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**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA**  
**Monday, February 7, 2005**  
**2:45 PM Culp Forum**

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**AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING**

**Call to Order:** President Stanley

**Approval of Minutes:** December 6, 2004, and January 18, 2005

**New Business:** President Stanton will address us on several important matters.

Dr. Dorman Stout of the ETSU Retirees' Association will explain the association's volunteer programs.

**Old Business:**

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:**

**Please Note:** Next meeting Monday, February 21, 2005, Forum, 2:45 pm

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**MINUTES –February 7, 2005**  
Faculty Senate – East Tennessee State University

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| <b>UPCOMING MEETING:</b><br>March 21, 2005 2:45 pm<br>Meeting room 6, Culp Center | <b>FOLLOWING MEETING:</b><br>April 4, 2005 2:45 pm<br>Forum, Culp Center |
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*Present:* Bennard, Bitter, Blanton, Burgess, Champouillon, Chi, Coates, Collins, Cornett, Davis, Fisher, Grover, Jungkeit, Kerley, Li, Littleton, Mackara, Morrow, Mozen, Mullersman, Nave, Patrick, Shuttle, Singh, Stanley, Thewke, Trogen, Wallace, Whitten

*Excused:* Baryla, Breese, Daniels, Kelley, Schaller-Ayers, Shafer, Zoggyie

*Absent:* Davenport, Hayes, Silver, Stone, Stone

*Guests:* ETSU President Paul Stanton, Provost Bert Bach, ETSURA Representative Dorman Stout

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum being present, President Stanley called the meeting to order at 2:47 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of January 31, 2005, were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Stanton reported that the state of the University is sound. ETSU's proposed Honors College was approved by THEC a few days earlier, and its establishment will be announced to the public at a press meeting on February 16, 2005. The proposed pharmacy school is still being discussed by ETSU and UT as they attempt to collaborate. The Board of Regents supports ETSU's proposal, but THEC is still encouraging a joint effort. UT wants ETSU to have no control over curriculum or faculty, though it does want ETSU's help with funding and facilities. UT still insists on requiring students to have their first year in Memphis, which would work a hardship on them by requiring them to move twice in one year.

ETSU's doctorate in psychology is in place for fall 2006, as are the two doctorates to be offered by the newly approved College of Public Health. The budget is in relatively good shape, though deductions may be taken in July. Eight approved projects will use federal funds, debt service, fees, and grants rather than state funds:

- development of a visitors' center at the Gray fossil site;
- Davis Hall renovation;
- Culp Center renovation;
- renovation and expansion of the VA autopsy facilities (funded also by

the state and the counties the facilities serve);  
renovation of the old Sherrod Library;  
new dormitories;  
renovation and expansion of the Innovation Center on Market Street;  
relocation of the Graduate School to the third or fourth floor of  
the old Sherrod Library.

In addition, the Department of Athletics is raising money for soccer and for indoor and outdoor tennis courts, and ETSU's proposed performance center has risen from 24<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> place on the state's capital improvements list.

Senator Bitter asked about TennCare's influence on the budget. Stanton replied that it is hard to anticipate because the proposed limitations on TennCare are being challenged.

Senator Jungkeit asked if progress in being made in improving accessibility of older campus buildings to handicapped persons. Stanton said progress is slow but steady.

Senator Mackara asked if ETSU's two new colleges, perhaps three, established shortly after business and technology were combined because of budget shortfalls, might encounter similar troubles. Stanton replied he hoped not, especially since the new ones depend little or not at all on state funding.

Bitter asked if ETSU has a plan for replacing the faculty parking lot being taken for the performing arts center. Stanton replied that parking decks are being planned to replace that lot as well as others slated for removal.

Senator Fisher asked if Stanton had any information about ETSU's Hope Scholarship students. Stanton replied that ETSU has 1,604 Hope Scholarship recipients, but only 45,000 of the 60,000 available scholarships were taken this year. He predicted that as many as 50% of the recipients will lose their scholarships. He said he wondered about the scholarships' influence on summer school, hypothesizing that students who rely on them will not take summer classes, which are not covered by the scholarships.

Senator Kerley asked about expansions in the Regents' on-line degree programs, saying that a baccalaureate in nursing has been proposed. Stanton deferred to Provost Bach, who said that attempts to enhance availability of courses for Tennessee students are having some negative effects: limiting income by eliminating out-of-state tuition and cutting into enrollment in on-site programs. Bach said TBR members have been approached by people who want on-line courses and programs; they then charge schools to develop the programs without thinking of the consequences. Stanton agreed that many programs driven by regents have created problems, citing the campus master's program in nursing as an example. Kerley said that nursing is further hampered by lack of sufficient technical support for on-line courses.

Senator Champouillon asked about the status of equity pay. Stanton replied that \$500,000 is currently available, and Bill Coleman is getting a software program to help with its distribution.

Bitter asked how we might best support the establishment of ETSU's pharmacy school, with a Senate letter of support or with individual letters.

Stanton said individual letters are more effective, noting that an alumni group from UT's College of Pharmacy is supporting ETSU's proposal. Fisher asked if former Governor Ned McWherter supports ETSU's proposal; Stanton replied yes. Senate President Stanley thanked President Stanton for his informative comments and discussion and also acknowledged Provost Bach's contributions. She then introduced Dorman Stout.

Stout explained that ETSURA has approximately 300 members, 18 of whom have signed up to volunteer for service on campus substituting for faculty and staff, helping perhaps two hours per week or monthly. Faculty requests for help can help the program grow. He stressed that retirees do not intend to substitute for temporary employees but to meet occasional emergency needs. Senator Wallace asked if a list of needs would be helpful. Stout said a list make available to Human Resources, who would then notify ETSURA, could help to get the program going.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: President Stanley adjourned the meeting at 4:32 pm.

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