Staff Senate Minutes

June 14, 2004


ABSENT: Judy Branson, Sharon Chandler, Eric Crigger (excused), Kim Denton, Mary Duncan, Joy Fullkerson, Suzy Hoover, Carolyn Hopson (excused), Clifford Hudson, David Jones (excused), Jane Jones, Judy Lawson, Bobbie Lewis, Darcy Martin, Donna Murphy (excused), Pat Myrick, Terry Nelson, Judy Oaks, Andre Stevens, Carla Warner (excused).

President Kathy Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

President Smith introduced Dr. Pat Robinson who gave a presentation on Cultural Diversity classes sponsored by ETSU and required for all ETSU employees. The purpose is to increase knowledge about diversity, increase skills to deal with diversity, changes in attitudes about how diversity should be viewed, valuing all individuals, and treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Senator Tom Hill made a motion to approve the May 10, 2004 minutes. Senator Carolyn Bond seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report - Senator Charles Forrester reported a balance in the operating account $441.56; Thanksgiving basket balance of $5.00; staff senate shirt account balance of $497.77; and $1,000 balance in staff awards.

Committee Reports

A. Staff Development and Evaluations Committee – No Report

B. Staff Concerns and Grievances – No report

C. Committee on Committees – No report

D. Elections Committee – Senator Tim Dills provided an updated list of senators reflecting the college representative realignments. The committee will be meeting to mail out requests for nominations. The senate is particularly in need of level 5 representatives.

Old Business
E. Staff Awards Picnic - President Smith reported the picnic was a success. The committee worked very hard this year. President Smith has already reserved a date at the CPA for next year’s picnic.

F. Staff Senate Shirts – Senator Kathy Brooks reported the committee should be able to bring a final decision on shirts to the next meeting.

G. Blood Drive – Senator Betty Grice reported the Blood Drive would be held June 15th in the Culp Center Ballroom from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Our goal is for 70 units and 33 have already signed up. Walk-ins are welcome.

New Business

H. Senator Corintha Duncan discussed the military drive which would recognize ETSU staff and students serving in the Middle East. Contributions would be used to provide post cards, calling cards, etc. Faculty Senate has also expressed an interest in participating. Senator Tom Hill made a motion to participate in the military drive. Senator Joe Webb seconded. Motion carried. It was also decided to invite Mr. Keith Johnson from Veterans Affairs and Lt. Col. Terry from ROTC to speak to staff senate.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Taylor, Secretary