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**FACULTY SENATE AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2005
2:45 PM CULP FORUM ROOM**

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

Call to Order: President Stanley

Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2005

Old Business:

Adjournment of the 2004-2005 Senate: President Stanley

Convening of the 2005-2006 Senate: President Bitter

New Business: Updating of the Faculty Senate Roster
Discussion of meeting dates and programs for 2005-2006
Committee choices and assignments
Questions for President Stanton at the next Senate meeting
Other old or new business
Announcements

Adjournment

Please Note: Next meeting Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, Tennessee Room, Culp Center, 2:45 pm

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MINUTES –August 29 2005
Faculty Senate – East Tennessee State University

UPCOMING MEETING: October 10, 2005 2:45 pm Forum Room, Culp Center	FOLLOWING MEETING October 24, 2005 2:45 pm 304 Brown Hall
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Present: Alsop, Baryla, Bitter, Blanton, Burgess, Champouillon, Chi, Cornett, Daniels, Davenport, Davis, Dorgan, Drummond, Dula, Fisher, Garrett, Gerard, Grover, Hayes, Kaplan, Kelley, Li, Littleton, Mackara, Morrow, Mozen, Mullersman, Myron, Nave, Patrick, Peiris, Roach, Roberts, Schacht, Schreiner, Shafer, Shuttle, Stanley, Stone, Trogen, Wallace, Whitten

Excused: Kaplan, Kelley

Absent: Finger, Glenn, Stone

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, President Bitter called the Senate to order at 2:50 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of August 29, 2005, were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Bitter welcomed ETSU President Paul Stanton, who thanked the senators for their work and for keeping the lines of communication open. He also welcomed the new senators. He extended his thanks to Bitter for Bitter's letter to the *Johnson City Press* supporting the administration's reasons for not being able to house Hurricane Katrina's refugees on campus. Senator Champouillon commended Dr. Stanton for his consistently professional manner in dealing with sometimes contentious journalists.

President Stanton next addressed the Senate about matters of concern originating in the Senate's August 29, 2005, meeting and expressed to Dr. Stanton in a letter Bitter sent him.

First, he explained that the HOPE Scholarship Program is undergoing revisions and at this point has several components, awarding differing amounts to students according to merit and financial need as well as their meeting the basic requirements. In 2004, ETSU had probably 1600 HOPE students, 1000 of them freshmen, 59% of whom retained their scholarships, the highest rate in the state. About 2500 HOPE students are on campus in fall 2005, most returning but some re-entry students. Since no increase in operating funds supports additional students, meeting their needs presents a financial challenge, one ETSU is currently meeting.

In answer to questions about the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Stanton announced that the pool of candidates for the position of dean is down to four, and the

hiring of faculty will begin as soon as the position is filled. Renovation of buildings housing the College, privately funded, has begun, and students will begin classes in fall 2006.

Concerning formula funding, Dr. Stanton explained that until 1990, ETSU received 100% of the funding allotted by the formula; since then, ETSU has received 75%. The new formula in essence makes what has been 75% of the old formula into 100% full-formula funding. But Dr. Stanton sees more state support for higher education, particularly doctoral programs. ETSU's master plan does not press the legislature for needed money; rather, it establishes partnerships with donors to generate resources. Thus, ETSU provides an example of self-sufficiency for other state schools to follow.

Dr. Stanton reported that, although work on establishing equity in pay continues, all will benefit from an across-the-board bonus of \$500 each to be awarded at the end of November. Equity pay issues will receive focused attention next year.

In response to questions about the proposed Fine Arts Center, Dr. Stanton said that it will be 137,000 square feet, one third larger than the CPA. Since it will be a classroom building, its cost of \$23.7 million should be funded within the next three years. If ETSU provides 25% of the cost, the project will move up on the state's priority list. Provost Bert Bach is coordinating the plans for the building submitted by deans and faculty of the affected departments. Currently the plans include a 1200-seat theatre. Placement of the center is still being debated. Champouillon reported that no one in the Music Department has been consulted. Dr. Stanton replied that the process of making specific plans is just beginning, so all concerned should have opportunities to make suggestions. Concerning ETSU's capital campaign, Dr. Stanton explained that ETSU's fund-raising efforts have been very successful, resulting in \$224 million over ten years. ETSU has a "menu," or projects in the master plan, for givers, and has already secured \$.5 million for a soccer field and \$6.5 million for the College of Pharmacy. If we do not raise enough money to complete a project, we would go back to donors to ask if the funds may be used for another project.

About ETSU's efforts to conserve energy, Dr. Stanton pointed out that ETSU's project with Ameresco is costing \$2.7 million and will save \$750,000 in energy costs per year by more efficiently using less energy. Working with Ameresco puts us with a different group than the one Johnson City acquires Green Blocks from and makes them available through. But ETSU is using methane energy from the landfill on the VA campus.

Senator Burgess asked if changes in the organization of the College of Medicine will affect the processes of tenure and promotions appeals; that is, since COM will have its own dean like other colleges do, will the process of appeals be the same as it is for other colleges? Dr. Stanton said he would like for the process to be consistent across campus. Burgess replied that a memo ensuring consistency would be helpful.

Senator Trogen said that new florescent sensory lights installed by Ameresco cycle on and off more often than light in the old switch-managed system,

costing more through the cycling and having sometimes unwanted lights on whenever someone is present. He would like for users to have more control over lighting. Dr. Stanton agreed that users of lights should have the option of turning them on and off. He suggested faculty and staff should consult workers from the physical plant for help.

Senator Stanley asked what happens to raised funds if projects are changed; for example, what happens to the money raised for seats in the VA theatre to honor veterans if ETSU does not continue to use that theatre? Dr. Stanton replied that ETSU plans to use those funds for exactly that purpose, but opposition to ETSU's taking over the VA chapel (which ETSU does not intend to do) has made it necessary to back away from the project a bit and to consider other options. If donors do not support an alternate project, they will be offered refunds.

Senator Alsop asked about the role of administrators in the departments they are tenured in but no longer or only rarely teach in. He said that some administrators form or influence departmental policies that have little effect on them but may work to the detriment of the department as a whole or of junior faculty, who may hesitate to challenge the more powerful. Dr. Stanton said that administrators may participate fully in their departments, but any further concerns or specific problems should be addressed to Dr. Bach.

Senator Fisher pointed out that the legislature has mandated an Annual Lottery Scholarship Day, on which qualifications, testing dates, and workshops on filling out applications would be presented. Arranging such a date will require the coordination of various institutions throughout the state. Dr. Stanton replied that this new mandate presents a challenge, but ETSU will participate, though we do not yet know how or where.

Bitter thanked Dr. Stanton for answering our questions so thoroughly and for being so accessible to us.

OLD BUSINESS: Bitter asked new senators to introduce themselves. He explained that most Senate committees are full, but Elections and Bylaws, Retiree Outreach, and the Committee on Committees have room for new members. He asked that committees meet briefly after the full Senate meeting to establish memberships and elect a chair. Several senators were nominated for the at-large seats on the Executive Committee; but, because there was some confusion concerning the number of senators from each college permitted on the EC, Senator Littleton asked that the vote be tabled until the September 26, 2005, meeting. Her motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bitter announced that representatives from Dell Computers have met with ETSU administrators to propose the development of a super computer system linking ETSU with six other institutions and enhancing its research capabilities. The system would help ETSU researchers and inventors with their projects and increase faculty's and students' access to research materials, as well as help Dell develop and improve the system. Bitter said he considers the project to be a win-win one. UT-Chattanooga is the only

other Tennessee institution to be asked to participate. Dell has given UT-C the second largest server in academe; ETSU will get a still larger one. Senator Schacht asked if the Senate can ensure that the project be beneficial to ETSU and individuals here—that it not be a “Trojan horse.” Senator Daniels asked that the program’s sustainability be assured. Bitter replied that Dell insists on ETSU’s investing in maintenance projects to keep the program going. He then asked that the Research and Development Committee identify a member to meet with Dr. Michael Woodruff, Assistant Provost of Research and Sponsored Programs, to enable us to communicate our ideas and keep us informed.

ADJOURNMENT: President Bitter adjourned the meeting to committees at 3:45 pm.

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**Proposed Faculty Senate Committee Memberships
For 2005-2006**

Academic Matters

Hugh Blanton
Cher Cornett
Jason Davis
Ellen Drummond
Brent Morrow
Jerry Shuttle

Ad-hoc Committee on Financial Matters

Paul Trogen, Chair
Ed Baryla
Jim Bitter
Lee Daniels
Fred Mackara
Melissa Shafer

Committee on Committees

Lee Daniels
Bonny Stanley
Chuanfu Li

Executive Committee

Jim Bitter, President
Bonny Stanley, Past President
Fred Mackara, President-Elect (Vice President)
Kathleen Grover, Secretary
Paul Trogen, Treasurer

_____ (At-Large Member Needed)

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Faculty Concerns and Grievances

Fred Alsop
Doug Burgess
David Champouillon
David Chi
Mary Jo Davenport
Kathleen Grover
Barry "Neal" Whitten

Faculty Development and Evaluation

Chris Dula
Mary Ann Littleton
Jerry Nave
Kim Roberts
Jeffrey Roach
Melissa Shafer

Faculty Senate Elections and By-Laws

Lee Glenn
Jim Kelley
Fred Mackara

Legislative Affairs

Ed Baryla
Bill Fisher
Amy Kaplan
Diana Mozen
Stephen Patrick
Bill Stone

Research, Creative, and Scholarly Activities

Kelly Dorgan
Linda Garrett
Mira Gerard
Jerry Mullersman
Mary Myron
Steven Wallace

Retiree Outreach

_____ (Member Needed)
_____ (Member Needed)
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