



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/06/2017	<b>Time:</b>	14:45 – 16:30	<b>Location:</b>	Culp Center, Room 311
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	11/20/17	<b>Scribe:</b>			Eric Sellers
<b>Present:</b>	Al Balbissi, Kais; Al-Imad, Leila; Alsop, Fred; Anand, Rajani; Brooks Taylor, Teresa; Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Byington, Randy; Chambers, Cindy; Cluck, David; Doran, Erin; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Duncan, Joyce; Dunn, Andrew; Elangovan, Saravanan; Ellis, Jon; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Gentry, Retha; Gray, Jeff; Hendrix, Stephen; Livingston, James; Lowery, Ashley; Mackara, Fred; Marek, Greta; Masino, Anthony; McGarry, Theresa; Mullins, Chrissy; Olson, Nate; Owens, Bea; Pealer, Jennifer; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sarkodie, Olga; Scheuerman, Eugene; Sellers, Eric; Short, Candice; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Walden, Rachel				
<b>Absent:</b>	Chakraborty, Kaniska; Kwasigroch, Thomas; Littleton, Mary Ann; Ning, Shunbin; Panus, Peter; Paul, Timir; Stone, Bill				
<b>Excused:</b>	Campbell, Heidi; Hall, Katherine; Hemphill, Bill; Maisonet, Mildred; Mitchell, Lorianne; Oh, Sunny				

### Agenda Items

Meeting called to order
1. Introductions
2. Celebrations
3. Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Informational Items
5.1 Dr. Wilsie Bishop
5.2 Board of Trustees Report
5.3 Repair of Constitution
5.4 Motions
6. Action Items
6.1 Committee on Committees
6.2 Motion: Submitted by Epps
7. New Business
8. Old Business
9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups
10. Other Items
11. Comments from Guests
12. Adjourn

### DISCUSSIONS

1. Introductions
Pat Van Zandt; Tony Norman; Ed Holland; Tom Schacht
2. Celebrations



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2.1 Holiday lighting is November 13 at 5:45pm.

### 3. Announcements

3.1 Veteran's Day service will be held on November 10, at 11am in the Quad.

3.2 Mary Jordan retirement reception is Friday, November 10, from 4pm – 5:30pm at the Reece Museum.

3.3 The Civility Week planning meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, from 12:30pm – 1:30pm in Meeting Room 6 of the Culp Center. Anyone who is interested in attending the meeting should contact Dr. Epps.

3.4 Executive Committee will be meeting with Dr. Noland on Thursday, November 9, at 4pm; please send questions by Tuesday, November 7, at noon.

3.5 **Joyce Duncan** announced that the Library Steering Committee will be meeting on November 16. The meeting is to facilitate the library's interests and faculty concerns. Questions/concerns should be sent to Joyce Duncan.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to Approve: Scheuerman**

**Second: Elangovan**

**Minutes Approved**

### 5. Informational Items

5.1 Dr. Wilsie Bishop – the following links were provided for additional information:

<https://swvahealthauthority.net/>

<https://swvahealthauthority.net/september-27-2017-presentations-tennessee-terms-of-certification>

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/licensure-and-certification/cooperative-agreement>

<http://www.tn.gov/health/article/certificate-of-public-advantage>

5.1.1 **Dr. Bishop** discussed the possibility of ETSU to provide the first public university post-baccalaureate pre-med program. Academic Council has recently discussed the possibility. Although they have not begun to develop the program, a group should be formed to develop a proposal to present to the AC.

5.1.2 **Dr. Bishop** provided an update on the Mountain States Health Alliance/Wellmont Health System Merger. TN approved a Certificate Of Public Advantage (COPA) on September 19, 2017 and VA approved their Collaboration Agreement on October 30, 2017. The monetary obligations that the two health systems agreed to are as follows:

85 million for health research and graduate medical education;

75 million for population health improvement;

8 million for a region wide health information exchange;

140 million to expand access to behavioral health services, children's health services, and rural health services.

A three year plan to spend the money will be developed for each of the areas within 90 days of closure.

5.1.3 The non-monetary obligations are focused on the following issues:

5.1.3.1 Protection of employees – no hospital can be closed within five years of the merger; however, they could be repurposed, with approval, and employees will not lose jobs.

5.1.3.2 Governance – The board will have 11 voting members and three ex officio voting members.

5.1.4 ETSU has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with MSHA and Wellmont. The health system and ETSU have the first right of refusal for any new endeavors sought by the either entity.



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### 5.2 Board of Trustees Report

**Alsop** reported that the Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, November 10. Committees will begin their meetings at 10:30. The full board will begin their meeting at 1pm in the East TN room.

### 5.3 Repair of Constitution

The process to fill a Senate vacancy was inadvertently deleted from Section 1.14.4.3.b of the constitution (see page two of the agenda) The Election Committee, chaired by Theresa McGarry, will propose new language to be included in the by-laws, rather than the constitution.

### 5.4 Information in regard to submitted motions that will be on next meeting

#### 5.4.1 Submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee:

To affirm the resolution passed by the University of Memphis regarding support of DACA "Dreamers." **Rationale:** To support students and employees of our university who are making positive contributions to our campus and community.

#### 5.4.2 Submitted by Epps on behalf of the Presidential Grant-in-Aid Committee:

To approve the revision of the PGIA guidelines proposed by the PGIA committee. **Rationale:** The revision provides greater clarity of the policy and general information regarding the PGIA.

## 6. Action Items

### 6.1 Committee on Committees

**Foley** did not have new information to report.

### 6.2 Motion: Submitted by Epps – Voting Delegate to TUFS

I move that the ETSU Faculty Senate affirm the proposed changes to the constitution of the Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS). **Rationale:** The TUFS delegates reviewed the TUFS Constitution at the fall 2017 meeting and incorporated updates necessitated by the change in governance structure as well as cleaning up language for clarity of purpose.

#### 6.2.1 Discussion - None

**Motion to Approve: Epps**

**Second: Flora**

**Motion Approved**

## 7. New Business

None

## 8. Old Business

8.1 Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe re-introduced the second motion that was to be discussed on October, 23. Drinkard-Hawkshawe explained that she has concerns about revising the rules and regulations governing student appeals. The rules are important for the quality of education at the university, and to protect faculty. A committee should be formed to review the rules and regulations so that it is clear as to what must be done in order for a student to protest a grade.

#### Motion 2 – previously submitted by Senator **Drinkard-Hawkshawe:**

Faculty Senate Committee should be organized to review the Student Grade Appeals process. A group meeting--student, faculty, Chair--should be required before a student can appeal a grade.

Rationale: A student requested to meet with me, without giving a reason after I requested a reason three times via e-mail. After meeting with the student, he still did not give the reason that he gave



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the Dept. Chair. He lied and filed an Appeal.

The motion was seconded by senator **Al-Imad**.

8.1.1 Discussion

8.1.2 Senator **Panus** inquired as to whether each college has its own process to deal with grade appeals. **Epps** responded that there is a university-wide grade appeal process.

8.1.3 Senator **Foley** mentioned that faculty had expressed concerns about the requirement of having the student and faculty member meet with the department chair. One concern is that the grade was awarded maliciously and the instructor will not acknowledge it or change the grade. Another concern is that if a student was harassed by the faculty member they should not be forced to meet with the faculty member, or if a student was assigned a grade based on political affiliation, gender, religion, or other characteristic will find no recourse from meeting with the instructor.

8.1.4 Senator **Lowery** added that one of her constituents suggested that grade appeals should be logged into a computerized system.

8.1.5 Senator **Alsop** added that one person agreed with the motion and two others were not in support of the motion.

8.1.6 Senator **Walden** asked what happens when a student bypasses the instructor and goes to the chair. **Epps** replied that the student is not required to consult with the faculty member before filing an appeal. The policy states that they should meet with the faculty member but it is not necessary.

**All in Favor of the motion 4**  
**All opposed 23**

8.2 Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe withdrew the first motion.

8.3 The College of Education has selected Mary Langenbrunner to the Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee. Jim fox and Hal knight are the alternates.

9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups

9.1 Senator **Duncan** reported that Johnson City has a thorough website with links to local events. She further suggested it would be a good idea to have a shuttle service to Founder's Park for events.

10. Other Items  
None

11. Comments from Guests  
None

12. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn: Brown**  
**Second: Peterson**  
**Meeting Adjourned**

Please notify Senator Eric Sellers ([sellers@etsu.edu](mailto:sellers@etsu.edu) or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2017-2018) of any changes or corrections to the minutes. Web Page is maintained by Senator Doug Burgess ([burgess@etsu.edu](mailto:burgess@etsu.edu) or 9-6691).