STAFF SENATE MEETING
MINUTES
Forum Room, DP Culp Center
May 11, 2009
2:30 PM

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PRESENT: Lisa Blackburn, James Batchelder, Carolyn Bond, Angela Brewer, Queen Brown, Deanna Bryant, Robert Calkins, Cindy Canter, Renee Couch, Tim Dills, Corintha Duncan, Charles Forrester, Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell, Angela Haire, Myra Jones, Susan Lilly, Diane McClay, Joe Miller, Donna Murphy, Stephanie Nave, Debbie Parks, Chuck Patton, Shea Renfro, Wanda Richardson, Sue Russell, Jamie Simmons, Kathy Smith, Patricia Stafford, Debbie Starnes, Vanessa Stephens, Karen Sullivan

ABSENT: Constance Alexander (excused), Sarah Bradford (excused), JoAnn Fitzgerald (excused), Linda Lett (excused), Betty Ann Proffitt (excused), Sharon Riddle (excused), Dave Robinson (excused), Carla Warner (excused)

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

GUEST SPEAKER: President Richardson welcomed Dr. Greg Schrader to the meeting. Schrader, of Jones Chiropractic Clinic, gave a brief overview on coping with stress and anxiety. As part of the presentation, Dr. Schrader’s assistant provided back massages to those interested.

MINUTES: Senator Fulkerson made the motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2009. Motion seconded by Senator Murphy. The minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Senator Canter reported a balance of $4,626.58 in the operating account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Staff Development and Evaluations: No report.
- Committee on Committees: Senator Lilly reported the process of updating the list of standing committees was complete. The information has been submitted to Dr. Stanton’s office for further processing.
- Staff Concerns and Grievances: No report.
- Elections Committee: Senator Greenwell announced the elections this year would be by electronic ballot with the exception of using paper ballots for Physical Plant since they have limited access to computers. The committee will compile the totals by adding the total on the paper ballots to the total on the electronic ballots.
- Holiday Food Drive Committee: No report.
• **Staff Picnic Committee:** Senator Bond reminded everyone of the upcoming staff picnic scheduled on May 21, 2009 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Cave Patio in the DP Culp Center. The committee will meet Thursday, May 14 to finalize the event. Admission is free to staff employees.

• **Blood Drive:** Senator Haire announced the blood drive has been rescheduled on June 2, 2009, D.P. Culp Ball Room. She encouraged everyone to attend, and if available, assist with registration and check-in.

President Richardson reminded the committee chairs and each committee that their first draft of their Year-End reports would be due at our June senate meeting. The final year-end report will be due at our August meeting. Each committee chair was reminded that their committee is to review last year’s report, update accordingly and each committee chair or their designee needs to be prepared to give and updated report for this year at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Web Site / Communication Update:** Senator Dills announced that the web site is progressing and continues to improve. Documents have been added and information updated. Upon completion, the original website will be taken down. Dills urged everyone to visit [http://www.etsu.edu/staffsenate](http://www.etsu.edu/staffsenate).

OPEN FLOOR FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

• **Staff Senator Appreciation Awards:** President Richardson officially thanked the senators for the role they had played during her term as President. For their commitment and perseverance during a trying time, she presented each a personally engraved 2008-2009 Staff Senate plaque. She was most appreciative for the support and dedication each had shown during the onset of the university’s budget reversion and encouraged the group to continue to press on in support of ETSU. She also recognized the senators who would be retiring or taking the voluntary buyout, which was offered as part of the Task Force on Budget Reversion proposal.

There being no further business, Senator Fulkerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Senator Lilly.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Russell
Secretary

The next meeting is Monday, June 8, 2009 @2:30 pm
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