



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	2/22/16	<b>Time:</b>	14:45 -15:55	<b>Location:</b>	Culp Center, Room 311
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	3/21/16	<b>Scribe:</b>			Eric Sellers
<b>Present:</b>	Dilshod Achilov, Leila Al-Imad, Fred Alsop, Robert Beeler, Patrick Brown, Doug Burgess, Kathy Campbell, Jackie Church, Erin Doran, Joyce Duncan, Susan Epps, Tavia Flanagan, Bill Flora, Virginia Foley, Lee Glenn, Katherine Hall, Tammy Hayes, Bill Hemphill, Stephen Hendrix, Howard Herrell, Tod Jablonski, Thomas Kwasigroch, Fred Mackara, Anthony Masino, Tim McDowell, Theresa McGarry, Shunbin Ning, Bea Owens, Timir Paul, Jonathan Peterson, Kerry Proctor-Williams, Eric Sellers, Melissa Shafer, Bill Stone, Paul Trogen,				
<b>Absent:</b>	Dorothy Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Lon Felker, Nick Hagemeyer, Koyamangalath Krishnan, Guangya Li, Mary Ann Littleton, James Livingston, Sun-Joo Oh, Deborah Ricker, April Stidham, Craig Turner, Liang Wang, Robert White				
<b>Excused:</b>	Randy Byington, Karin Keith, Mildred Maisonet, Lorianne Mitchell, Jerome Mwinyelle, Peter Panus, Darshan Shah, Ahmad Watted				

Agenda Items	Responsible
Meeting called to order 14:50	
1. Old Business	
1.1 Approval of February 8, 2016 minutes	Dr. Foley
1.2 Results of Faculty Senate SWOT	Dr. Foley
2. New Business	
2.1 Digital FAR	Dr. Schacht
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**DISCUSSIONS**

1. Old Business

1.1 Approval of February 8, 2016 minutes

**Motion: Brown Second: Epps Approved: Yes**

1.2 Results of Faculty Senate SWOT

- The results will be forwarded to Mike Hoff
- Patrick Brown re-sorted the results and the overall scores changed slightly. The modified version of the document will be distributed via email.

2. New Business

2.1 Digital FAR (Schacht)

- Dr. Bach is in favor of moving forward with such a system. The Faculty Senate (FS) will need to vet the proposal in order to move forward. Thus, the FS Executive Committee should ask Dr. Bach to form a task force to develop ideas for how it could benefit the university.
  - Foley: The task force will examine/evaluate different software packages to determine what type of management system will best suit our needs.
  - Having such a database would prove to be a multi-functional database. For example, faculty vitae would be available in a searchable form, which would allow users to easily find people with specific expertise.
  - Stone: Does the software that is being considered take into account the college of medicine?
  - Foley: Multiple platforms are going to be considered and the COM will be included in the process. In addition, someone from the COM should serve on the task force.
  - Beeler: What expectations would we have for privacy and confidentiality of the information contained in the database?
  - Schacht: There should not be any difference between what currently exists, the information would simply be in a different format. Moreover, all personnel files are accessible in accord with state law. Specific privacy issues should be considered in the design and implementation of the database selected by the task force.
  - Glenn: The main emphasis behind the database is so that the ETSU Institutional Research Office can use the data to determine how much research, teaching, and service faculty are engaged in and use the information to develop a faculty profile.
  - **Alsop: Motion to have the FS ask Dr. Bach to convene a task force to examine the possibility of implementing a digital FAR solution: second Epps**
- Further Discussion – Having such a system will reduce the number of forms we are required to complete.
- **Vote: All in favor except for 2 abstentions**

2.2 Chicago Rules – Academic Freedom (Foley)

- It may be of benefit for us to adopt the rules. Mr. Kelly feels that it would be a good idea for the university to adopt the rules.
- Dr. Foley asked for the FS to examine the document and discuss it with our colleagues to determine if it is something we would like to move forward with.
- Stone: will send it to the Ethics and Standards committee to query the committee for feedback.
- Foley: Senators should compare the standards to our current faculty handbook and if there are concerns share them with constituents for discussion. If we want to adopt the rules we should make a motion to modify the faculty handbook.

2.3 New Governance Model (Foley)

- We did not get all of our suggested changes in the amendments.
  - How should we engage the larger community of ETSU in this process, make sure they are informed, give them opportunities to voice their opinions, etcetera?
- Discussion:
- The University is creating a website so that people can submit ideas and suggestions.
  - Stone: Once the local governing board is established, the FS should have representatives at their meetings and report back to FS.
  - The faculty will have one member on the local board, the person will be selected by the FS and the duration of the term will be two years.
  - Foley: It is stated in the bill that all TBR policies will roll over to ETSU and we can change as we see fit. Dr. Noland has senior staff going through all of the TBR policies in their respective area and ranking them as 1, 2, or 3. Three being good and keep as is, two being needs modification, and one being the policy is no longer needed.



**DISCUSSIONS**

- Hendrix: The FS should ask the senior staff from each area to have round table discussions and post the decisions to the website.
- Glenn: The policy on outside employment and compensation should especially scrutinized because it is very restrictive and we could use more flexibility.
- Shafer: Are the rankings of the policies going to be placed on the website so that we can evaluate what decisions are being made in regard to each policy?
- Foley: It is not clear, but we will ask; hopefully this will be the case and we will have an opportunity to ask how they came to their specific conclusions.
- Flora: Agreed with Hendrix idea, and suggested that they hold multiple roundtable discussions.
- McGarry: It is important that the administration provides us with timelines and that we will have an opportunity to respond to the recommendations. In other words, they should not simply tell us what decisions have been made and how we will move forward.
- Foley: Dr. Noland forwarded the accepted amendments to see if there was anything we could not live with. One issue was that the board members “served at the pleasure of the governor.” Our concern was that the board could be changed each time a new governor is elected. The language was struck out. A second issue had to do with the number of alumni on the board. Three alumni will be on the board. The initial language stated that the alumni would only be required to have completed 60 hours at ETSU. The amendment was changed so that the alumni must have graduated from ETSU; however, we were not successful in getting the number reduced from three to two or one. A third issue was related to the language in regard to the NAVE center being confusing, it was not changed in the approved version of the bill.
- Epps: It is important to note that we submitted many changes and the majority of them were accepted.
- Hemphill: Training of the board may be something that TUFs should take the lead on.
- Alsop: When is the deadline for the vice presidents to have their evaluations to Dr. Noland? Based on their deadlines, we can set deadlines for us to review recommendations and report back to FS.

**3. Updates**

- 3.1 Report on Executive Committee Meeting with President Noland (Foley)
- FOCUS bill was the main topic of discussion.
  - McDowell: Was there any discussion about the RCM budgeting? A shadow rollout was discussed in the Chair’s meeting.
  - Foley: Either the university or two colleges have agreed to participate, how the budget would be managed will be compared to how funds are being managed in the current system; appropriate adjustments will be implemented.
  - McDowell: Thus far, there has been a lack of information. Over the past two or three semesters, Dr. Noland has said we will have a rich discussion in regard to the particulars of the model; however, this has not happened.
  - Foley: Interim University Council is having budget presentations and hearings this spring. The next meeting is on March 21, and hopefully after that meeting, more particulars will be available.
  - McDowell: As senators, we should solicit questions from our departments concerning the shadow rollout and present a list of questions and concerns to the administration. For example, how will the money be budgeted, how are we going to evaluate the budgeting, how will we deal with departments that produce low credit hours, etcetera?
  - Burgess: Dean Anderson and others made trips during November to two universities to examine the RCM models employed by the respective institutions. The group worked throughout December to develop our model, which will be examined during the shadow rollout.
  - Foley: the ETSU Strategic Budget Initiative Committee is in charge of the rollout. We need more information from them before we can ask questions. We can collect and submit questions to Foley, Byington, and Larry Calhoun (Calhoun is the chair of the committee).
  - Flora: We should ask someone from the committee to present in regard to the current findings.
  - Flora: ETSU wants to be part of a renovation of Walnut Street.
  - Trogen: Dr. Noland mentioned that there are early discussions in regard to an additional parking garage.

**4. Announcements/Other Business**

Peterson: The College of Public Health has discussed SARA state compliance, and it does not appear that the administration is involved in helping colleges deal with the issue.  
 Foley: We will put this on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Bach.

Amorous Relationship policy



DISCUSSIONS

- Masino: Current policy states that you cannot have a relationship with a student enrolled in your class, a student that you can anticipate being in your class, or a student that you supervise. If a more strict policy is adopted, the university could be overstepping its legal boundary if it starts to legislate peoples' private behavior. In fact, there are a number of court cases that side with a faculty member's right to have amorous relationships with students.
  - Foley: Mr. Kelly feels we need to examine our current policy and consider revising it because of the increased scrutiny universities are under due to the Violence Against Women Act. If we do not police ourselves we can get into trouble.
  - Beeler: Have there been recent specific instances that would suggest we need to revise our current policy?
  - Foley: Not in consenting relationships, only cases in which unwanted advances have been reported.
  - Peterson: Previous relationships should be accepted.
  - Trogen: During the code of ethics discussion, the faculty were deadlocked around the topic of whether or not the administration should have the right to be involved in such situations.
- Masino: The university has policies and procedures in place to protect both the faculty and student. The proposed policy suggests that the university should have the right to legislate two consenting adults.
- Schacht: There have been instances where a faculty member is in a relationship with a student and it appears that the faculty member provides preferential treatment for the student.
  - Mackara: Is the Violence Against Women Act specifically for violence against women as perpetrated by men or does it go both ways? And, is this policy specific to faculty/student relationships or does it also include administrator/aid relationships.
  - Foley: this policy specifically addresses faculty/student relationships.

Homework: review the faculty handbook sections that address academic freedom and relationships with students.

We need five people to serve on the T&P appeals committee

- David Champouillion volunteered to serve as a member for the College of Arts and Sciences.

4.1 Leave of absence for Senators during Spring 2016 Semester

4.1.1 College of Nursing

- Candice Short will replace Lee Glenn for the remainder of the Spring 2016 semester.

4.1.2 College of Business and Technology

- Will need to replace James Livingston for the remainder of Spring 2016.

4.2 Welcome new Senator from College of Education

- Heidi Campbell is the new representative from the CCOE and is a social studies teacher at University School.

5. Guest Comments - None

6. Adjournment

Motion: Brown Second: Epps Approved: Yes; Meeting Adjourned at 15:55

Please notify Senator Eric Sellers (sellers@etsu.edu or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2015-2016, of any changes or corrections to the minutes. Web Page is maintained by Senator Doug Burgess (burgess@etsu.edu or x96691).