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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

MARCH 4, 1996

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, March 4, 1996, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. Senate Chair Richard Rink called the sixth 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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| A. Banks | R. Freed* | K. Johnson | B. Pratt |
| L. Collins* | L. Gaines | G. Kleine* | J. Schwendeman |
| J. Culross* | K. Janssen* | N. MacKinnon | G. Wallace |
| D. Feltner* | | | |

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were: Mr. Jim Clark, Planning and Budget; Mr. Matt McCarty, Eastern Progress; Dr. Wilma Walker, Geography and Planning; Dr. Helen Eigenberg, Correctional Services; Dr. Ann Stebbins, History Department; and Dr. Karen Carey, Institutional Research.

Announcements

The Chair announced that the Senate would be accepting nominations for Chair in April. During the May meeting the Faculty Senate will be electing a Chair. Senators completing three year terms are eligible for reelection.

Approval of the Minutes

Senator Rink called for additions or corrections to the February 5 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from the President: Senator Funderburk

The President reported that the university presidents have met twice with Governor Patton, who would like to be known as the higher education governor. Governor Patton stated that universities need to become more efficient and more effective in the transfer of knowledge. In January 1997 the governor will call a special session and put higher education at the top of his priorities. The governor's 1996/1997 budget calls for a 4% increase in higher education and will probably remain that way as the bill moves through the House and Senate.

Regarding the issue of modifying the state health insurance program, the president hopes one of the bills in the legislature that would allow the university to be self-insured will pass .

The President introduced Mr. Jim Clark of the Planning and Budget Office. Mr. Clark reported on other legislation currently in the General Assembly affecting higher education. There are bills addressing studies such as remedial math, formula funding, pay equity, and performance funding. The concealed weapons bill is in the Senate and is expected to be passed; a retirement bill will not pass; it is to be discussed at a special session. A bill to experiment with collective bargaining in state agencies, a bill that would merge vocational schools and community colleges, a common class calendar bill, a bill to remove preferences for minorities in teacher scholarship programs, and a bill that would allow vocational schools to grant degrees are several pieces of legislation that have been introduced.

In response to a question about merit increases, the President stated that the University budget will not be completely prepared until the health insurance issue is settled. A much clearer picture should develop around April 1.

Report of the Executive Committee: Senator Rink

The Chair reported that the Executive Committee met on Monday, February 12, and reviewed a report on the Faculty logo. The Chair was asked to pass the logo to the Editorial Advisory Committee #1 and request that the Executive Committee be given the authority to propose the logo to the Faculty Senate.

The Chair announced that he has received a letter to appear for jury duty as of February 26. He has asked Allen Engle to conduct any Faculty Senate meetings in his absence.

The next date of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m., at the Robert R. Martin Room, Coates Administration Building.

Report of the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

No report given.

Report from the COSFL Representative: Senator Lee-Riffe

Senator Nancy Lee-Riffe stated that members of COSFL will meet with Governor Patton in his office in Frankfort on Saturday, April 13. To prepare for the meeting with the governor, there will also be a COSFL meeting at the University of Kentucky on Saturday, March 23.

Report on the Self-Study: Senator Wisenbaker

a need to do so.

Three departments were notified of the need to elect a new senator or to add an additional senator: Biological Sciences (additional senator), Military Science (new senator), and Special Education (additional senator). One department was notified of the need to combine with another department: Environmental Health Science.

Report from the Committee on Committees: Senator O'Brien

Senator O'Brien thanked the colleges in the University who had submitted at least the minimum number of nominations needed for University Standing Committees. The time is being extended for submitting the nomination forms by one week. The new due date is March 11.

Report from the Committee on Rules: Senator Lewis

Senator Lewis reported that the revised rules had been drafted.

Report from the Committee on the Budget: Senator Watkins

No report given.

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

No report given.

Unfinished Business

Senator Kirkpatrick from Curriculum and Instruction Department in the College of Education reported that eight responses were received from her constituents concerning the ERO (Early Retirement Option) policy revision statement distributed to Senators in February. Three were in full agreement with the policy and the remainder raised questions such as the need to clarify the meaning of a half time contract faculty member, will ERO people be expected to carry full committee and advising workloads, and could ERO partners be established.

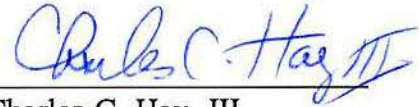
Senator Kipp reported that the Department of Human Environmental Sciences would be in favor of the University's retaining an Early Retirement Option and the policy and procedures being standardized and implemented in a manner so that all faculty would have the same opportunity to be granted ERO.

Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie

Senator Enzie moved to institute a new Interdisciplinary Minor in Women's Studies. The motion was seconded by Senator Robinette and was approved.

Adjournment

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



Charles C. Hay, III
Faculty Senate Secretary