Minutes
Staff Senate Meeting
April 14, 2008
Forum Room
2:30 p.m.

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Absent: Sandy Bundy (excused), Joy Fulkerson (excused), Kathy Smith (excused), Patricia Stafford (excused), Debbie Starnes (excused)

The meeting was called to order by President Blackburn at 2:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

President Lisa Blackburn introduced Dr. Michael Stone and Coach Margaret Stone for their presentation regarding SPEC. The SPEC is the Center of Excellence for Sport Performance Enhancement Consortium. The idea for SPEC came about approximately three years ago. SPEC is to enhance the performance for students and coaching staff. There was a questions and answer session that followed.

Dr. L. Lee Glenn was introduced by President Blackburn. Dr. Glenn gave a short presentation regarding establishing a ETSU Faculty and Staff Club. He took a short poll of the senators in relationship of where the club might be, who will participate, and what refreshment might be served, and if there would be a membership. Dr. Glenn gave a handout to the senators entitled “ETSU Faculty Club Report”.

Minutes: Correction to the March 10 minutes, Debbie Parks was absent. Bob Calkins was present. Senator Karen Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Senator Kim Blevins and was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Senator Jamie Simmons stated the amount in the treasurer is $5, 515.31. The amount includes the budget for the picnic approved by Dr. Collins.

Committee Reports:

- Staff Development and Evaluations – Senator Kim Blevins has met with the committee and will present a report at a later date.
- Staff Concerns and Grievances - none
- Committee on Committees – Senator Carla Warner will e-mail the list of all standing committees in the next few days with members who will continue or be replaced.
- Committee on Elections - none
- Thanksgiving Food Committee - none
- Picnic Committee

The picnic will be held on May 16 at the CPA building. There will be no theme this year except everyone will be asked to “Show Your Pride” by wearing blue and gold. There
will be door prizes and staff awards given. Senator Carolyn Bond and committee members are still looking for entertainment and asked for suggestions from the senators.

- Blood Drive Committee – The Staff Senate Blood Drive is June 3, in Ball Room Left at the Culp Center.

Old Business

- Parking Committee update – Senator Charles “Chuck” Patton summarized the parking status. Senators Chuck Patton, Jamie Simmons, Corintha Duncan, and Tim Dills are representatives from Staff Senate on the parking committee. Senator Patton gave a handout to the senators entitled “Joint Faculty Senate/Staff Senate/SGA Parking Committee Progress Report”. Note Corintha Duncan and Tim Dills have resigned off the committee.

- President Lisa Blackburn stated a Resolution for Coach Kemp and the Lady Bucs was presented to Coach Kemp for their accomplishment.

- President Lisa Blackburn summarized the tobacco ban. The ban is moving forward and goes into effect August 11, 2008. Signage will begin been placed across campus in June and phased through out campus through August. Discussion followed. John Sanders provided guidance on policing issues.

New Business

- Senator Carolyn Bond summarized items regarding the picnic.

- President Blackburn welcomed James Batchelder as a new senate member. Also, President Blackburn welcomed back Senator David Robinson.

Open Floor for New Agenda Items/Concerns – The Ideas Forum has been rescheduled for May 5th. President Blackburn will present a proposal to allow Physical Plant employee’s usage of computers for access to e-mail.

Adjournment – There was no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned.

Please note: Next meeting Monday, May 12, 2008, Gray Fossil Museum at 2:30 p.m.