Staff Senate Minutes

August 11, 2003


ABSENT: Bonnie Burchett, Kim Denton, Mary Duncan (excused), Debbie Fanning, JoAnn Fitzgerald (excused), Clifford Hudson (excused), Mary Jordan, Judy Lawson (excused), Pat Myrick (excused), Judy Oaks (excused), Andre Stevens, and Shirley White.

President Thacker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed senators. I also want to thank you for all of the phone calls and cards during my foot surgery. I really appreciated all of your support.

1. Senator Tim Dills made a motion to approve the June 9th minutes. Senator Karen Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer, Charles Forrester – there have been no activity since the beginning of the year. We have a beginning balance of $4200 with the Thanksgiving Basket and the Staff Picnic Fee zero balance. Staff Shirts balance is $102.02. Staff Awards balance is $7000.

3. Committee Reports

   A. Staff Development and Evaluations Committee – Kathy Smith-no report

   B. Staff Concerns & Grievances - Karen Hughes–Committee on Committees – no report

   C. Committee on Committees – Bobbie Lewis-we still have an opening on the Employee Retirement and Benefit committee if anyone is interested.

   D. Elections Committee – Tim Dills-our problem is that we have been short in categories 5 (EEOC Technical & Paraprofessionals), 6 (EEOC Skilled Crafts), and 7 (EEOC Service/Maintenance). We are still working on getting volunteers within these categories. There was no one nominated for category 5. Valerie Swartz (left ETSU) will be replaced from the College of Business next month.

4. Old Business – none

5. New Business – President Thacker – Steve Honaker is no longer with ETSU and it is the executive board recommendation that we follow the bylaws that state the alternate will be appointed to fill the remainder of the term. In this case that would be David Jones. Senator Terry Nelson made a motion that we follow the board’s recommendation and Senator Karen Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator David Jones thanked everyone for their support and I will do my best to represent you and learn from my mistakes.
President Thacker mentioned that during the President’s Council meeting this week Mark Bragg talked about a new long distance phone carrier. When faculty and staff make long distance phone calls that we will enter a pin # and that bill for the call will go directly for the person who made the call. For example, you will be able to use any phone on campus to make a long distance phone call by simply using the pin number and the bill will show up on your local department’s phone bill. Also, people will be able to have a personal pin # for personal long distance calls and that bill will go directly to your personal ETSU email. The bills will not show up in the mail as a paper copy but will be accessed in a way similar to e-print. This should take effect in late October or November. The calls will be cheaper at 3.9 cents per minute.

Thank you note was read by President Thacker from Betty Williamson a custodial employee who won a staff senate award.

The memorial stone is being worked on and in the process of getting donations for the five flag poles and lighting.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2003 in the East Tennessee Room on the third floor in the D.P. Culp Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted - BettyAnn Proffitt, Secretary