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**MINUTES - December 6, 1999**  
**Faculty Senate / East Tennessee State University**  
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<b>UPCOMING MEETING:</b> January 10, 2000 2:45 PM Culp Forum Room	<b>FOLLOWING MEETING:</b> January 24, 2000 2:45 PM Culp Forum Room
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***Present:*** Aston, Burgess, Burkett, Butler, Chenoweth, Chi, Collins, Deadman, Faust, Harvey, Hayes, Hemphill, Kelley, Kerley, King, Logan, Mattioli, Mehta, Miller H, Miller P, Obregon, Oppewal, Parker, Patrick, Perry, Poole, Sluss, Stanley, Steadman, Stone, Tollefson, Varney, Williams.

***Excused:*** Grover, McKinney, West.

***Absent:*** Alavi, Gallemore, Johnson, Mohon, Reesman.

***Guests:*** Dean Joellen Edwards, Dr. Bill Fisher.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

There being a quorum present, President Patrick called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November 22, 1999 meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Committee Reports.**

1) **Academic Matters (Logan)** reported its inquiry into why last year's resolution to accept academic credit, but not grades, earned at other institutions has not been acted upon by the vice president for academic affairs. Also reported was the committee's concern about the apparent lack of seriousness with which graduating seniors take the exit examination and its attempts to find some way to address that situation; and its interest in placing some limits on the number of times a student can repeat a class in which s/he has done poorly.

2) **Concerns and Grievances (Hemphill)** reported an ongoing investigation into privacy issues for students working in public labs.

3) **Development and Evaluation (Parker)** reported its re-evaluation of the Student Assessment of Instruction process and on its upcoming suggestions for revisions of it.

They also reported their concerns regarding the apparent wide variety of ways in which department chairs utilize the information from the SAIs. Also noted were their thoughts about the frequency of evaluations of department chair, stating that five years may not be often enough.

4) Research, Creative, and Scholarly Activities (Oppewal) reported a meeting between committee members and Rebecca Pyles regarding ways to increase research activity on the part of undergraduates. Among the strategies discussed were increased funding for research efforts and travel opportunities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Interim Report Regarding Class Scheduling.** Dr. Joellen Edwards presented an interim report from a task force, assembled at the request of Dr. Bach, in class scheduling. The task force has approached scheduling from the standpoint of our ability to serve more students through changes in the way in which classes are scheduled. Her report generated a lengthy discussion among senators that produced a large number of suggestions for further investigation by the task force.

Edwards asked for one or more senators who would consider joining the task force. Terry Tollefson (ELPA) and Hugh Miller (BISC) volunteered.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **President Patrick reminded senators of the Regents' Meeting to be held on the ETSU campus on December 9 & 10 and urged us to attend where possible.**
- **Bill Fisher commented on the appointment of Sherry Hoppe, interim president for Austin Peay University. Hoppe was formerly President, Roane State Community College.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Patrick adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
David G. Logan, substitute secretary*

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