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**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000
2:45 PM / Culp Center - Forum Room**

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Steadman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 6, 2000

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports

**Academic Matters (Tollefson)
Committee on Committees (Martin)
Concerns and Grievances (Hemphill)
Development and Evaluation (King/Verhegge)
Elections and Bylaws
Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities (Kelley)
Legislative Affairs (Patrick)**

NEW BUSINESS:

SACS Reaffirmation Process - Dr. Bert Bach, Dr. Linda Doran, Dr. Marsh Grube

Summer School - Dr. Bert Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting, Monday, December 4, 2000, Culp Forum.

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UPCOMING MEETING:

December 4, 2000 2:45 PM

***** Culp Meeting Room #6 *****

FOLLOWING MEETING:

January 8, 2001 2:45 PM

Culp Forum Room

Present: Anderson, Aston, Burgess, Butler, Chi, Deadman, Fisher, Grover, Harvey, Hayes, Kerley, King, Li, Logan, Martin, Miller H., Miller P., Patrick, Price, Reesman, Sluss, Stanley, Steadman, Tollefson, Verhegge.

Excused: Alavi, Collins, Heath, McKinney, Mehta, Montgomery.

Absent: Broome, Burkett, Gallemore, Hemphill, Kelley, Mattioli, Mohon, Poole, Stone, Varney, Williams.

Guests: Dr. Bert Bach, Dr. Linda Doran, Dr. Marsh Grube, Dr. Norma MacRae.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 6, 2000 meeting were approved without amendment by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Standing Committee Reports.

1) Academic Matters - Terry Tollefson reported that the committee will work toward resolution of several issues: they include a) details of articulation agreements between area community colleges and ETSU, b) our policies regarding cheating, c) a possible honor code statement, and d) its desire to be a party to any legislative or other initiatives to impose a maximum number of credits on university degree curricula. He also reported that a delegation of faculty from Northeast State Technical Community College will meet with the committee later in the afternoon to identify at least some of the articulation agreement problems.

2) Committee on Committees - Brian Martin reported a request from Steve Bader for a Senate representative to serve on a new policy committee that will govern the activities of the new Activities Center upon its completion. He asked for volunteers to contact his committee.

3) Concerns and Grievances - No report at this time.

4) **Development and Evaluation** - The committee reported that its goal for this academic year will be to develop and propose new policies and procedures for the awarding of merit pay.

5) **Elections and Bylaws** - No report at this time.

6) **Research, Creative and Scholarly Activity** - David Chi reported the committee's intent to search for common bonds in research efforts among the several colleges and units within the institution.

7) **Legislative Affairs** - Stephen Patrick reported that plans are underway to organize a legislative breakfast either later this year or very early in 2001. No date has been set thus far. He also reported on communications with faculty at UT regarding certain legal requirements in the use of state owned computers to send and receive personal e-mail. Bill Fisher followed by presenting a chart showing faculty and staff participation in TIAA-CREF, state, and other providers of retirement, health, dental, and investment plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Summer School Planning.** Dr. Bach reported that a new strategy has been developed (after a great deal of discussion and planning) for the coming summer session. This has been made necessary by two changes from previous, typical summer sessions. One is a significant drop in enrollment last summer that we must assume will be repeated next summer. The other is the less-than-adequate funding from the Legislature for higher education.

The new strategy will have several component parts. One, the budget for each college and school for summer will be only 75% of last year's adjusted budget. This reflects the loss of state funding with the adjustments being based on enrollments last year. (Only one college, Business, saw an enrollment increase during summer, 2000. All the others saw declines ranging from 4.5% to 21%.) Two, the use of "fee-based" courses will be extended to include regular courses as well as the special topics and "summer only" type of course previously supported in this manner. "Fee-based" simply means that tuition collected from enrollees must cover the faculty member's salary and benefits. Third, colleges and schools will be encouraged to adopt a more entrepreneurial attitude toward using fee-based offerings to increase enrollment.

Dr. Doran also provided information regarding enrollment patterns and some probable causes for them.

- **Reaffirmation of Accreditation.** Drs Bach, Doran, and Grube took turns discussing various aspects of the coming process through which ETSU will reaffirm its accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. ETSU is one of eight institutions throughout the region covered by SACS to pilot a revised method of gaining and keeping accreditation.

In essence, SACS proposes to be less prescriptive in its requirements, and more receptive of each institution's unique plans, programs, and curricula. Thus, instead of explaining how, and to what extent, we meet SACS' requirements, we will describe what

we do, how and why we do it, and the procedures we use to determine effectiveness. For us, the pilot program will require a somewhat different mind-set that allows for more autonomy but also places upon us a greater challenge in proving our effectiveness. There are still definite requirements, but they are more global and far fewer in number.

An unique aspect of this effort will be its submission entirely via electronic media.

The calendar for the reaffirmation effort was published in the most recent issue of "Insight". Dr. Grube, with reinforcement from President Steadman, reiterated Dr. Bach's point that reaffirmation of accreditation is our number one priority for the next year or so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Dr. Macrae distributed copies of a proposed (draft) "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding An Internet-Based Course or Courses". This form, if approved, would in effect become the contract between the University and the faculty member. Copies, for review by interested faculty members, of this can be obtained from her office in the Teaching and Learning Center.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Steadman adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
David G. Logan*

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