

**2015-2016 Faculty Senate
MINUTES—8/8/15**

Faculty Senate—East Tennessee State University

UPCOMING MEETING: August 31, 2015 @ 2:45 pm Forum, Culp Center	FOLLOWING MEETING: September 14, 2015 @ 2:45 p.m. Forum, Culp Center
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Present: Leila Al-Imad, Fred Alsop, Patrick Brown, Doug Burgess, Randy Byington, Kathy Campbell, Jackie Church, Erin Doran, Joyce Duncan, Susan Epps, Lon Felker, Bill Flora, Virginia Foley, Nick Hagemeyer, Tammy Hayes, Bill Hemphill, Stephen Hendrix, Amy Horton, Tod Jablonski, Karin Keith, James Livingston, Fred Mackara, Mildred Maisonet, Anthony Masino, Tim McDowell, Theresa McGarry, Lorianne Mitchell, Jerome Mwinyelle, Bea Owens, Jonathon Peterson, Kerry Proctor-Williams, Deborah Ricker, Thomas Schacht, Eric Sellers, Melissa Shafer, Paul Trogen, Robert White.

Excused: Dilshod Achilov, Robert Beeler, Dorothy Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Lee Glenn, Howard Herrell, Helene Holbrook, Koyamangalath Krishnan, Thomas Kwasigroch, Guangya Li, Mary Ann Littleton, Shunbin Ning, Timir Paul, Peter Panus, Judy Rice, Darshan Shah, April Stidham, Bill Stone, Craig Turner, Liang Wang, Ahmad Watted,

Absent:

Guests: ETSU Senior Administrative Staff Drs. Noland*, Bach, Bishop, Sherlin, Collins, and Ms. Ritter;
Emergency Management Specialist: Andrew Worley
Enrollment Background and Fall 2015 Projections -- Mike Hoff

*President Noland unable to attend because of conflict with TBR Presidents Subcouncil

CALL TO ORDER: President Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00

President Foley requested approval of the minutes from April 28, 2014. The **minutes** were approved.

President Foley requested adjournment of 2014-2015 – Approved

At large Executive Committee

Nominations:

Anthony Masino – Approved Unanimous
Bill Hemphill – Approved Unanimous
Jackie Church – Approved Unanimous

Chair of Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee

Nominations:

Doug Burgess – Re-elected
Anthony Masino – Chair in training

Parliamentarian

Nomination:

Bill Flora – Approved Unanimous

TBR Subcouncil Representative

Bill Hemphill – Approved Unanimous

Bill Flora – (Backup)

Adjunct Faculty Report – Joyce Duncan

ETSU in line with or lower than the national average

Emergency Management Specialist: Andrew Worley

(Report attached)

Reports from Standing Committees

Committee on Committees—Randy Byington

Three openings:

Disclosure and Review Committee: Melissa Shafer – Approved Unanimous

University Research Advisory Council: Dr. Shah and Dr. Peterson – Tie vote; Dr. Shah withdrew from consideration – Dr. Peterson – Approved Unanimous

ITGC Security Subcommittee: Stephen Hendrix – Approved Unanimous

Center for Teaching Excellence – Patrick Brown

Faculty would like more training and instruction and also want additional support to develop their skills as researchers.

Dr. Bach asked for a proposal from Dr. Brown to establish a new Center for Faculty Excellence. The proposal is being drafted and the center is expected to be established as soon as Fall 2016.

Announcements:

Faculty Convocation 9:30 August 21, Culp Auditorium

Student Convocation 15:00 August 21, Mini-Dome

Faculty senate would like to host a monthly gathering for new faculty – Dr. Foley asked for volunteers to lead sessions.

Dr. Foley asked that senators from each college discuss how to disseminate information to their constituents (during lunch break).

Welcome and updates from ETSU Senior Administrative Staff: Drs. Bach, Bishop, Sherlin, Collins, and Ms. Ritter

Summer School Update – Dr. Foley

Eleven faculty chose to participate in the pilot program to teach for reduced pay. In the Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Noland, he stated that the faculty members salary would be made whole.

Enrollment Background – Mike Hoff

Undergraduate enrollment is down, graduate enrollment is up. Nonetheless, undergraduate FTE's are up; therefore, students are taking more hours than in previous years.

TBR wants to move students toward a specific major early in the undergraduate curriculum to bolster degree completion in four years.

In state enrollment will go down this year; however, out of state and border county enrollment will increase.

Faculty to student ratio has remained stable ~ 20 on average.

First time freshman retention rate is 66%, transfer student retention rate is 75%.

Fall 2015 projections from 2014 was 13,566 – now we should be slightly higher (within 1 or 2 percent).

SAI Committee Report – Kathryn Sharp; Leigh Lewis

The transition to online SAI reporting resulted in a response rate decline.

The new questionnaire separates the items into categories; online, classroom, and lab, to make them more applicable to all settings.

The student feedback questions have been expanded to include self-evaluation because research shows that when students evaluate themselves first they are more likely to accurately evaluate instructors.

The new system will allow instructors to choose a defined number of questions from a larger bank of questions to allow the instructor to define the most relevant evaluation areas for a specific course.

Dr. Foley asked for suggested changes to the SAI to be sent to Dr. Epps. Dr Epps will not implement the current questions until a revision has been made and the questions have been approved by the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Please notify Senator Eric Sellers (sellers@etsu.edu or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2015-2016, of any changes or corrections to the minutes. Web Page is maintained by Senator Doug Burgess (burgess@etsu.edu or x96691).