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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

November 6, 1995

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, November 2, 1995, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. Senate Chair Richard Rink called the third meeting of the 1995-1996 academic year to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

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| D. Batch* | H. Funderburk* | G. Masagatani* | D. Robinette* |
| R. Baugh* | L. Gaines | T. Myers | J. Widener* |
| A. Chapman | C. Gardner* | M. Powell | J. Willett |
| N. Davis* | K. Johnson* | T. Ricks* | V. Wisenbaker* |

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary

Visitors to the Senate were: Ms. Jill Allgier, Registrar; Mr. Matt McCarty, Eastern Progress; Mr. Ronnie Mink, Staff Regent.

Announcements

The Chair extended appreciation to Martha Grise for the Parliamentary Workshop given on October 16. The Senate members were also reminded to think of nominees for honorary degrees that will be awarded in May and August of 1996.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Rink called for additions or corrections to the October 2 minutes. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from the President: Senator Funderburk

No report was given since Dr. Funderburk was attending a SACS meeting.

Report from the Executive Committee: Senator Rink

The Chair reported that no articles have been submitted for the Faculty Newsletter. A student from the Art Department has volunteered her time to create a logo for the newsletter. The Chair stated that he will be making every attempt to have the newsletter finished within a short time by completing his part as well as reminding those individuals who have volunteered to submit articles.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for November 20 in the Robert R. Martin Room, Coates Administration Building.

Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

Senator Freed reported on what occurs at a Board of Regents meeting. The Board votes on policy issues, personnel matters, and budgetary issues. The Board does not automatically vote yes on everything, but by the time issues of substance get to the Board they have already been discussed primarily at committee meetings that precede all regular meetings and made ready for approval. Senator Freed offered to serve as an unofficial ombudsperson for faculty. He would be glad to meet with faculty members or departments to answer questions and to learn concerns of those individuals or of faculty groups.

Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe

Senator Lee-Riffe announced that COSFL would be meeting with former governor Ned Breathitt on November 18 to discuss ideas on how faculty members can better interact with the governor and the legislature. Also in the planning stage is the introduction of a bill to add a faculty representative to the Council of Higher Education.

Report on the Self-Study: Senator Falkenburg

Senator Falkenburg reported that the Self-Study was progressing very well and that the final copy was at the printer's office.

Report from the Student Senate: Mr. Joseph Hoffman

No report given.

Reports from the Standing Committees

Report from the Committee on Elections: Senator Elias

Senators unable to serve for the Spring semester should contact the Chair or committee member as soon as possible.

Report from the Committee on Committees: Senator Janssen

No report given.

Report from the Committee on Rules: Senator Lewis

No report given.

Report from the Committee on the Budget: Senator Watkins

The committee met on November 2 to begin analysis of the 1995-96 university budget. Senator Watkins has prepared some tables comparing revenues and expenditures for the 1995-96 academic year to similar figures from the previous years. The committee will analyze the preliminary findings and then make requests, comments, or suggestions for further study.

Report from the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Kipp

No report given.

Unfinished Business

The motion made by Senator Gow at the October meeting to change the name of the Faculty Senate to University Senate was considered. Discussion covered questions such as the ratio of administrators to faculty and whether there would continue to be a student senate or if that body would become a part of the University Senate. Senator Janssen pointed out that the name is not the issue, that maybe the organization needs to be different, but it is a way for faculty and administration to discuss issues and concerns together. After further discussion, Senator Gow withdrew his motion because of apparent lack of support. There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

New Business**Motion from Senator Quillen**

Senator Quillen moved that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate establish a committee to discuss, research, and consider the need for a procedure at EKU to formally process suggestions from the faculty, students, support staff, and the administration that would contribute to University savings in money, time, or overall effectiveness. The motion was seconded by Senator Chase and was approved.

Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie

Senator Enzie proposed a name change from Department of Baccalaureate Degree Nursing to Department of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing. The proposal was seconded by Senator Gale and was approved.

Report on Telephone registration: Ms. Jill Allgier

Ms. Jill Allgier, University Registrar, gave a detailed report on the new telephone registration system which will be instituted in phases with full operation expected for Spring 1997. Over 400 colleges and universities use telephone registration. Two in Kentucky already have such systems in place.

Using telephone registration will permit students to know immediately what their class schedules are as well as the locations. The system will be used for drop/adds. Once students have met with their advisors, the advisors will notify the system that they are approved for registration. Numerous questions were asked concerning how the system will operate, the role of faculty advisors in the drop/add process, and what security provisions are being considered.

The final item of business was a statement read by Senator Chase concerning the "Early Retirement Option (ERO) Policy and Procedures" document which was issued by the Council of Deans on October 25.

Senator Chase stated that some members of the History Department have expressed serious concern over the proposed policy change, especially in relation to merit pay consideration and the affect on morale and institutional loyalty. Senator Enzie responded that campus conditions have changed significantly since ERO was introduced over ten years ago and that there was a great need to re-evaluate the policy in the light of current institutional priorities and resources. Senator Enzie pointed out that the proposed policy is not final and is still being studied.

Adjournment

Senator Enzie moved that the Senate adjourn. It adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Charles C. Hay, III
Faculty Senate Secretary