Staff Senate Minutes

February 13, 2006


ABSENT: Constance Alexander, Pat Barnett (excused), Mark Bragg, Jeanine Carroll (excused), Marcia Donnelson (excused), Corintha Duncan (excused), Denise Dunn, Joy Fulkerson (excused), Linda Greenwell (excused), Cindy Lybrand (excused), Andre Stevens, Rita Taylor (excused), Pam White (excused)

President Renee Couch called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Couch introduced our guest speakers, Dr. Nancy Dishner and Dr. D. J. Jessee. Dr. Dishner gave a brief history of the University Marketing Efforts. One of the efforts, Sweet Deal, is where cookies were sent to the high schools in the 8 counties that border our region. The marketing effort will cover the 4 counties in North Carolina and 4 counties in Virginia was approved by the Board of Regents. Additional marketing efforts includes the new Welcome Center that has been added to the second floor of the Culp Center where the old game room was; the renovation to the first floor of Dossett and the Food Court at the Mall; and April 1st will be Spring Open house where high school seniors will meet with representatives from Admissions and Housing.

President Couch asked if there were any corrections to the January minutes. With no corrections, President Couch asked for approval to the minutes. Senator Wanda Richardson made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Kathy Smith.

Treasurer’s Report - Senator Trillis McKee reported a balance in the Thanksgiving food drive account of $71.00; a balance in the operating account of $2,868.11; and a balance in the 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: Submitted by Senator Tim Dills – Regina Tucker submitted her resignation from Staff Senate – reason given was time. Senator Dills telephoned Lisa Blackburn, who was next in line, and ask if she was still interested in serving and she agreed to serve. She will be at the next meeting.
Old Business:

A. Presentation from the Staff Appreciation & Recognition Project Committee: The Committee came up with three proposals: Proposal A: recommends having two events (Staff Convocation in the Fall & the Staff Awards & Picnic in the Spring); Proposal B: recommends having one event (Staff Convocation with Staff Awards in the Fall with no picnic in the Spring or Summer); Proposal C: having one event (Annual Picnic with Staff Awards in the Spring or Summer with no Staff Convocation in the Fall). The committee met with Dr. Dishner and Dr. Jessee for assistance. The committee recommends going with Proposal A. The motion to approve Proposal A was made by Senator Betty Ann Proffitt. The motion was approved by the Senators who were present.

B. Update on the Web Page Changes: Senator Michael Vaughn mentioned that now that the computer rollout was finished, he would have more time to work on the changes to the web page.

C. Review of the Constitution: President Couch went over the items that Senator Tim Dills thought we needed to review. Also to add the two new additions to the Bylaws that was approved last year.

New Business:

A. President Couch asked that we review the “Enhancing Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Processes at East Tennessee State University” document. She asks that we email her with any suggestions by February 20th because she has to send the suggestions in writing to Dr. Bach by February 21st. This new process will be required from all departments on campus.

Senator Linda Lett made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2006, in the Forum Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary