



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	10/23/2017	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	Culp Center, Room 311
Next Meeting:	11/6/2017	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Alsop, Fred; Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Byington, Randy; Cluck, David; Doran, Erin; Duncan, Joyce; Dunn, Andrew; Elangovan, Saravanan; Ellis, Jon; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Hall, Katherine; Heidi Campbell; Hemphill, Bill; Hendrix, Stephen; Jennifer Pealer; Littleton, Mary Ann; Livingston, James; Lowery, Ashley; Mackara, Fred; Maisonet, Mildred; Masino, Anthony; McGarry, Theresa; Mullins, Chrissy; Oh, Sunny; Olson, Nate; Owens, Bea; Panus, Peter; Pealer, Jennifer; Peterson, Jonathan; Sarkodie, Olga; Sellers, Eric; Shah, Darshan; Stone, Bill; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Walden, Rachel; Wattad, Ahmad; Turner, Craig;				
Absent:	Al Balbissi, Kais; Al-Imad, Leila; Anand, Rajani; Chakraborty, Kaniska; Chambers, Cindy; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Mitchell, Lorianne; Ning, Shunbin; Paul, Timir; Ramsey, Priscilla; Scheuerman, Eugene;				
Excused:	Brooks Taylor, Teresa; Gray, Jeff; Gentry, Retha; Marek, Greta; Kwasigroch, Thomas; Short, Candice; Walden, Rachel				

Agenda Items	Responsible
Meeting called to order	Epps
1. Introductions	Epps
2. Celebrations	Epps
3. Announcements	Epps
4. Approval of Minutes	Epps
5. Informational Items 5.1 Amanda Marsh – feedback on Accent (2:50-3:15) 5.2 Troy Perdue – free speech legislation (3:15 p.m.) 5.3 Board of Trustees report – Alsop 5.4 Motion – submitted by Senator Epps	Marsh Perdue Alsop Epps
6. Action Items 6.1 Committee on Committees 6.2 Motion 1 – submitted by Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe 6.3 Motion 2 – submitted by Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe	
7. New Business	
8. Old Business	
9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups	
10. Other Items	
11. Comments from Guests	
12. Adjourn	

DISCUSSIONS

1. Introductions

Guests: Amanda Marsh; Jennifer Hill; Troy Perdue; Ed Kelly; Tom Schacht; Kristen France; Evan Holland



DISCUSSIONS

2. Celebrations

None noted

3. Announcements

3.1 Bucky's Food Pantry is holding their annual coat drive. They will be taking gently used coats and new blankets between now and October 27.

3.2 The football game on Saturday, October 28, is faculty and staff appreciation day. Tickets for faculty and staff will be half price.

3.3 The Faculty/Staff Appreciation week is held in the spring by SGA. The SGA has asked that Faculty and Staff senate provide a representative to be on the planning committee. Please let Dr. Epps know if you are interested in being on the committee.

3.4 Executive Committee meets with Dr. Bach Thursday, October 26. Please send agenda items by noon on Tuesday, October 24.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: Flora

Second: Panus

Minutes Approved

5. Informational Items

5.1 Amanda Marsh; Office of University Relations

5.1.1 Ms. **Marsh** asked for feedback on the ETSU Accent newsletter. The focus of the newsletter is on celebrations and achievements of faculty and staff. Senators reported, in general, that they like the format of the publication. **Panus** suggested that links to the featured articles should be added. **Marsh** indicated that people like that a list of new hires is included and have asked for retirements to also be included. In addition, a survey will be created and distributed across campus to obtain additional feedback. **Dunn** inquired whether there is an app for Accent and **Marsh** suggested this would be a good idea. **Alsop** suggested that it would be a good idea to provide access to people outside of the university.

5.2 Troy Perdue – free speech legislation

5.2.1 **Mr. Perdue** reported that, in light of recent events, many faculty are concerned about freedom of speech issues. He presented a PPT and provided several examples of circumstances where speech would be protected and he provided several examples of circumstances where speech would not be protected (see Appendix A).

5.3 Board of Trustees report – Alsop

5.3.1 **Alsop** reported that the next BOT meeting will be held on November 10, 2017.

5.4 **Epps** submitted a motion to approve the proposed changes to the constitution of the TN University Faculty Senate. **Rationale:** TUFs delegates reviewed the TUFs constitution at the Fall 2017 meeting and incorporated updates necessitated by the change in governance structure as well as changes in clarity of purpose. The motion will be on the 11/6/2017 agenda as an action item and for discussion.



DISCUSSIONS

6. Action Items

6.1 Committee on Committees

Dr. Foley had no new information to report.

6.2 Motion 1 – submitted by Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe

A Faculty Senate Committee should be organized to review ETSU's requirement for students' assessment of faculty and courses. Further, the Committee should make recommendations for change. **Rationale:** Students are not familiar with correct teaching methods, they use their grades and personal feelings for judging faculty and courses, and many do not have regular attendance. Thus, many are not capable of rating courses.

6.3 Motion 2 – submitted by Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe

Faculty Senate Committee should be organized to review the Student Grade Appeals process. A group meeting--student, faculty, Chair--should be required before a student can appeal a grade. **Rationale:** A student requested to meet with me, without giving a reason after I requested a reason three times via e-mail. After meeting with the student, he still did not give the reason that he gave the Dept. Chair. He lied and filed an Appeal.

Senator Drinkard-Hawkshawe was not present to officially submit the motion(s) on the floor. **Brown** made a motion to postpone consideration of the motions until Drinkard-Hawkshawe is present to engage in debate of the motions. The motion was seconded by **Peterson**. The motion passed.

7. New Business

None noted

8. Old Business

8.1 Epps reported on the standing Tenure and Promotion appeals committees. The following faculty members with represent each college:

College	Primary	Alt 1	Alt 2
A&S	Rico Ignace	Paul Kamolnick	Scott Koterbay
CBAT	Fred Mackara	Bill Hemphill	Anthony Masino
COE	Mary Langenbruner	TBD	TBD
CCRHS	Charles Faust	Saravanan Elangovan	Jacek Smurzynski
CON	Flo Weierbach	Judy McCook	Judy Rice
QCOM	Paul Monaco	Beth Fox	Kevin Breuel
GCOP	David Hurley	Peter Panus	None
CPH	Alan Forsman	Phil Scheuerman	None
Library	Rebecca Tolley	Katherine Libby	Celia Szarejko



DISCUSSIONS

9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups

9.1 Epps reported that the summaries were sent earlier in the day and questions should be brought to the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

10. Other Items

10.1 **Foley** expressed concern about how the new budget model will affect summer school salary. **Alsop** suggested that this issue should be discussed with Dr. Bach on the Thursday, October 26.

10.2 **McGarry** inquired about the governance of the Graduate and Professional Student Association. Epps replied that the association is represented on University Council. McGarry further inquired whether there is an elected person to sit on UC. Michael Luchtan is the UC council representative and he volunteered to be the representative.

11. Comments from Guests

None noted

12. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Brown
Second: Flora
Meeting Adjourned

Please notify Senator Eric Sellers (sellers@etsu.edu or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2017-2018) of any changes or corrections to the minutes. Web Page is maintained by Senator Doug Burgess (burgess@etsu.edu or 9-6691).