STAFF SENATE MEETING
MINUTES
January 11, 2016

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PRESENT: Gwen Bays, Lisa Bell, Kristy Buchanan, Chris Collins, Tim Dills, Charvi Greer, Jess Helton, Katie Jeter, Helen Jones, John Lane, Candy Massey, Butch Massey, Jessica Miller, Stephanie Murphy, Dianne Pittarese, Jennifer Rice, Evelyn Roach, David Robinson, Kathy Smith, Kristi Smith, Karen Sullivan, Rita Taylor and Gabe Tocci.

FRIENDS OF THE SENATE: None


UNEXCUSED: Barbara Chamberlain, Pam Marston, Debra Roberson, Cynthia Weaver and Connie Wyche

I. Call to Order – Vice President Murphy called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. in the Forum Room of the D P Culp Center.

II. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Senator David Robinson to approve the minutes, and Senator Candy Massey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. President’s Report – Vice President Stefanie Murphy – Interim University Council met earlier this morning. Meeting minutes will be forthcoming from VP Murphy. A few highlights from the meeting were Chancellor will be retiring at the end of January. An Interim Chancellor will be announced soon. There has been talk about the General Mills property in the media stating that ETSU will acquire the property; that is just media talk. The official talk is that we could lease space if space is available once the renovations are complete. However, there has not been any official talk as to anyone acquiring the space either.

IV. Treasurer Report – Senator Dills reported the general account balance as $7,421.91; the Holiday Drive account balance as $810.03; and the balance of the Community Benevolence account holds a balance of $4,681.25.

V. Report on Standing Committees  None.

VI. Report on Project Committees None.

XII. Old Business
Senator Murphy noted that everyone should have received via email an updated document of the By-laws and Constitution. VP asked if everyone had ample time to review all amendments to the By-laws as emailed out. Everyone agreed. VP Murphy then began by reading Article I and the proposed changes. Senator David Robinson then asked the question if everyone agreed to all the changes, could we approve them in one lump sum. Senator Dills stated that yes, it could be done. After a brief discussion, Senator Robinson made a motion to approve all changes as stated providing there were no questions to any of the Articles. Senator Kathy Smith seconded the motion. All agreed. VP Murphy then started out reading the changes to the Constitution. Senator Robinson stated baring any questions or concerns, he would like to make a motion to approve the changes for the Constitution as a group for submission to the full staff for approval. Senator Greer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Everyone agreed.

XIII. New Business None.
IX. **Announcements** Senator Jones reminded the Senate that coats were still available via Bucky’s Food Pantry for any student that may be in need of a winter coat. Please contact Senator Jones at 439-6013 or send the students to the food pantry located at W277 in the Mini Dome.

XII. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 2:42.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Robinson and seconded by Senator Massey.

Submitted by Senator Kristi Smith  
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Secretary