Staff Senate Minutes

October 10, 2005


ABSENT: Amy Bower (excused), Mark Bragg, Queen Brown, Laura Cooper, Renee Couch (excused), Marcia Donnelson, Betty Grice, Cindy Lybrand, Terry Nelson, David Robinson (excused), Kathy Smith (excused), Vanessa Stephens, Andre Stevens, (excused), Michael Vaughn

President-elect Karen Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She explained that President Renee Couch took previously scheduled leave.

While waiting on our guest speaker, Dr. Wilsie Bishop, President-elect Sullivan called for the approval of the minutes from the September meeting. With one correction that Corintha Duncan was excused, the motion to accept was made by Kim Blevins and seconded, the motion carried.

President-elect Sullivan introduced our guest speaker. Dr. Bishop mentioned that it had been nine months since her last visit. She thanked us for being the voice of the staff on campus. She talked about the following items:

1. Plans to renovate the HVAC system in the Culp Center
2. The renovation of the Old Sherrod Library was on schedule: OIT would be the first department to move in sometime around February or March 2006, then the College of Nursing and Computer Science after school was out.
3. Museum at the Gray Fossil Site – To be finished in the spring of 2007. Would be a world class museum. Ms. Karen Carr, an artist from New Mexico has been commissioned to paint a mural for the museum.
4. The Atlantic Sun Conference was meeting across the street at the Carnegie Hotel. General Shale will be the co-sponsor of the Men’s Basketball Finals in March. Former ETSU coach, Sonny Smith is now the voice of the Atlantic Sun Conference.
5. Salary Equity has been completed for both the Faculty and Staff, it has been submitted to the TBR Board – will not be able to fund it for this year. Dr. Bishop mentioned that Diana McClay managed the Salary Equity report. Diana mentioned that there was a new website- where new information was available; such as job descriptions for each job on campus.
6. President Stanton has promised a bonus, which would be across the board – the amount of bonus has not been set – it will be in the November paycheck.
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7. The Ludacris concert was back on. ETSU received a waiver from the State Fire Marshall to use the Mini Dome; negotiations are moving forward the contract has been signed and sent to his agency; will not be a large concert. The students will be the first ones to get tickets; if any tickets were left, the student could purchase one extra ticket for $10.00 for one guest. The student to show a valid ETSU ID to get their tickets and the guest would have to be with the student with an ID. We have a short time to complete all of the production details: stage, sound, security and tickets.

8. Banner – roll out was expected around January 1st. Human Resources is completed; everything is on schedule; Technical and Content people will pull it all together. A lot more information will available for us to use.

Treasurer’s Report - Senator Trillis McKee reported a balance in the Thanksgiving food basket account of $4.96; a balance in the operating account of $2,990.10; and a balance in the picnic/staff awards account of $7,000.

Committee Reports:

A. Staff Development and Evaluations – No report

B. Staff Concerns and Grievances – No report

C. Committee on Committees – No report

D. Elections Committee – No report

Old Business

Senator Carla Warner mentioned about the Fall Family Festival on October 29th. They still need help during 10 am to 4 pm. The schedule would be in 2 hour blocks.

New Business

1. President-elect Sullivan passed around a sign up sheet for the different committees. We already have chairmen for the committees.
2. President-elect Sullivan mentioned that the Executive Board had some questions about the Military Drive Committee. She said the purpose of the committee was to send letters, cards and care packages to our service personnel. No one was on the committee at this time.

3. Senator Carla Warner mentioned about the Annual Employee Giving Committee, which Past President Kathy Smith was co-chair. The theme for this year was: “Building a Brighter Tomorrow”; The Goal was $90,000. Dates for the campaign were October 5th – November 15th.

4. President-elect Sullivan asked the Senators if they knew of an ETSU family member that might need help with a Thanksgiving basket or financial assistance to speak with her after the meeting.

5. Senator Joy Fulkerson mentioned that Volunteer ETSU was sponsoring a Blood Drive on October 25th and 26th, there was a good response to the drive to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

6. Senator Carolyn Bond, chairman of the Staff Picnic Committee mentioned that the date for the picnic would be on May 19, 2006. The date was confirmed with Dr. Stanton’s office. The location would be the CPA courtyard and it was confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary