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**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA  
MONDAY, November 22, 2004  
2:45 PM Culp Meeting Room 6**

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**AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING**

**Call to Order:** President Stanley

**Approval of Minutes:** November 8, 2004

**Old Business:** Membership of Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee

**New Business:** Discussion of proposed class scheduling changes presented by Senator Bitter and Nancy Nearing

**Adjournment to committees**

**Please Note:** Next meeting Monday, December 6, Forum, 2:45 pm

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MINUTES – November 22, 2004  
Faculty Senate – East Tennessee State University

UPCOMING MEETING: January 18, 2005 (Tuesday) 2:45 pm <b>Forum</b> , Culp Center	FOLLOWING MEETING: February 7, 2005 2:45 pm <b>Forum</b> , Culp Center
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*Present:* Baryla, Bitter, Burgess, Champouillon, Chi, Collins, Cornett, Davis, Grover, Hayes, Jungkeit, Kelley, Kerley, Li, Littleton, Mackara, Patrick, Schaller-Ayers, Shafer, Shuttle, Silver, Stanley, Wallace, Whitten, Zogyie

*Excused:* Daniels, Fisher, Morrow, Mozen, Mullersman, Thewke, Trogen

*Absent:* Bennard, Blanton, Breese, Davenport, Felker, Singh, Stone

*Guests:* Alison Schaefer, Jeff Wardeska

**CALL TO ORDER:** With a quorum present, President Stanley called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 8, 2004 Senate meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Senator Burgess thanked senators for filling the membership of the Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee but pointed out that almost all the members are male.  
Senator Bitter asked if any progress has been made in examining the Longevity Pay Policy as it affects faculty who shift from temporary full-time to tenure-track positions. Senator Collins reported that the matter was being considered but needs more attention, especially since state standards are being revised.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Senator Bitter introduced Alison Schaefer of Family and Consumer Sciences, who presented the reasoning behind the class scheduling changes proposed by Nancy Nehring, who was unable to be present. Schaefer said the proposal to eliminate Friday classes was intended to meet the needs of students with full-time jobs who said they needed classes limited to four days a week. She explained that the proposal includes an overlay of MWF classes for faculty who wanted them. Senator Baryla asked if the SGA had been approached with the proposal. Senator Bitter, who said the matter was brought to him as a member of the Academic Affairs Committee, said yes, the proposal had been presented, without the MWF overlay, to the SGA, to faculty in all colleges, to advisors, and to chairs. The responses were quite split, with Disability Services noting that students with ADHD need the shorter periods of MWF classes; the SGA never responded to the proposal. Senator Champouillon and

several other senators said they had heard little or nothing about the proposal. Senator Collins pointed out that a similar proposal, for a classless “Wonderful Wednesday,” had been made and discarded some years ago, on the grounds that compressing classes into four days would work hardships on students by limiting their scheduling options and exhausting them. Also, limited space allocations preclude fewer class days. Senators Nave, Schaller-Ayers, and Burgess reported that their departments simply could not compress their schedules into four days, and visitor Jeff Wardeska, chair of Chemistry, said that attempting to schedule science lectures and labs in four days would create impossible-to-remedy conflicts. Burgess further questioned the effect such a change would have on the community’s regard for the university. Senator Kerley suggested that if administrators thought faculty were reducing their work time by 20%, they might suggest a similar reduction in pay. Senator Mackara stressed that absence from campus would not necessarily mean faculty were not working. On the positive side, Senator Shafer said that a four-day class schedule had permitted her department at another university to take programs and dramas to schools and other community venues on Fridays, and Senator Silver suggested that researchers would be able to make good use of a full day for their projects. Senator Mackara pointed out that the schedule change would wreak havoc on exam week schedules. Mackara moved that the Senate vote on whether to explore the matter further; Schaller-Ayers seconded. Five senators voted to continue consideration, and 14 opposed; four abstained. President Stanley thanked Nehring, Bitter, and Schaefer for their work on the proposal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Stanley reported that Provost Bach has established a task force chaired by Norma MacRae to study the Turnitin software system; the task force needs a member from the Senate.

President Stanley reminded senators that ORP representatives from Nashville would be in the Culp Center on November 9 to consult with faculty and staff on the option of changing from ORP to TCRS.

Stanley further reported that on the morning of November 8, faculty, staff, and members of Lambda Alpha Chi fraternity prepared over 200 gift boxes for families in the community and noted with regret that several workers from ETSU qualified for the food.

Senator Collins reported that chief academic officers of the state have unanimously supported a proposal to eliminate the transfer of GPAs from one college or university to another. Although credits would be transferred, GPAs would be determined by students’ grades at the schools they enter, not the ones they leave. Collins further noted that Senator Fisher was sorely missed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Stanley adjourned the Senate meeting to committees at 3:45 pm.

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