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**MINUTES – September 15, 2003**  
**Faculty Senate – East Tennessee State University**

<b>UPCOMING MEETING:</b> October 6, 2003 2:45 pm Culp Forum Room	<b>FOLLOWING MEETING:</b> October 20, 2003 2:45 pm Meeting Room 2
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*Present:* Baryla, Bennard, Bitter, Burgess, Butler, Champouillon, Daniels, Davenport, Grover, Hemphill, Kelley, Kerley, Li, Littleton, Logan, Mackara, Miller, Morrow, Mozen, Nave, Patrick, Prather, Rusinol, Schaller-Ayers, Shafer, Shuttle, Stanley, Stone, Thewke, Tollefson, Verhegge, Wallace, Williams, Whitten, Zoggyie

*Excused:* Breese, Chi, King

*Absent:* Bharti, Collins, Fisher, Hayes, Jungkeit

*Guests:* Dr. Bill Kirkwood

**CALL TO ORDER:**

With a quorum present, President Tollefson called the meeting to order at 2:51 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the August 25, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved,

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Tollefson distributed sign-up forms for committee assignments. Secretary to tally preferences, assign absent members and distribute via email.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Discussion of GEAC (General Education Advisory Council):** Dr. Bill Kirkwood described the changes being proposed regarding the voting structure of GEAC and requested feedback and suggestions. He provided a general description of the council, its charge and composition (16 faculty appointed by the Senate, 1 chair (selected by the Council of Chairs), 1 student and administrative personnel. During the upcoming weeks the function and composition of GEAC and who is a voting member will be reviewed. There is a proposal on the floor to expand the voting privileges to those faculty (5) who serve as a result of administrative assignments but currently don't vote. This proposal is being put forth because there are sometimes

more nonvoting members present that voting. Comments from senators were solicited and primarily centered around the feeling that this should continue to be a faculty controlled council and that those faculty who are not teaching should not vote.

- **Report on TBR Promotion/Tenure Task Force:** David Logan reported on the work of the State Board of Regents Task Force on Promotion and Tenure. He summarized the important recommendations as follows: 1. eliminate the second opportunity to apply for tenure; 2. change wording related to the concept of a terminal degree to read “earned doctorate or other terminal degree as recognized by the board”, and 3. new statement on collegiality. A proposed change related to tenure is the elimination of the time period requirement other than to state within the first 6 years. A proposed change for promotion is to eliminate years in rank but to include 5 years of relevant professional experience for associate professor and 10 years of relevant professional experience for full professor. A new category of employment being added is an Instructor Coordinator. It is also proposed that student advising be included as an element of teaching. Comments can be sent to [logancl@preferred.com](mailto:logancl@preferred.com) or to Stephen Patrick or President Tollefson.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Bach has requested to opportunity to address the Senate reference the proposed revisions of the TBR Promotion and Tenure Policy. He will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Senator Mackara has information about the benevolence fund; secretary to obtain information and email to Senators.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned to committees at 3:30 pm.

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