Director Gary Cox's replies to questions presented to him at the November 19, 1995, meeting.

On January 28, 1995, COSFL members met from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Trustees Room at the University of Kentucky. At this meeting they discussed the advocacy role of the CHE with Executive Director Cox. COSFL told Cox they feel the public and the General Assembly need to be aware of the benefits of higher education. The current emphasis on accountability and assessment presents a negative image to the public.

Cox suggested that faculty should be their own advocates. He pointed out that faculty need to negotiate at their own institutions to have a greater voice in how money is appropriated and to determine what institutional priorities and policies will be.

After CHE staff left the meeting, COSFL members considered questions and topics of discussion for a meeting being arranged with key legislative leaders and major gubernatorial candidates.

Finally, Senator Lee-Riffe announced that Eastern's AAUP chapter has arranged for Gary Cox to speak with faculty following the Faculty Senate meeting in March.

Report on the Self-Study: Senator Wisenbaker

Due to recent revisions in accreditation criteria by the Southern Association, the principal committees on campus must go back and redo some of their work. Senator Wisenbaker went over the projected timetable for internal reporting--principal committees draft reports are due in March; principal committees and steering committee are to revise reports by June; the editor is to complete a draft report by September; the university community is to review the draft during October, and the final report is due to the SACS office by the end of November.

Reports from Standing Committees

Report from the Elections Committee: Senator Elias

Senator Elias reported that nominating petitions for the position of the Faculty Regent have been sent to all faculty members. The deadline for submission is February 17.

The Elections Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m., February 21 in Wallace 214 to confirm the eligibility of the signatories and count the results.

The candidates will be notified and invited to attend one or both forums for faculty scheduled for February 22 and 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Kennamer Room of the Powell Building.

Ballots will be sent to all eligible voters as soon as the names of the candidates can be ascertained. They need to be returned by March 10. If a second round of voting is necessary, ballots will be due March 30.

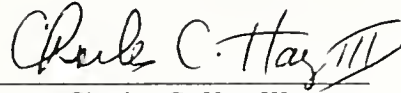
Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie

The following proposals from the Council on Academic Affairs were approved:

- name change: minor in printing technology to minor in computer publishing in the College of Applied Arts and Technology;
- new options in the Master of Music degree program (Instrumental Conducting and General Music) in the College of Arts and Humanities;
- suspension of school business administrator certification in the Department of Administration, Counseling, and Educational Studies in the College of Education;
- new option in the Master of Arts in Education in Secondary Education degree program in Music in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Enzie moved that the Senate adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary