Staff Senate Minutes

September 13, 2004


ABSENT: Constance Alexander, Judy Branson, Kim Denton, Joy Fulkerson (excused), Suzy Hooven, Carolyn Hopson (excused), David Jones (excused), Jane Jones, Judy Lawson, Darcy Martin, Terry Nelson, Carla Warner (excused), Cindy Weaver, and Joe Webb (excused).

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

ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton was the special guest. He congratulated new senators and thanked outgoing senators for their work. He anticipates a very good year for ETSU. Assuming the economy does not have another down turn, he expects better days ahead. An addition to Buccaneer Ridge Apartments, a new dorm, the fossil site construction, and renovation of the old library are some the planned construction projects. He was pleased with the 3% raise given July 1, 2004, the one time bonus to be issued in October, and step three of the equity plan to be implemented in October. Dr. Stanton is planning the first staff convocation to encourage better communication with staff employees. Research and private donations are doing well, but those funds are usually restricted for specific purposes. He announced plans for a $200 million capital campaign. These funds will go 50% to athletics which the state no longer funds and the remainder to other projects. President Stanton and President Smith recognized outgoing senators by providing them with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions. Dr. Stanton emphasized there was no plan to outsource work currently being done by Physical Plant employees. This was confirmed by Dr. Wayne Andrews, Vice President of Administration and Chief Operating Officer, who was present at the meeting.

President Smith presented her officers with gifts of appreciation.

Senator Tom Hill made a motion to approve the August 9, 2004 minutes. Senator Carolyn Bond seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – Senator Charles Forester reported a balance in the operating account of $5,546.04; Thanksgiving basket account balance of $5.00; staff senate shirt account balance of $497.77; and $7,000.00 balance in the staff awards account.
Committee Reports

A. Staff Development and Evaluations Committee – No Report

B. Staff Concerns and Grievances – No report

C. Committee on Committees – No report


Election of New Officers

E. President Elect – Senator Cindy Proffitt was elected.

F. Secretary – Senator Gail Powers was elected.

G. Treasurer – Senator Tom Hill was elected.

H. Member at Large – Senator Donna Murphy was elected.

Old Business

I. Staff Senate Shirts – Senator Kathy Brooks provided a sample of the new shirt for senators to examine. The question was put before staff senate on whether to use the new logo or old logo. The senate voted to use the new logo. Senator Brooks announced that there would be a one time $45 charge for use of the new logo which has been incorporated into the cost of the shirts. A donation of $500 has been made to help reduce the cost of shirts to senators. The cost to senators will be $12 per shirt. Senators were asked to sign up for the size they wish to order. Orders should be ready in about four weeks. The senate voted to accept the new shirt presented.

New Business

J. Staff Convocation – President Smith announced the staff convocation that President Stanton mentioned will be held either October 8th or October 22nd.

K. Homecoming – Senator Karen Sullivan discussed the family activities planned for Homecoming. She expressed how ETSU was more than sports and that people are very important. It is a group effort for the university. They want to make it a family ETSU event. ETSU has lots of things to be proud. She requested senators volunteer to work two hour
L. President Smith announced that next month will be sign up time for committees and to begin thinking of serving one of those committees.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Taylor, Secretary