Staff Senate Minutes
September 12, 2005


ABSENT: Constance Alexander (excused), Pat Barnett (excused), Amy Bower (excused), Mark Bragg, (excused), Laura Cooper, Corintha Duncan (excused), Clifford Hudson, Darcy Martin, Diana McClay (excused), Regina Tucker (excused), Cindy Weaver, Joe Webb

President Kathy Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She expressed her appreciation to the senators for all the work they did during her tenure.

ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton was introduced as the special guest. He expressed his appreciation to President Smith for her leadership and congratulated the new senators on their election. Dr. Stanton stated enrollment is up a little, and the university is in good shape. By fall, 2006, there will be $107 million being used for ongoing building and construction in new projects. There will be three new colleges: Pharmacy, Public and Allied Health will be split into Public Health and Health Sciences, and Honors. President Stanton and President Smith recognized the outgoing senators by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions.

President Smith welcomed the new senators and reelected senators. Smith thanked the past officers and presented them with certificates. The gavel was then passed to Staff Senate’s new president Renee Couch. President Renee Couch presented Smith a plaque in appreciation for her services as president.

Senator Karen Sullivan was elected as president-elect. Senator Trillis McKee was elected to serve as the treasurer; Senator Carolyn Bond was elected as secretary; and Senator Wanda Richardson was elected as member-at-large.

Meeting Minutes - Senator Bond moved the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Senator Terry Nelson seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report - Senator Tom Hill 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 – Tim Dills reported that all positions were filled.

Old Business – No old business

New Business

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be chaired this year by Senator Kathy Smith. She will need a co-chair and others to work on the committee with her and would like for the collection to begin earlier this year.

Senator Carla Warner announced the Fall Family Festival would be October 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and she would be passing around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. The festival will be similar to the one held last year.

John Sanders, Human Resources, reported that Banner training is moving forward, and payroll testing has begun.

Senator Joy Fulkerson stated the students were concerned for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and wanted to help. A benefit concert will be held September 28 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Other activities will be provided by departments, etc. at tables set up at the event.

Senator Tom Hill reported that Senator Terry Nelson is the new chair of the Veterans Affairs committee.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Greenwell, Acting Secretary