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PRESENT: James Batchelder, Carolyn Bond, Sarah Bradford, Angela Brewer, Robert Calkins, Cindy Canter, Renee Couch, Tim Dills, Corintha Duncan, Charles Forrester, Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell, Myra Jones, Susan Lilly, Diane McClay, Joe Miller, Donna Murphy, Stephanie Nave, Chuck Patton, Betty Ann Proffitt, Shea Renfro, Wanda Richardson, Dave Robinson, Jamie Simmons, Patricia Stafford, Debbie Starnes

ABSENT: Constance Alexander (excused), Lisa Blackburn (excused), Queen Brown (excused), Deanna Bryant (excused), Angela Haire (excused), Linda Lett (excused), Debbie Parks (excused), Sharon Riddle (excused), Sue Russell (excused), Kathy Smith (excused), Karen Sullivan (excused), Carla Warner (excused)

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

GUEST SPEAKER: President Richardson introduced Senator Fulkerson as guest speaker. Fulkerson, along with Dr. Joe Sherlin and Ms. Ash-lee Henderson, shared information about the work of the Race Relations Dialogue Task Force and the upcoming speaking engagement of Tim Wise. Wise, a prominent anti-racist writer and activist, will be addressing the ETSU community during September. He has trained teachers as well as government, corporate, media, entertainment, military and law enforcement officials on methods for dismantling racism in their institutions, and has served as a consultant for plaintiff’s attorneys in federal discrimination cases.

The Task Force was created under the direction of Dr. Stanton after an incident last fall involving a fraternity whose members donned “black face” for an event at their fraternity house. There have been other incidents on campus involving racism, privilege, prejudice and harassment. The Task Force wants to have more diversity education, increase the level of diversity for faculty, staff and students.

Senator Fulkerson is Coordinator for Greek Life & Service Programs at ETSU.

MINUTES: Senator Proffitt made the motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2009. Motion seconded by Senator Duncan. The minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Senator Canter reported a balance of $5,888.58 in the operating budget.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Staff Development and Evaluations**: No report.
- **Committee on Committees**: No report.
- **Staff Concerns and Grievances**: No report.
- **Elections Committee**: Today is the last day for voting. The committee will meet next week to tally the votes. 300-400 votes have been received so far.
- **Holiday Food Drive Committee**: No report.
- **Staff Picnic Committee**: No report.
- **Blood Drive**: Senator Fulkerson reported that previous blood drives have not been well supported. After meeting with the Red Cross, it was suggested that coordinating with other blood drives on campus would better enhance the probability of greater turn-outs and less over-laps. Utilizing Facebook as a tool to reach more people might also be an option. Information about the blood drives will be included in resident packs for new students.
- **Website/Communications Committee**: No report.

OPEN FLOOR FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS:
President Richardson informed the Senate that Dr. Stanton will be guest speaker at the September meeting. There will also be officer elections and a presentation on the Stimulus Buc$ Challenge.

It is with great sadness that Senator Batchelder announced the passing of Senator Queen Brown’s husband. A sympathy card will be mailed to her on behalf of Staff Senate.

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, September 14, 2009 @2:30 pm
Forum Room, DP Culp Center

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