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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

October 2, 1995

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

The following members of the Senate were absent:

A. Banks*	J. Culross	K. Johnson*	T. Ricks*
A. Chapman*	A. Engle*	D. Kirkpatrick*	K. Schmann*
L. Collins*	J. Frazier	M. LeVan*	R. Turner*
L. Corn	B. Gallichio	A. Patrick*	T. Watkins*
P. Creighton*	K. Henson	M. Powell	

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary

Visitors to the Senate were: Mr. James L. Keith, Director of Academic Computing and Telecommunications Services; Mr. Matt McCarty, Eastern Progress; Mr. Joe H. Hoffman, President of the Student Government Association; and Ms. Melody Mason, Vice President of the Student Government Association.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Rink called for additions or corrections to the September 11 minutes. Senator Lee-Riffe stated that on page three under Self-Study report "appendices" should be changed to "appendix" and Parliamentarian Grise called for the word "old" to be replaced by "continuing" on page five under Parliamentary Workshop. There being no further corrections, the minutes were approved as amended.

Report from the President: Senator Funderburk

President Funderburk reported that he had attended a staff retreat on September 21 at Maywoods. The retreat, which Senators Rink and Freed attended, focused on such issues as technology and computer networking and distance learning. Considerable time was devoted to anticipated changes in student financial aid, especially the Direct Loan program.

President Funderburk also attended the annual meeting of Council on Higher Education (CHE). Some progress has been made with state-wide strategic plans on Higher Education. Both gubernatorial candidates spoke at the meeting along with four elected officials from the House and Senate. While at the meeting Dr. Funderburk attended a dinner of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education at which Dr. Merita Thompson received the ACORN award as the outstanding teacher in Kentucky. He also attended a number of other

sessions in which questions were raised about some institutions of higher education having small teaching loads and inadequate student advising programs. All elected officials at the meeting expressed concern that the CHE had failed to address the engineering school problems in Western Kentucky.

President Funderburk concluded by stating that the recently appointed Task Force on Higher Education is still meeting on a monthly basis. The next meeting will focus on governance of higher education.

Report from the Executive Committee: Senator Rink

The Executive Committee met on Monday, September 18. Under old business, the Executive Committee discussed releasing the first issue of the faculty newsletter. It is hoped that two issues can be issued during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Under new business, the Executive Committee agreed that while closer cooperation is needed between the Student and Faculty Senates, the suggestion of a special committee to examine the merging of Faculty and Student Senates into a University Senate is premature at this point in time.

The Chair proposed to the Executive Committee that the Faculty Senate receive three special reports. One report would consider telephone registration, the second the degree audit system, and a third the reorganization of Academic Computing and Communication Services. The committee approved this suggestion.

Members of the Executive Committee agreed that present members of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Child Care, if they so wish, be allowed to step down, but the committee will not be discharged of its duties since the need may arise to call upon it for further studies on the issue of child care.

Vice President Enzie suggested that it might be necessary for the Faculty Senate to consider an Ad Hoc Committee, possibly composed of student and faculty representatives, to discuss student withdrawals and how grades should be assigned to courses that are repeated by students. No action has been recommended on this suggestion.

Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

Senator Freed reported on the administrators' retreat, where he represented a faculty point of view. He also attended the recent meeting of the Council on Higher Education.

Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe

No COSFL meeting has been scheduled as yet this fall.

Report on the Self-Study: Senator Wisenbaker

Senator Wisenbaker reported that he had received a number of comments for corrections to the self-study report.

Report from the Student Senate: Mr. Joseph Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman mentioned that the Student Senate is working on such issues as a student ethics handbook, a day care study, and a student fitness center.

Reports from the Standing Committees

Report from the Committee on Elections: Senator Elias

No report given.

Report from the Committee on Committees: Senator Janssen

The Committee on Committees has obtained copies of last year's memos and charts and is gathering information on the composition of committees for which nominations are made. The committee will not have anything further to report until February 1996.

Report from Committee on Rules: Senator Lewis

The committee's task is to revise the rules of the Faculty Senate, taking into consideration those changes that have been made since the last revision of the rules. In addition, the committee is to consider the internal procedures of the Senate and suggest appropriate revisions and clarifications. Since the rules of the Senate and the Senate's internal procedures serve two different purposes, it was determined very quickly that it would be counterproductive to integrate the two.

The committee was charged by the previous chair of the Faculty Senate, however, with putting rules and procedures together in a single handbook; the intent is that all members of the Senate should have ready access to these documents in a single, convenient form.

The committee will be mailing to certain members and officers of the Senate portions of the current internal procedures manual, asking that those people review the pages appropriate to their position and recommend changes in light of their experiences in those positions.

The Committee is proceeding at the same time to draft a revised set of rules for the Senate. The draft is to be based on the following items:

(1) Statement in Part VII of the Faculty/Staff Handbook 1994-96 concerning the Organization of the Faculty of Eastern Kentucky University.

(2) The General Rules of the Faculty Senate (as revised February 1983).

(3) The list of changes made in these rules by the Faculty Senate through the years since they were last revised.

Report from the Committee on the Budget: Senator Creighton

No report given.

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

No report given.

Unfinished Business

Parliamentary Workshop: Dr. Martha Grise

Senators who have expressed interest in attending the workshop will be notified by memo as to its location.

New Business

**Report about Reorganization of Academic Computing and Communication Services:
Senator Schwendeman**

Senator Schwendeman, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, reported that the Divisions of Academic Computing Services and the technical area of the Division of Communication Services were merged with the Division of Communication Services, effective August 14, 1995. Mr. Jim Keith has been named the director of the newly consolidated division--named Academic Computing and Telecommunications Services (ACTS). Senator Schwendeman recounted the background of the decision-making process for the creation of ACTS, especially emphasizing the pivotal role played by the University Information Technology Committee. No significant changes in service will occur as a result of the merger, but a significant "gain" in networking should be realized.

In response to questions, Senator Schwendeman stated that Case Annex should be wired by the end of the semester, and in the next two years all academic and administrative buildings should be connected. Eastern has been selected as a node for the information superhighway. Several questions were asked concerning the use of old PC terminals on campus. Senator Janssen emphasized the importance of maintaining good computing support services.

Motion from Senator Gow

Senator Gow moved to change the name of the Faculty Senate to the University Senate. Senator Steinbach seconded the motion. The motion will be put on the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Adjournment

Senator Enzie moved that the Senate adjourn. It adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Charles C. Hay, III
Faculty Senate Secretary