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# East Tennessee State University STAFF SENATE

## AGENDA

March 5, 2004

In Forum

DP Culp Center

1. Call to Order
2. Guest: Ms. Myer Jones – OIT – Address the New Long Distance System.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 2004 Minutes
4. Treasurer Report
5. Committee Reports
  - A. Staff Development and Evaluations - *no*
  - B. Staff Concerns and Grievances - *no*
  - C. Committee on Committee -
  - D. Elections
6. Old Business
  - A. Staff Awards Picnic  
(Dr. Andrews)
7. New Business - New Staff Senate Shirt (Charles Forrester)

**Next Meeting - Monday, April 12, 2004**



**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Staff Senate Minutes**  
**March 8, 2004**

**PRESENT:** Constance Alexander, Carolyn Bond, Sharon Chandler, Renee Couch, Eric Crigger, Kim Denton, Tim Dills, Charles Forrester, Joy Fulkerson, Betty Grice, Thomas Hill, Suzy Hooven, Carolyn Hopson, Clifford Hudson, Judy Lawson, Bobbie Lewis, Chris Loveday, Trillis McKee, Terry Nelson, Betty Ann Proffitt, Cindy Proffitt, Kathy Smith, Rita Taylor, and Joe Webb.

**ABSENT:** Judy Branson, Kathy Brooks (excused), Corintha Duncan (excused), Mary Duncan (excused), David Jones (excused), Jane Jones (excused), Darcy Martin, Donna Murphy (excused), Pat Myrick, Judy Oaks (excused), Andre Stevens, Sue Taylor (excused), Kathy Thacker (excused), and Carla Warner (excused).

1. **President Elect Kathy Smith called the meeting to order and introduced Ms. Myra Jones from OIT.**
  2. **Ms. Myra Jones said that VarTec Telecom, Inc. is now our long distance carrier and Resicom Corp. will be our billing agent. This change will benefit ETSU community in several ways:**
    - **Cost savings to the University**
    - **Increased security against telephone fraud and accountability**
    - **Easier, online billing access, there will not be any more paper copies.**
- OIT is working on a master list of all of the pin numbers for each department. If you are having problems with your fax machines please give us a call.**
3. **Senator Nelson approved February 2004 minutes and Senator Bond seconded.**
  4. **Treasure Report-Senator Charles Forrester said that we have a total of \$ 1,423.65 in operating budget, five dollars carried over from the Thanksgiving Basket fund, and in the staff shirts budget a balance of \$476.52. We still have a balance of \$7,000 for staff awards.**
  5. **Committee Reports**
    - a. **Staff Development and Evaluations – no report**
    - b. **Staff Concerns and Grievances – no report**

- c. **Committee on Committee – Senator Bobbie Lewis passed out a list (see attachment) of requests for standing committees. If you are interested please see her or email her of your interest.**
  - d. **Elections – Senator Tim Dills – The results of amendment ballot for Article III Membership 211 approved and 4 against. On Article V Staff Senate Committees 211 approved and 6 against. A total of 1,394 ballots were mailed out, 218 ballots were cast and one abstention (see attachment).**
6. **Old Business – Staff Awards Picnic – Dr. Wayne Andrews said that it was important to President Stanton that the picnic continue because that this is an important event in which outstanding efforts of staff are recognized.**
7. **New Business – New Staff Senate Shirts – Senator Charles Forrester – President David Jones got a donation of \$500. Do we want to order new shirts or what? The catalog now has women sizes and styles. Senator Joy Fulkerson made a motion that we hold the money now and discuss at a later time as to what to do with the money. Senator Clifford Hudson seconded and motion carried.**

**Senator Tim Dills submitted a resolution for ETSU Men's Basketball Team for a successful season (see attachment). It was voted on and approved.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ann Proffitt for Sue Taylor**

March 8, 2004

Called to order - President-elect Kathy Smith

Guest Speaker: Myra Jones - OIT  
new long distance system on campus  
took or answered questions about faxes  
and who could be the one in the dept. with  
access to the different PIN numbers.

Minutes

motion:

seconded: Carolyn Bond

Treasurers Report:

Operating Budget	-	\$1,423.65
Suits	-	476.52
Thanksgiving Baskets	-	5.00
Staff Picnic (Awards)	-	7,000.00

Committee Reports:

- Staff Development + Evaluations - No report
- Staff Concerns + Grievances - No report
- Committee on Committees - Report attached
- Elections - Report attached

Old Business

- Staff Awards Picnic - Dr. Andrews  
took vote on Senators concerning  
picnic. Dr. Stanton wants the picnic  
to go on as scheduled.

## New Business

A. New Staff Senate Shirts - Charles Forrester  
Have \$500.00 contribution;

New Shirts - vote to hold on to the  
money until later times

B. Jim Dillo presented an resolution  
congratulating the men's Basketball  
Team for winning the Southern  
Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT**  
**March 8, 2004**

Staff Senate has received requests for nominations for the following standing committees:

**Intercollegiate Athletics**

- One (1) representative

**Parking, Traffic, and Security**

- Two (2) representatives at large
- One (1) representative from the Parking Office

**Safety**

- One (1) representative

**University Wellness**

- One (1) representative from Student Health Services
- One (1) representative from Housing
- One (1) representative from Health and Safety

**Veterans Affairs**

- One (1) representative who is a Veteran

The Sick Leave Bank committee needs three names submitted for people willing to serve on the Sick Leave Bank. The term is one year, but is renewable if the people decide to stay on the board. They must be members of the sick leave bank. They would like to have someone from a clinical area or the college of medication, but it is not a requirement.

**REMEMBER:** Submission of nominations indicates willingness on the part of the individuals nominated to serve. PLEASE CHECK WITH NOMINEES BEFORE SUBMITTING NAMES.

Please submit nominations to Bobbie Lewis, Chair, Committee on Committees at [lewisbk@etsu.edu](mailto:lewisbk@etsu.edu) or 439-7519 no later than April 15, 2004.

Results of Staff Senate Amendment Ballot  
February 13 - 27, 2004

Article III Membership

C. Representation

In addition to the thirty Staff Senators elected from EEOC non-faculty employment categories, eleven members shall be elected as follows: Each School/College will elect one representative with the exception of the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business & Technology, and Medicine which will each elect two.

For the proposed amendment to Article III:      211      Against: 4

Article V Staff Senate Committees

Section C, Item 2 (Add new section F.)

F. Should a vacancy occur in an Executive Committee position due to the resignation or termination of the present officeholder, the runner-up for that position shall assume the position until the next annual election of officers in September. (The only exception shall be that of the President, who shall be succeeded by the President-Elect.) If that officer ran unopposed, or the runner-up no longer wishes to hold the office or is no longer employed by the university, a special election among the Senate shall be deemed necessary.

For the proposed amendment to Article V:      211      . Against: 6

Abstentions: 1

Total ballots cast: 218

Total ballots mailed: 1394





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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee State University Men's Basketball Team was successful during the 2004 Southern Conference Tournament in Charleston, South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the "Bucs" have brought wonderful exposure to our university, pride throughout our community, and outstanding enthusiasm to our campus,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Staff Senate of ETSU proudly salutes Coach Murry Bartow, his excellent assistant coaches, and the marvelous student-athletes of the Men's Basketball team on their second consecutive Southern Conference Tournament Championship, and

2. That the Staff Senate of ETSU wishes the Buccaneers great success on their upcoming appearance in the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

GO BUCS!

Sponsored by Senator Tim Dills

Approved on Monday, March 8, 2004

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David Jones, President of Staff Senate

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Sue Taylor, Secretary of Staff Senate

# Tennessee Regents panel to meet over revenue reductions

Associated Press JCP 2-28-03

KNOXVILLE — Faced with dramatic revenue cuts by the state, the Tennessee Board of Regents must look beyond temporary spending freezes, Chancellor Charles Manning says.

"I do not believe we can continue doing business as usual," Manning said in a letter to a special committee of regents members, officers and university presidents meeting Friday in Morristown.

The panel, chaired by Regents Vice

Chairman Jack Fishman, will be reviewing the "possible policy implications" of a 9 percent reduction in higher education spending next year.

Gov. Phil Bredesen's administration is looking for ways to offset a predicted \$780 million deficit. Colleges and universities are being asked to absorb \$102 million.

The 180,000-student regents system of universities, two-year colleges and technical schools faces a \$57 million reduction; while the separate University of Tennessee system will wrestle with more than \$37 million in reductions.

The regents' operating budget received a \$17 million increase to \$629.6 million this year, its first significant boost in several years. But a cut of the size being proposed by the Bredesen administration could drop it back to 1997-98 levels.

Manning wrote that despite "the need and demand for more education by more Tennesseans," colleges and universities shouldn't expect more money from the state because of "the electorate's strong opposition to higher taxes" and the funding demands of K-12 education and health care.

## Proposed Cuts for 2003-04

Departments	
Agriculture	\$2,300,000
Children's Services	\$12,600,000
Commerce and Insurance	\$1,250,000
Corrections	\$29,900,000
Economic and Community Development	\$1,600,000
Education	\$5,400,000
Environment and Conservation	\$5,000,000
Finance and Administration	\$4,000,000
General Services	\$1,900,000
Health	\$6,000,000
Higher Education	\$56,000,000
University of Tennessee	\$37,300,000
Other Higher Education	\$6,600,000
Human Services	\$13,000,000
Labor and Workforce Development	\$1,400,000
Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities	\$774,200
Mental Retardation	(\$70,300,000)
Personnel	\$693,200
Revenue	\$3,400,000
Safety	\$7,700,000
TennCare	\$155,000,000
Transportation	\$54,800,000
Tourist Development	\$938,800
Veteran Affairs	\$197,000
Commissions	
Aging & Disabilities	\$714,500
Alcohol Beverages	\$138,900
Arts	\$322,500
Children & Youth	\$127,000
Corrections Institute	\$658,200
Historical	\$87,000
Human Rights	\$111,700
Intergovernmental Relations	\$158,000
Pardons & Paroles	\$4,000,000
TBI	\$1,980,000
State Museum	\$188,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$345,939,200</b>

## **Committee Proposes Standards for Lottery Scholarships** **Legislature Will Have Final Say on Criteria, Amounts**

A lottery task force subcommittee composed primarily of representatives of higher education – along with some legislators – has proposed standards which would be followed in distributing scholarships funded by lottery proceeds. The proposed criteria are as follows:

- Students must earn a 3.0 grade-point average in high school, score a 19 on the ACT college-entrance exam and maintain a 2.75 GPA in college.
- Families earning \$36,000-\$100,000 could get \$4,000 for a child to go to a public, four-year university or \$2,000 for a private institution.
- Families making less than \$36,000 a year could receive a \$5,000 scholarship for a child to go to a public university or \$3,000 for a private school
- Students from families earning more than \$100,000 would not qualify unless they earned a 3.75 GPA and scored 29 of a possible 36 on the ACT. In that case, they could receive a merit scholarship of \$5,000 a year to use at any college or university in the state. Students attending a Tennessee Technology Center could get a \$1,500 grant.

It is important to point out that this recommendation must now go through the legislative process and is certainly subject to change. Sen. Jo Ann Graves (D-Gallatin), who proposed the above standard, urged the legislature to take a “fiscally conservative” approach since “we don’t know how much money will come in from the lottery.”

In addition to funding college scholarships, some lottery proceeds could be utilized for pre-school programs and school infrastructure needs. TEA would like to see a substantial amount of lottery funds directed toward K-12 education and pre-K programs, but the prevailing sentiment in the General Assembly is to begin with the scholarship program and move to other areas in subsequent years. Future legislative reports will keep members informed on developments related to lottery discussions.

**NASHVILLE** — The Education Lottery Task Force deadlocked Thursday on a plan to give equal lottery-funded scholarships to public and private university students and lift a \$100,000 limit on recipients' annual family income.

The advisory committee of educators and lawmakers split 7-7 on the proposal by Rep. Chris Newton, R-Cleveland. The motion failed because it did not receive a majority.

Newton, sponsor of the House's lottery legislation, argued that Tennesseans will put a “voluntary tax” on themselves when they buy lottery tickets.

“It's their money per se and it should follow the student, whether they go to public or private,” he said. “With no income cap, it means you are rewarding the student who has achieved. You're rewarding them not based on socio-economic factors as far as how much mom or daddy makes, but it's fair.”

Voting with Newton on Thursday were Sen. Randy McNally, R-Oak Ridge; Rep. Les Winningham, D-Huntsville; William Ford, Middle Tennessee State University economics and finance professor; Leonard Bradley, Vanderbilt University lecturer and public policy expert; Bill Stacy, president of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and Steve Flatt, Lipscomb University president and Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association chairman.

Opposing Newton's proposal were Graves; task force Chairman Rich Rhoda, Tennessee Higher Education Commission executive director; Charles Manning, Tennessee Board of Regents chancellor; Angelo Volpe, Tennessee Tech University president emeritus; Shirley Raines, University of Memphis president; James Catanzaro, Chattanooga State Community College president; and Russell Shelton, Tennessee Technology Center at Memphis director.

When Newton's motion failed, the task force passed an earlier proposal by Senate Speaker Pro Tem Jo Ann Graves, D-Gallatin, that contains the \$100,000 family income cap.