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**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000  
2:45 PM / Culp Center - Forum Room**

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**AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Patrick

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 10, 2000

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Committee reports:**

Academic Matters - Logan

Concerns & Grievances - Hemphill

Development & Evaluation - King / Parker

Election & Bylaws - Miller

Research, Creative & Scholarly Activities - Oppewal

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion of faculty items relating to SACS compliance - Dr. Marsh Grube

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Next meeting, Monday, February 7, 2000, Culp Forum.

**MINUTES - January 24, 2000**  
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<b>UPCOMING MEETING:</b> February 7, 2000    2:45 PM Culp Forum Room	<b>FOLLOWING MEETING:</b> February 21, 2000    2:45 PM Culp Forum Room
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***Present:*** Aston, Burkett, Butler, Chenoweth, Chi, Collins, Deadman, Faust, Gallemore, Grover, Harvey, Hayes, Johnson, Kelley, Kerley, King, Logan, McKinney, Miller H, Miller P, Oppewal, Patrick, Perry, Poole, Stanley, Steadman, Stone, Tollefson, West.

***Excused:*** Alavi, Mattioli.

***Absent:*** Burgess, Hemphill, Mehta, Mohon, Obregon, Parker, Reesman, Sluss, Varney, Williams.

***Guests:*** Dr. Marsh Grube, Dr. Norma MacRae.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the January 10, 2000 meeting were unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Committee Reports.

1) Academic Matters (Logan) distributed an excerpt of the April 27, 1998 minutes regarding three motions brought before the Senate. The first motion, passed by the 1997-98 Senate, stated that "[t]he ETSU Grade Point Average (GPA) should be based on grades earned at ETSU" and should not reflect grades earned at other institutions. Since no further action was taken regarding the motion after passage, Patrick suggested the motion be forwarded to Academic Council. The second motion stated that a student's ETSU GPA would not reflect a "D" or "F" earned at ETSU if that course is subsequently repeated at another institution with a grade of "C" or better. After discussion before the 1997-98 Senate, the motion was tabled. The third motion involved a cap on the total number of credits that could be taken by a student during a semester without permission of the student's academic advisor and academic dean and was defeated by the 1997-98 Senate. After discussion of the issues, it was decided that the first motion would be submitted to Academic Council and Academic Matters would take a second look at the other two motions.

- 2) Concerns and Grievances (Stanley) reported that it continues to review a departmental matter.**
- 3) Development and Evaluation (King) reported it is in the process of setting an agenda to continue reviewing issues related to current use of Student Assessment of Instruction.**
- 4) Election and Bylaws (Miller, P.) reported it is reviewing the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate to discuss an amendment to permit individual colleges or departmental councils without representation on the Faculty Senate to obtain non-voting membership status.**
- 5) Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities (Oppewal) reported it is looking at several avenues to improve research opportunities at ETSU. The Committee is also discussing issues related to student research and an ETSU website devoted to research and scholarly activity.**
- 6) TBR Faculty Sub-Council. President Patrick highlighted several issues discussed at the recent meeting held on January 21 in Nashville.**
  - a) TBR has initiated a “Focus on Academic Excellence & Quality” through which programs and departments at TBR institutions can be nominated for special recognition. The programs to be honored will be highlighted at upcoming TBR Board Meetings. Nominations for programs at ETSU may be given to Dr. Bach by February 7. Please contact Dr. Bach for additional information.**
  - b) A draft of the TBR Distance Education Committee Position Paper was distributed at the Sub-Council meeting. Dr. Bach and Dr. Gary Walters served on the committee that prepared the report. Several sections relate to faculty issues. A copy of the report will be submitted to the Academic Matters Committee for review. Feedback should be provided to Dr. Bach by the February 20 deadline. Patrick has requested that Dr. Bach and/or Dr. Walters address the Senate on this issue at an upcoming meeting.**
  - c) The third item of interest is related to articulation issues. TBR has completed a common rubric and numbering project for the core curriculum at TBR institutions. The TBR Academic Sub-Council recommended that the committee expand this effort to all other disciplines so the project can be implemented at the same time rather than in phases. TBR has been negotiating with the UT system on cooperating with this project since TBR and UT schools interact and have common articulation problems with students transferring between systems. If progress is not made in this effort the Tennessee legislature is prepared to step in and force a solution to the problem. The legislature has already introduced HB 2029 to this effect. TBR feels this is a bad bill and should be defeated. Another bill is in the works if this one should fail and TBR is working with legislators to draft a better bill if necessary. Dr. McPhee is convinced that a bill on articulation will be passed this session.**

d) Patrick also provided information concerning upcoming programs and workshops scheduled for the TBR Renaissance Center. (The list of programs is attached to the minutes)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Discussion of Faculty Items Relating to SACS Compliance.** Dr. Marsh Grube discussed a handout summarizing problem areas uncovered during the SACS compliance audit conducted last year. She reported the site team visit will take place during the 2002, 2003 time frame. She called attention to several areas designated on the report as needing faculty input and requested that the Faculty Senate look at these issues. She encouraged faculty to submit suggestions for improvement to Academic Council to document that proper processes are in place and working. President Patrick urged senators to review the sections designated in the report as relating to the Faculty Senate and stated that this matter can be placed on the agenda again at a later time. (For more information, contact Dr. Marsh Grube at x9-7582).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Patrick distributed a handout (from Dr. Bill Fisher) of an article appearing in the January 7, 2000 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* regarding the bleak outlook for approval of the budget request for higher education in Tennessee.
- Patrick announced that Donna Russell (Nashville) will address the February 21 meeting of the Faculty Senate regarding campus policy on intellectual policy issues.
- Patrick announced that he talked with Dr. Rich Ranker about holding the March 27 meeting of the Faculty Senate in one of the recently constructed "Smart Classrooms." (Note: Dr. Ranker confirmed that Room 101, Rogers-Stout Hall, is available and has been scheduled for the March 27 meeting).
- Patrick announced that he asked Dr. Stanton to address the Faculty Senate at the February 7 meeting.
- Logan announced that the University Curriculum Committee was impressed with the organization and thoroughness of the curriculum changes prepared by the English department. He said the Committee wished to thank the Department for a well-done job.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

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