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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

September 11, 1995

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, September 11, 1995, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. Senate Chair Richard Rink called the first meeting of the 1995-1996 academic year to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

V. Falkenberg	D. Greenwell	D. Kirkpatrick	T. Ricks*
L. Gaines	M. Hite	M. Powell*	P. Scholmann*
B. Gallichio	D. Jackson*	D. Quillen*	V. Stubblefield*

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary

Visitors to the Senate were: Dr. Terry Friel, Management and Marketing Department; Mr. Matt McCarty, Eastern Progress; and Dr. Gil Smith, Art Department.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Rink called for additions or corrections to the May 1 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from the President: Senator Funderburk

President Funderburk reported that he and others have been working with the Council on Higher Education (CHE) on a strategic plan for Kentucky higher education. The president noted that he has consulted Senators Rink and Freed about the strategic plan. A draft of the plan has been developed and the CHE will act on the plan at its October meeting. Eastern's Southern Association Self-Study report has been written. There are twenty-six recommendations, ninety-four suggestions, and fourteen commendations. The recommendations and suggestions in the self-study have been sent to people responsible for comment in each particular area.

Report from the Executive Committee: Senator Rink

The Executive Committee met on Monday, August 28. Under old business, the Executive Committee reviewed reports from two standing committees, the Committee on Rules and the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities. The Executive Committee also reviewed reports from special committees including the Ad Hoc Committee on Child Care, the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Class and Holiday Schedules, Editorial Advisory Committee #1, and Editorial Advisory Committee #2. The Executive Committee agreed that since the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Research and Teaching has no further business to

conduct, it is therefore discharged of its duties.

Under new business, the Executive Committee considered whether further study should be made for sharing sick leave credits among faculty and staff. This request was brought to the Executive Committee by a member of the staff. In discussion, the committee felt that such a plan could force more restrictions on faculty use of time and complicate matters for faculty covering classes for colleagues. The Executive Committee decided not to recommend further study of this issue.

The Executive Committee was asked if it would be of importance for this committee to provide a summary of the SACS report to the Senate members. The committee felt that the Senate could find itself mired in lengthy discussions. The Executive Committee recommended against such a report and requested that members be encouraged to review the SACS report when copies are made available at the library and at the offices of college deans.

The Executive Committee agreed that a motion be presented to the Senate for establishing the selection of an acting secretary if the elected secretary is unavailable.

The Chair announced that in accordance with Senate by-laws, Allen Engle has agreed to serve as Acting Faculty Senate Chair in the event that the elected Faculty Senate Chair and the President of the Senate are unavailable for conducting Senate meetings.

The Chair also announced that there would be elections to fill vacancies on two standing committees (Committee on the Budget and Committee on Elections); that a date has been set for the Parliamentary Workshop; and that the Chair would be meeting with Student Senate President Joseph Hoffman, as well as attending Student Senate meetings.

Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

Senator Freed reported that all Kentucky state universities should be aware of attempts by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) to infringe on the academic integrity of each institution. These attempts can be observed in the drafts and revisions of the funding model and of the Strategic Plan for 1995-2000. Careful reading of the fine print in both these documents reveals an attempt by the Council to increase its authority over institutions, both in terms of academic interference and fiscal control. Senator Freed mentioned he has written two strongly worded letters to the Council expressing his dissatisfaction with their actions. If anyone desires to see the letters, contact Senator Freed.

Senator Freed also pointed out that efforts of the Council to work with faculty representatives on the Strategic Plan have been feeble, poorly planned, and haphazard at best. Next week in Lexington, there will be a CHE-sponsored statewide meeting of regents and trustees, including faculty members of governing boards. It will be preceded by a Council meeting, where action on the Strategic Plan and/or revised funding model may or may not be taken.

Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe

The Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) has not yet organized itself this academic year. COSFL is attempting to arrange a meeting with the two gubernatorial candidates.

Report on the Self-Study: Senator Wisenbaker

Report on the self-study has been completed and copies have been distributed to President Funderburk and members of the Steering Committee. Copies of the report will be placed on reserve in Crabbe Library beginning Wednesday (September 13). The report is approximately 200 pages long. An appendices to the report will be completed sometime in the fall semester. If any minor errors are detected in the report, please contact Senator Wisenbaker's office.

Reports from the Standing Committees

Report from the Committee on Elections: Senator Elias

Senator Elias reported that the committee had met and elected Senator Elias as chair. The committee's only agenda item is the spring orientation session for newly elected senators.

Report from the Committee on Committees: Senator Widener

Senator Widener reported that the committee had met and elected Senator Janssen as chair. The committee decided to use the same procedures as used last year in getting nominations for committees.

Report from the Committee on Rules: Senator Lewis

Senator Lewis reported that there was an error on the 1995-1996 Senate committee membership list. Senator MacKinnon is not a member of the committee and thus his name should be removed from the committee list.

Report from the Committee on the Budget: Senator Creighton

Senator Creighton reported that the committee had met and elected Senator Watkins as chair.

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

Senator Masagatani reported that the committee had met and elected Senator Banks as chair.

Reports from Special Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Child Care: Senator Kopacz

Senator Kopacz moved that the University create a Day Care Center to serve the needs of children in the University community. Senator Lee-Riffe seconded the motion. Senator Kopacz highlighted the committee's thorough report which concluded that there is a genuine need for a child care facility for faculty, staff, and students on campus. After considerable discussion which focused on issues such as financing the facility, staffing and hours, liability insurance, enhancement of a sense of community, and recruitment and retention of faculty and students, the Senate approved the motion.

Editorial Advisory Committee # 1: Dr. Robert Creek

In the absence of Dr. Creek Senator Rink reported that the committee will defer a decision on a logo until an editor has been selected for the faculty newsletter.

Editorial Advisory Committee # 2: Senator Fraas

Senator Fraas reported that no one has applied for faculty newsletter editor primarily because there is no monetary or release-time value provided for the position. If any faculty member is interested in the editorship contact Senator Fraas.

Unfinished Business

Election of Members to Standing Committees:

Committee on the Budget (1 position)

Senator Kleine nominated George Gow. Senator Gow was elected.

Committee on Committees (1 position)

Senator LeVan nominated Kirk Jones. Senator Jones was elected.

Parliamentary Workshop: Dr. Martha Grise

Senate Parliamentarian Dr. Martha Grise was recognized to report about a planned Parliamentary Workshop for new and old Senate members on Monday, October 16, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Location of the workshop will be announced at the next Senate meeting.

New Business

Senator Engle moved approval of the following amendment to the Organization of the Faculty Senate: To Change Article VII, section C, number 3, paragraph a to read "The Secretary shall be elected annually at the organizational meeting in May by members of the Senate. The term of the Secretary shall be for one year and shall begin on January 1 following the election. **In the absence of the Secretary, the Chair of the Senate will appoint a member from the University to serve as acting secretary.**" Senator Janssen seconded the motion. Senator Janssen offered an amendment to the motion to insert the word "**temporary**" before absence. The Senate approved the amendment and then approved the amended motion.

Adjournment

Senator Enzie moved that the Senate adjourn. It adjourned at 4:37 p.m.



Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary