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**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001
2:45 PM / Culp Center - Forum Room**

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Steadman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 4, 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:

Faculty Technology Professional Development Plan - Dr. Rich Ranker

Microsoft SMS - Todd Richardson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting, Monday, January 22, 2001, Culp Forum.

Send information and notices of non-attendance to Michael McKinney (mckinney@etsu.edu or x9-5391), Secretary, Faculty Senate, 2000-01.

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UPCOMING MEETING:

January 22, 2001 2:45 PM

***** East Tennessee Room *****

FOLLOWING MEETING:

February 5, 2001 2:45 PM

Culp Forum Room

Present: Burgess, Butler, Chi, Collins, Deadman, Grover, Harvey, Hayes, Heath, Hemphill, Kelley, Kerley, King, Li, Logan, McKinney, Mehta, Miller P., Patrick, Price, Reesman, Stanley, Steadman, Stone, Tollefson, Varney, Verhegge, Williams.

Excused: Alavi, Broome, Miller H.

Absent: Anderson, Aston, Burkett, Fisher, Gallemore, Martin, Mattioli, Mohon, Montgomery, Poole, Sluss.

Guests: Mr. Mark Bragg, Mr. Michael Clay, Dr. Terry Counterline, Mr. Todd Richardson, Dr. Rich Ranker.

CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present, President Steadman called the Senate to order at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 4, 2000 meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Standing Committee Reports.

1) Academic Matters - Tollefson reported that the Committee continues to work on several issues, including the student honor code and details of articulation agreements between area community colleges and ETSU. The Committee met with the faculty executive council from Northeast State Technical Community College and made contact with faculty representatives at Walters State Community College regarding the articulation agreements. As an outcome of the Committee's work, Tollefson reported that Dr. Bach announced at Academic Council that each program will have a transfer coordinator. The Committee will address the agreements before the Senate in the future.

2) Committee on Committees - Steadman reported a vacancy on the General Education Advisory Committee (University Standing Committee) which can be filled by a representative from any college. Interested persons should contact Brian Martin at x9-4449.

3) Concerns and Grievances - Hemphill reported that a few issues are pending.

4) Development and Evaluation - King reported that the committee will submit a proposal regarding new policies and procedures for promotion and tenure and the awarding of merit pay to the Senate this semester.

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

6) Research, Creative and Scholarly Activity - Kelley reported on the Committee's work in developing a survey addressing student scholarly research at ETSU for future distribution to faculty. (NOTE: the form can be located at www.etsu.edu/cas/history/question.htm)

7) Legislative Affairs - Patrick asked Senators to review a survey on political issues prepared by the Governmental Relations Council of the Chamber of Commerce. Patrick also requested that Senators review the minutes of the October 16, 2000 meeting of the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee of the UT Knoxville Faculty Senate regarding a resolution addressing increased cash withdrawals TCRS at retirement. Patrick is seeking comments from Senators on both issues at the next meeting of the Senate.

- Treasurer's Report. Kerley delivered the Treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Faculty Technology Professional Development Plan. Dr. Rich Ranker discussed various aspects of the Faculty Technology Professional Development Plan (the "Plan"). He said the Plan was developed to keep faculty up-to-date on new technologies that enhance instruction. The objective of the Plan is to educate faculty regarding core technology competencies to assist them in improving student learning. Dr. Ranker also addressed the objectives and skill sets of the proposed technology training tracks. He then addressed questions from senators regarding plans for upgrading additional classrooms for multimedia use, assignment of classes to multimedia rooms, reduction in table sizes in multimedia classrooms to accommodate more students and whether the program will be linked with faculty promotion and tenure. Dr. Ranker concluded by seeking endorsement of the Plan by the Faculty Senate. (NOTE: Dr. Ranker will present the Plan for endorsement at the January 22, 2001 meeting of the Faculty Senate) Dr. Ranker also distributed a handout outlining recent changes made to multimedia classrooms and lecture halls across campus. (For more information, please contact Dr. Rich Ranker at x9-8613)
- Microsoft SMS. Dr. Terry Counterline, Todd Richardson and Mark Bragg discussed the proposed installment of a system that can inventory hardware configurations and serial numbers of all computers across campus from a single location. This will replace the current manual inventory process. They stated that the system will also provide a report which will identify software being used by faculty for the purpose of securing volume discounts on software commonly used by the faculty. The system will also allow remote diagnostic assistance with software problems. This will reduce downtime since users will no longer have to wait for visits from technicians to resolve problems. This aspect of the system raised questions from senators regarding privacy issues. They said that although the system would have the capability to identify software on individual computers, the issue of pirated software is not the purpose behind the proposal and

those issues would be handled at the department level. (For more information, please contact Dr. Terry Counterline at x9-8416, Todd Richardson at x9-8612, or Mark Bragg at x9-4137)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Steadman announced the following SACS campus meetings:**
 - **All members of Faculty Senate: January 30, 2001 2:30-3:30 p.m. Culp Auditorium**
 - **Executive Committee: January 30, 2001 1:15-2:15 p.m. Meeting Room #6**
- **Patrick announced that Chamber of Commerce breakfasts with area legislators have been scheduled for February 16, March 16 and April 20. Each meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Johnson City Public Library.**
- **Steadman announced that the Executive Committee will not meet on Monday, January 15, 2001 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**
- **Steadman announced that the January 22, 2001 meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held in the East Tennessee Room at the Culp Center.**
- **Steadman distributed the TBR's December 2000 Status Report on the "Tennessee Regents Web-based Degrees" program.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Steadman adjourned the meeting at 3:53 pm.

Please notify Michael McKinney (mckinney@etsu.edu or x9-5391) Secretary, 2000-01, of any changes or corrections to the minutes. Webpage maintained by Stephen Patrick (patricks@etsu.edu or x9-6994).