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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

March 6, 1995

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

The following members of the Senate were absent:

E. Clifton	C. Gardner*	R. Hopkins	T. Ricks*
J. Culross*	G. Gow	D. Jackson	
L. Gaines	D. Greenwell	R. James	

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary

Visitors to the Senate were: Ms. Genevieve Clay, Library; Dr. H. E. Everman, History Department; and Mr. Chad Williamson. Eastern Progress.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Wright asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the February meeting. Senator Elias stated that the date of March 10 on page four under Report from the Elections Committee should be changed to March 6. There being no further changes or corrections, the minutes were approved.

Report from the President: Senator Funderburk

President Funderburk reported that work has begun on the 1995-1996 university budget. A major part of the budget will be health insurance. There will be a 5% increase for Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BC/BS) for next year. As it appears now, unless changes are made in the next session of the legislature, on July 1, 1996, Eastern will become part of the state health alliance system.

As recommended earlier by the Senate, the 1995-1996 academic calendar will be changed. Classes will begin on Monday and end on Friday, registration will change, and there will be a five-day final exam period. Details concerning the changes have been sent to the Deans and Chairs.

Report from the Executive Committee: Senator Wright

Senator Wright began her report by announcing that June Martin has resigned from the Senate and been replaced by Nancy McKenney. Ms. McKenney has agreed temporarily to fill Senator Martin's position on the Elections Committee until new committee members are

elected in May. Senator Martin's position on the Rules Committee will not be filled until May elections. Also, Mr. James Street, the new Director of Physical Plant, has been appointed as the staff representative on the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Class Schedules and Holidays.

The Executive Committee met on February 13, 1995, and discussed reports and recommendations from three committees--Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Campus Collegiality, and Editorial Advisory. They also discussed a slightly revised statement of "Principles of Ethics in Teaching" prepared by the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Teaching and Research. It is hoped that several issues regarding the legal status of such a statement will be clarified so that the Senate can vote on these recommendations at its April meeting.

Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

Senator Freed also reported on the status of the university health insurance program. The University Insurance Committee met recently and recommended to President Funderburk continuation of current BC/BS, Kentucky HMO, and Humana Health Care plans. The BC/BS plans will increase by approximately 5% over last year's rates, with some decrease in some of the Humana plan offerings; it is the understanding of the committee that the university will be able to cover this increase. By July 1, 1996, state universities will be brought into the Kentucky Healthcare Alliance. Senator Freed noted that it is almost certain that rates will increase and services and benefits will decrease.

Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe

Senator Lee-Riffe reported that several COSFL members met on February 25, 1995, at Eastern with Representatives Harry Moberly, Jr. and Ernesto Scorsone. Both legislators emphasized the importance of constituents staying in contact with them. They need to hear from persons who are convinced about the value of Kentucky's higher education and its many needs. They also need to hear from university people when specific issues are under discussion. One such specific matter that COSFL may try to shepherd through the next legislative session is having a faculty representative on the Council of Higher Education.

Reports from Standing Committees

Report from the Elections Committee: Senator Elias

Two forums were held on February 22 and 23 to give faculty members a chance to meet and talk with candidates for the position of faculty regent. Although they were sparsely attended, they were very informative and lively. Appreciation was extended to Mr. Chad Williamson of the Eastern Progress for publicizing the forums and election.

The first round of ballots was delivered to departmental offices on March 1. Votes

were due March 6. However, because the ballots were delivered late, and because about twenty people with faculty rank were left off the mailing list because of confusion about their classification, the Elections Committee will accept ballots until 5:00 p.m. on March 10. In the event of a run-off election, a second round of ballots will be delivered to departmental offices on March 13. Votes will be due by March 27, and counted on March 28 at 3:30 p.m. in Wallace 310.

Senator Elias also emphasized to senators that departments need to hold elections to replace or re-elect senators whose terms expire this semester. A memo from the committee will follow shortly.

Report from the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee: Senator Guilfoil

Senator Guilfoil moved adoption of Policies and Procedures to Deal with Misconduct in Science. Senator Laird moved to amend the motion to replace the phrase "misconduct in science" with the phrase "academic misconduct" whenever it appears in the document, except where it is in quotes. Senator Falkenberg expressed concern about the legal ramifications of changing the wording of the document and moved to postpone action of the pending motion to the next Senate meeting so that the committee can determine the effect of the proposed amendment on compliance with federal guidelines. The motion to postpone was approved.

Report from the Committee on Committees: Senator Creek

The Committee has sent out requests to deans and department chairs for faculty nominations to university committees. The committee has already received several nominations.

Reports from Special Committees

Chair's Advisory Committee on Campus Collegiality: Dr. H. E. Everman

Dr. Everman reported on the results of a recent survey of faculty and contract staff concerning ways to improve campus collegiality (see attached report). Senator Kleine moved that the Senate support publication of an ECU pictorial directory of faculty and contract staff. The motion was approved. Senator Kleine moved that the Senate request that preferences and suggestions regarding a pictorial directory and other activities to promote campus collegiality included in responses to the recent survey be sent to the President for discussion and possible implementation by appropriate officials. The motion was approved.

Adjournment

Senator LeVan moved to adjourn so that Senators would have an opportunity to hear Dr. Gary Cox, Executive Director of the Council on Higher Education, speak in the Herndon Lounge of the Powell Building. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary