Staff Senate Minutes

October 14, 2002


ABSENT: Bonnie Burchett (excused), Kim Denton (excused), Debbie Fanning (excused), Judy Harrell, Carolyn Hopson (excused), David Jones, Jane Jones (excused), Mary Jordan (excused), Billie Lancaster (excused), Terry Nelson, Cindy Proffitt, Sue Speer, Andre Stevens, Sue Taylor (excused), Shirley White and Valerie Swartz (excused).

GUEST: Dr. Bill Fisher, Benefits Committee Member, Dr. Todd Stansbury, Athletic Director and Jon Quigley, Associate Professor of Management/Marketing Department.

I. President Thacker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed senators.

President Thacker introduced Dr. Bill Fisher, who discussed the insurance rate changes in our insurance packages (handout), changes must be made by November 15th, 2002 and the agenda for the Upper East Tennessee Educational Cooperative Regional Retirement Planning Program (handout). Also, discussed briefly on number of voters in our area voting precincts (handout).

President Thacker introduced Jon Quigley. He discussed Student Athlete Surveys and Exit Interviews, for ETSU’s athletic students. The survey covered issues such as: Strength and Conditioning, Sports Medicine, Academic Services & Career Development Unit, Coaching, Administration, On Campus Housing & Residence Life, Food Services, and Overall Experience. The response from athletic students was 56.15% with students rating ETSU as meeting or exceeding their expectations. Seventy percent (70%) of the students would choose to attend ETSU again. Overall most comments were favorable.

President Thacker introduced Todd Stansbury who discussed, "The Value of Student Athletics to the Educational Process." He covered issues such as: Media Impact, Headlines from Around the Nation, Benefits of Athletic Conference Affiliation, The Southern Conference, You’re Known by the Company You Keep, Diversity, Economic Impact on Campus, Housing and Food Service. ETSU athletics is fulfilling its educational mission 62.3% that is seven points higher that the national average.

Changes to the minutes includes changing Kathy Oaks name to Judy Oaks on the Thanksgiving Basket Committee and adding BettyAnn Proffitt’s name to the committee. Also, Charles Forrester, and Suzy Hooven volunteered to join the Thanksgiving Basket committee. Also, the sentence, "Discussion followed
on how to best distribute the new Physical Plant employees." to "Discussion followed on how to best distribute the new handbooks to Physical Plant employees." A motion was made by Senator Corintha Duncan and seconded by Senator Hughes to approve the September 9, 2002 minutes as changed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Charles Forrester presented the treasurer’s report with the operating account having a balance of $2,788.20. The staff awards account has a balance of $7,000. Thanksgiving baskets and staff picnic has a zero balance, and the Staff Senate shirt account had $69.02.

Committee Reports

A. Staff Development and Evaluations Committee – Kathy Smith reported the handbook has been put into pdf file so that it can be downloaded. The handbooks have been distributed to the Library and Physical Plant.

B. Staff Concerns & Grievances – No Report.

C. Committee on Committees – David Jones wants to remain on the committee but resigned as chairman. President Thacker asked for volunteers.

D. Election Committee – Carla Warner – thanks to the changes in the election process we are able to add new senator members by going to the next candidate when a senator resigns/quits/ or leaves the university. This is an improvement in our election process. This resulted in adding two new senators Suzy Hooven (took Donna Hauk’s place, she retired) and Renee Couch (took Pam Murray’s place, she left the university).

E. Thanksgiving Basket Committee - Pat Myrick (Thanksgiving Basket Committee) – The process has begun with the confirming of the drop off points and we are in need for strong arms to help deliver the food baskets. Several Senators volunteered their male student workers.

New Business

A. Physical Plant Suggestion Box – President Thacker had the box checked for suggestions. Janyl from the Physical Plant Office asked if we could leave the box and they could just change the name on the front of the box. No suggestions have been in the box during the past year. Senator Hughes made a motion to let the Physical Plant keep the box and if staff senate needs a box later on let the Physical Plant build a new box at that time. Senator Corintha Duncan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

B. Sign up forms were sent around for volunteers to sign up for the
various committees.

C. Jason Lawson in our new APS student worker to help President Thacker with staff senate work.

D. Old cell phones can still be turned in through the month of November.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2002 in the Forum Room of the Culp Center.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BettyAnn Proffitt, Secretary