FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

September 12, 1994

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, September 12, 1994, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Senate Chair, Virginia Wright, called the first meeting of the 1994-1995 academic year to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

W. Ellis* N. Lee-Riffe M. Myers* A. Patrick
T. Ricks* J. Schwendeman* K. Sehmann*

*Indicates prior notification to the Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Ms. Mary Halley, Health Information Services and Mr. Chad Williamson, Eastern Progress.

Approval of the Minutes

Chair Wright called for additions or amendments to the May 2, 1994 minutes. Senator Freed stated that the first sentence on page 3 under Report from the Faculty Regent, should read "Senator Freed was unable to arrange a faculty meeting with Jim Gilbert, Chairman, Board of Regents" rather than stating that Senator Freed had been unable to meet with Mr. Gilbert.

There being no further additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Report from the President: Senator Funderburk

President Funderburk reported that he was serving on a committee that has been developing the Kentucky Higher Education Funding Model and Appropriation Distribution System. This committee is composed of the eight university presidents, members of the legislative branch, four members of the Council on Higher Education, and members of the executive branch. The committee has met twice and developed principles that a working group will examine over the next few months. The committee will hold hearings across the state over the next four to six weeks. A hearing will be held on Eastern’s campus on October 13, 1994 at 6 p.m. He also made comments regarding the recent reports in the media of Eastern’s trouble in meeting goals in the area of equal employment and enrollment and retention of minority students. He stated that the data the report used were from the 1992-1993 academic year. He believes that as the data from the 1993-1994 academic year are analyzed and reported, it will demonstrate that Eastern has made some significant process.
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Chair Wright then reported that the Executive Committee met on August 29, 1994. At this meeting, the Executive Committee discussed parliamentary procedures and a parliamentary workshop for senators to be conducted by Dr. Grise.

The Committee also discussed programs and plans with chairs of the Senate’s three ad hoc committees. Final reports from the Study Committee on Ethics in Research and Teaching and the Committee on Child Care are expected within the next few months. A motion to discharge the Committee to Study Extended Campus Teaching was discussed and prepared for presentation.

Chair Wright concluded her report with an expression of sadness at the death of two university faculty members, Jeanne Holland and Charles Franke.

Report from the Faculty Regent: Senator Freed

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Committee on Elections: Senator Martin

Senator Martin reported that the committee had met and elected Senator Elias as chair.

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Masagatani

Senator Masagatani reported that the committee had met on September 12, 1994 and elected Senator Guilfoil as chair.

Committee on Rules: Senator Gardner

Senator Gardner reported that the committee had met on September 7, 1994 and elected Senator Lewis as chair.

Unfinished Business

Elections:

Chair Wright reported that the Senate needed to fill vacancies for the following positions: Executive Committee, Budget Committee, representative to the Institutional Planning Committee, and Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities.

Chair Wright then opened the floor for nominations for a member to the Executive Committee. The following nominations were made: Senator Masagatani, Senator Clifton, and Senator Janssen. On the first ballot no candidate received a majority, so a second ballot was taken. On the second ballot Senator Masagatani was elected.

The Chair then opened the floor for nominations for a member to the Budget Committee. The following nominations were made: Senator Sowders and Senator Lewis. On the first ballot no candidate received a majority, so a second ballot was taken. On the second ballot Senator Lewis was elected.

The chair then opened the floor for nominations for a member to the Institutional Planning Committee. The following nominations were made: Senator Sowders and Senator Ogden. Senator Sowders was elected.

The Chair then opened the floor for nominations for a member to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee. The following nomination was made: Senator Kipp. Senator Kipp was elected.

Workshop on Parliamentary Procedure: Dr. Grise

Chair Wright recognized Dr. Martha Grise, Senate Parliamentarian, who discussed the September 26 workshop on parliamentary procedures she would be giving to Senate members,
and if space allows, the faculty-at-large. She requested that any senator interested in the workshop fill out the registration form at his or her seat and return it to her. She will prepare a one-page newsletter on parliamentary procedures for each Senate meeting, similar to the sample placed at each seat. Dr. Grise asked that anyone who had special requests or special interests to notify her so that she could include those in the workshop and in future issues of the newsletter.

Motion to Discharge the Ad Hoc Committee on Extended Campus Teaching:

Chair Wright recognized Senator Engle to present a motion to discharge the Ad Hoc Committee on Extended Campus Teaching.

Senator Engle moved that the Senate discharge the Ad Hoc Committee on Extended Campus Teaching. Senator Engle stated that the committee was charged in 1990 as a response to concerns with off-campus offerings. The committee met frequently from 1990 until 1992, but no substantial action has been forthcoming since then. A survey was sent out and returned in 1992, but has never been encoded or analyzed. Since the original charge of the committee, many extended campus activities have been the focus of institutional committee attention and accreditation visits. These two processes have resulted in changes in policies and procedures that make the questionnaire results outdated and irrelevant. Given these problems and changes in extended campus activities, Senator Engle felt the issues leading to this inquiry had been dealt with and the ad hoc committee should be discharged.

There being no discussion regarding this issue, Chair Wright called for a vote. The motion was approved and the committee is discharged.

New Business

Report of the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie

There was no report given by the Council on Academic Affairs.

There was no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved that the Senate adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m..

Charles C. Hay, Ill  
Faculty Senate Secretary