



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	3/13/17	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	Culp Center, Room 311
Next Meeting:	3/27/17	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Leila Al-Imad, Fred Alsop, Patrick Brown, Doug Burgess, Randy Byington, Cindy Chambers, Wendy Doucette, Joyce Duncan, Jon Ellis, Susan Epps, Lon Felker, Bill Flora, Virginia Foley, Retha Gentry, Jeff Gray, Katherine Hall, Bill Hemphill, Stephen Hendrix, Thomas Kwasigroch, Guangya Li, Mary Ann Littleton, James Livingston, Fred Mackara, Mildred Maisonet, Anthony Masino, Chrissy Mullins, Tim McDowell, Theresa McGarry, Lorianne Mitchell, Jonathan Peterson, Eric Sellers, Melissa Shafer, Candice Short, Paul Trogen, Craig Turner, Liang Wang, Rachel Walden, Ahmad Wattad				
Absent:	Kaniska Chakraborty, David Champouillon, Dorothy Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Saravanan Elangovan, Shunbin Ning, Timir Paul, Eugene Scheuerman, Bill Stone				
Excused:	Heidi Campbell, David Cluck, Erin Doran, Lee Glenn, Tod Jablonski, Karin Keith, Bea Owens, Peter Panus, Darshan Shah				

Agenda Items	Responsible
Meeting called to order [Time]	Epps
1 Introductions	Epps
2 Celebrations	Epps
3 Announcements	Epps
4 Approval of Minutes	Epps
5 Information Item	Epps
6 New Business	Epps
7 Action Item(s)	Epps
8 Questions or Reports/Summaries from Committees/Working Groups	Epps
9 Comments from Guests	Epps
10 Adjourn	Epps

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Meeting called to order 14:45-15:30

1 Introductions

- 1.1 Chrissy Mullins – will serve the remainder of Tavie Flanagan’s term.
- 1.2 Greta Marek –substituting for Lee Glenn for the remainder of the semester.
- 1.3 Guests – Tom Schacht

2 Celebrations

- 2.1 ETSU is in the NCAA tournament
- 2.2 Fred Mackara is having a grandbaby.
- 2.3 Alsop: The baby eagle was born.

3 Announcements

- 3.1 Epps: The Deans have been sent the names of Senators who have expiring terms. Some colleges have an overage and need to elect fewer Senators; other colleges have a shortfall and need to elect additional Senators.
- 3.2 Chambers: A community conversation is being held at the Gray Fossil Site on Thursday, March 30, from 4



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to 6 PM. The possibility of having an inclusive program on campus including individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities will be the topic of discussion. Many of the State institutions have already done this. Please encourage faculty to attend the event.

3.3 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be in the forum on March 27. The budget redesign committee members will be present to discuss the new budget model.

4 Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: Masino

Second: Hemphill

Minutes Approved

5 Information Item

5.1 Budget Hearings update – Epps

Janna Scarborough came for the Academic Affairs presentation; other attendees were the Budget Advisory Committee and Margaret Pate. The many issues that go on in different units on campus was an interesting matter to learn about. The Budget Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow without Dr. Noland as he is in Washington.

6 New Business

None

7 Action Item(s)

7.1 Committee on Committees – Foley

We are recommending the following people for the approval for these committees:

Academic Freedom and Faculty ethics committee:

Gene Bailey, Ken Silver, and Rebecca Tolley

Intercollegiate Athletics:

Randy Byington and Nathan Hale

Veterans affairs:

Eugene Scheuerman

Motion to approve as a slate: Brown

Second: Hemphill

Motion Approved

7.2 Motion to accept proposed changes to Senate Constitution and By-Laws

Motion to accept the changes and edits to the by-laws: Flora

Second: Brown

Discussion:

Epps: The list of the duties of the Faculty Senate President was discussed with Dr. Noland. Most of the list of duties that are listed in the by-laws of the committees do not exist anymore. A more updated list is being developed (e.g., IUC). The Interim University Council and the Budget Advisory Committee have essentially replaced Senior Staff, President’s Council, and the University Planning Committee. With the Local Governing Board (LGB) taking over, the new structure is somewhat flexible. It is important that faculty be represented on these committees, but if we do not know what the committees are going to be called, they cannot be put into the by-laws. We could list the existing committees but that does not address to-be-determined committees.

Flora: We could use the committees we have right now because by-law changes are by a third vote of the Faculty Senate. The Constitution is harder to change because it requires the vote of all faculty.

Epps: Call the question

Motion passed

The changes take effect immediately.

Motion to accept the changes and edits to the constitution: Brown

Second: Foley

Discussion:

Byington: Should there be language in the constitution addressing who is allowed to interpret it?

Alsop: Faculty Senate should be responsible for interpretation.

Motion to amend the prior motion: The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate of East Tennessee



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State University shall interpret and/or clarify the constitution and by-laws of the Faculty Senate as needed (Trogen).

Call the question of the amendment: Sellers

Motion passed

The language will be added as section 1.3 of the preamble.

Call the question of the original motion: Epps

Motion Approved

Motion to approve additional minor edits to the constitution: Trogen

Second: Al-Imad

Motion Approved

The amended Constitution will be sent to all faculty for a vote.

8 Questions or Reports/Summaries from Committees/Working Groups

Epps: Academic Council met last week but the notes have not been prepared. The IUC met this morning; most of the meeting was spent discussing the scope of responsibility and the charge of the Interim university council.

Small groups discussed what was working and what was not working. A small committee will be drafting bylaws for the committee that will serve as the replacement of the IUC, and the people who will serve on the new committee. The IUC meets once a month on Monday from 8 AM to noon. The meeting time may be changed to increase student engagement. The IUC will continue to meet as is until a permanent new body is established.

McDowell: I have been asked to raise the issue that the faculty senate take a stand on the possible outsourcing of maintenance positions on campus.

Epps: The reason I have not put it on the agenda is that Dr. Noland said maintenance would not be out-sourced.

McDowell: I will get additional information. The faculty member's interest was that the faculty as a whole might wish to take a stand on the issue. Outdoor maintenance workers may also be affected. This is a complicated issue that we should look into further.

Epps: If you could get more information, Executive Committee will discuss it at the next meeting.

Alsop: At the last Faculty Senate meeting, we had guests from Student Affairs and Equity and Diversity, part of the discussion was related to sexual harassment, the interview process, and how the interviews are conducted. Should we discuss this here or in the Executive Committee meeting?

Epps: We will first discuss it at the Executive Committee meeting.

9 Comments from Guests

None

10 Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Brown

Second: Hendrix

Meeting Adjourned

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).