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## FACULTY SENATE

Next Meeting: January 13, 1992  
3:30 P.M., FORUM

Note to Department Chairs: Please post or circulate among your  
faculty.

### AGENDA

#### FACULTY SENATE MEETING JANUARY 13, 1992

1. Approval of Minutes, December 16, 1991 meeting (enclosed).
2. New Business
  - a. Dr. Bert Bach - Budget Crisis Information and Role for the Senate.
  - b. Honors Program - Jim Odom
  - c. Other
3. Old Business
4. Announcements

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE FOR  
January 13, 1992

Bob Acuff called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm, January 13, 1992. A quorum was present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(1) Dr. Bert Bach, ETSU Interim President, *Budget Crisis Information and Role for the Senate.*** Dr. Bach was introduced by Bob Acuff, President of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Bach opened his remarks by indicating that he, as Interim President of the University, Bob Acuff as President of Faculty Senate, Nancy Garland as President of the Staff Senate, and Ken Bailey, as President of the Student Government would be addressing the faculty, staff and students in open forum Wednesday, January 15, 1992. The purpose of the Forum will be to discuss the fiscal crisis that higher education in general and that ETSU in particular finds its self. He reviewed the results of the Strategic Planning Committee and President's Council's work of developing scenarios of impact with flat (0%), 5%, 10% and 15% reductions in state funding. Since development of the scenarios, the Governor has announced his education reform and tax proposal. This includes about \$65M in new money to higher education in academic year 92/93. Assuming the money is allocated as THEA recommends, this would return about \$3.4M to ETSU in academic year 92/93.

Dr. Bach reported on his recent visits and interviews with the North East Tennessee Legislative Caucus and with area civic groups. He stressed his belief that people who are concerned about education, not only K-12, but higher education, be heard, not necessarily as employees of ETSU, but as citizens of the community. Of the five different funding scenarios presented to him (flat funding at current rate, 5%, 10%, 15% reductions from current rate, and the Governor's tax proposal), he knows which plan he prefers. He feels the Governor has made a strong commitment to the return of full formula funding within two years. This would be realized by an increase to 92% of formula funding for the 92/93 academic year, and full funding for the next year.

As the Legislature convenes, those who feel strongly against the tax proposal have already spoken first and loud. But those who speak first and loudest are not always right. We are at a point when education leaders in Tennessee are going to have to participate in the process. You as faculty see the impact . . . in class sizes, in students who are upset, in equipment procurement and maintenance, and in slashed travel. The impacts have been expressed in generic terms. The legislators need to hear from those closest to the impact. Those against the funding package have already spoken in a timely manner. Educators now need to speak. This is a significant public policy issue. If these scenarios actually take place, it will not only be a sad day for this University, but a sad day for children's education in this State.

Senators were then invited to comment or ask questions. Ferslew (Medicine) indicated concern as a taxpayer as to how Nashville was spending existing revenues. Sales taxes have increased in the past 9 years. Why should the politicians be trusted? Bach responded by reviewing the significant changes in revenues and funding since 1989 . . . the higher education system is handling a 17,000 student increase in enrollment, with a reduction in real funds. Comparative data with peer institutions indicate higher education is spending less per capital and less by functional category. The books are open . . . there is nothing to hide, the reserves are barely prudent. Smith (Nursing) clarified the question by asking how many dollars is the state bringing in, yet we have seen a decline in the dollars coming to higher education, what is the state doing with the money? Fisher (Mgt & Mrktng) indicated the money is being spent on Medicare and prisons.

LeCroy (English) commented that some are not necessarily opposed to an income tax, but are fearful that a new tax would be used for purposes other than education. Lucero (Of Mgt) asked what arguments are being raised for not initiating the Governor's program. Bach responded the concerns include problems with what kinds of taxation are required to generate the kinds of revenue needed. He used the analogy "It is not the principle of the thing, it is the money." Bach has not heard criticism of the "principle of the thing." It is in fact "the money." Education should be viewed not as a cost, but as an investment. Williams (Eng) agreed the real issue is money. What he has heard from legislators is that they don't want an income tax, other ways can be found. What is the revenue value of these alternatives such as a lottery? This can be looked upon as a red herring. A legislator can vote to support an education reform package, but not vote an income tax and pass the responsibility to a constitutional convention to pass a lottery. Bach indicated these solutions might be in place by 1995. It is now 1992. Funding cannot be reduced that long, the current fiscal situation already has deferred components to it. The return to full formula funding does not address what has already been deferred.

Bach summarized by repeating the Governor's proposal. If any one has a better proposal, then place it on the table.

**(2) Report of Prospectus for ETSU Honors Program.** Jim Odom (Hist) and Faculty Senate representative on the Ad Hoc Honors Program Committee presented the initial working prospectus for initiating an ETSU Honors Program. A full proposal is expected by January 20, 1992. LeCroy (Eng) and Alfonso (VP Academic Affairs) discussed the current favorable climate within administration, academics, and the enthusiasm of the ETSU Foundation to support this program. A search will be initiated shortly to recruit a program director for a July 1 appointment. Recruitment will be done on a national basis, admission will be competitive to include on-campus interviews. Initial expected enrollment is 20 students.

Gordon (Nursing) indicated a concern that this program was not available to older, non-traditional students. McCoy (Medicine) asked if there would still be departmental honors courses available to the "non-Foundation" sponsored students. It is expected that honors courses would be open to all who may qualify. It is also expected that the honors program will expand.

Ferslew (Medicine) asked if the director's position would be a faculty position rather than an administrative position, and if release time would be involved. It is expected that a 6 hour reduced load would be provided initially, perhaps more release time later. Johnson (Biol Sci) expressed concern about faculty requirements for providing the small honors classes, especially in biology and chemistry where class sizes are currently very large. Riser (Comp Sci) commented about the need to raise money specifically for this program. The Foundation is taking an initiative in this process and will likely have a sub-organization for the specific purpose of raising honors programs funds like the Pirate Club does for the athletics program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**(1) Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of December 13, 1991 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

**(2) Treasurer's Report.** Rebecca Nunley (Dent Hyg) presented a treasurer's report that indicates expenses through November 30, 1991. The current balance reflects a rounding up of an expense item. Balance available as of November 30, 1991 was \$5916.56.

**(3) Status of Plus/Minus Grading System.** Fisher (Mgt & Mktg) asked Alfonso (VP Academic Affairs) if the plus/minus grading system approved last year was still going to be implemented for Fall Semester, 1992. Alfonso confirmed this to be the case.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(1) Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfasts.** Fisher (Mgt & Mktg) announced the Northeast Tennessee Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfasts for the 1992 Session with times and locations. All faculty are invited.

**(2) Open forum on the topic of racism.** January 16, 1992, 7:00 pm in Culp Auditorium.

**(3) SACS and Institutional Effectiveness.** Presented by Dr. Fred Borchuck (Dir Library Admin). Ball Auditorium, January 22, 1992, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

**(4) Faculty, Staff, Student Forum on current budget crisis on Wednesday,** January 15, 1992, 3:00 pm in Culp Auditorium.

There being no further business, the Faculty Senate was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Kenneth D. James  
Secretary

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **PRESENT**

Kenneth James  
Jim Pleasant  
Bob Riser  
Scott Beck  
Mark Holland  
Dan Johnson  
Linda Lawson  
Anne LeCroy  
Jim Odom  
George Poole  
Ed Williams  
Bill Fisher  
Mary Lou Gammo  
Al Lucero  
Robert Davidson  
Terry Counterline

Bill Campbell  
Chip East  
Mary Nelson  
Marcellus Turner  
Brad Arbogast  
Bob Acuff  
Kenneth Ferslew  
Sue McCoy  
Virginia Adams  
Carol Gordon  
Beth Smith  
Creg Bishop  
Mike Gallagher  
Rebecca Nunley  
Phil Scheuerman

### **ABSENT**

Jeff Gold  
Eddie Yasin  
Chris Ayres  
Katie Dunn  
Rebecca Isbell  
Ahmad Wattad  
Eliz. Williams  
Mike Woodruff  
Sally Crawford

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SCHOOL	NAME	DEPARTMENT	TRM	PO BOX	PHONE	COMMITTEE
AS&T	Terry Countermine	Comp&Infor Sci	94	70,711	6964	FACULTY CONCERN
	Ken James	Home Economics	93	70,671	4411	*ACADEMIC MATTER
	Jim Pleasant	Comp&Infor Sci.	94	70,711	6962	RESEARCH
	Bob Riser	Comp&Infor Sci.	92	70,711	4312	*FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
A&S	Scott Beck	Sociology&Anthr	92	70,644	6648	+FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Jeff Gold	Philosophy	94	70,656	5810	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Mark Holland	English	92	70,683	926-4011	FACULTY CONCERNS
	Dan Johnson	Biological Sci	93	70,703	4359	RESEARCH
	Linda Lawson	Mathematics	94	70,663	6975	RESEARCH
	Anne LeCroy	English	92	70,683	5991	+ACADEMIC MATTER
	Jim Odom	History	94	70,672	6693	ACADEMIC MATTER
	George Poole	Mathematics	93	70,663	4349	*RESEARCH
	Ed Williams	English	93	70,683	6626	+*FACULTY ELECTION
Bus	Bill Fisher	Mgmt & Mkting	93	70,625	5304	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Mary Lou Gammo	Accountancy	93	70,710	4599	FACULTY CONCERNS
	Eddie Yasin	Mgmt & Mkting	94	70,625	5877	RESEARCH
	Al Lucero	Office Mgmt	92	70,594	6986	ACADEMIC MATTER
Dev St	Robert Davidson	DevelopmentalMth	92	70,620	6690	COMMITTEE ON COM.
Educ	Chris Ayres	Phys Educ & Rec	92	70,654	5259	ACADEMIC MATTER
	Bill Campbell	University Sch	93	70,632	4333	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Katie Dunn	Curr & Instr	92	70,684	5931	FACULTY CONCERNS
	Chip East	Phys Educ & Rec	94	70,654	5257	RESEARCH
	Rebecca Isbell	Hum Dev&Learning	93	70,548	4196	FACULTY ELECTION
	Mary Nelson	University Sch	94	70,632	4333	*COMMITTEE ON COM.
Library	Marcellus Turner	Reader Services	94	70,665	5629	FACULTY CONCERNS
Medicine	Brad Arbogast	Internal Med	92	70,622	6289	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Bob Acuff	Surgery	94	70,575	6257	
	Kenneth Ferslew	Pharmacology	93	70,577	6274	+COMMITTEE ON COM.
	Sue McCoy	Surgery	94	70,575	6264	ACADEMIC MATTER
	Ahmad Wattad	Pediatrics	92	70,578	6222	FACULTY ELECTION
	Eliz. Williams	Internal Med	93	70,622	6381	FACULTY CONCERNS
	Mike Woodruff	Anatomy	94	70,582	6244	+RESEARCH
Nursing	Virginia Adams	Family/Comm Nurs	92	70,676	6830	RESEARCH
	Sally Crawford	Adult Nursing	94	70,629	6786	FACULTY CONCERNS
	Carol Gordon	Adult Nursing	92	70,629	4388	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Beth Smith	Profess Roles	93	70,658	4336	*ACADEMIC MATTER
P&AH	Creg Bishop	Environ Health	94	70,682	4268	ACADEMIC MATTER
	Mike Gallagher	Health Sciences	94	70,673	4468	FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
	Rebecca Nunley	Dental Hygiene	93	70,690	4434	+*FACULTY CONCERNS
	Phil Scheurman	Environ Health	92	70,682	4408	RESEARCH

\* - Executive Committee  
 + - Chair of Committee

East Tennessee State University  
Faculty Senate  
Johnson City, Tennessee 37614-0002

TO: All Faculty Senate Members  
FROM: Dr. Robert Acuff, President-Elect, Faculty Senate  
SUBJECT: REVISED SCHEDULED MEETINGS  
DATE: August 26, 1991

Meetings follow:

DATES	PLACE
August 26, 1991	Ball Hall - Auditorium
September 9, 1991	Tennessee Room
September 23, 1991	Tennessee Room
October 7, 1991	Forum
October 21, 1991	Forum
November 4, 1991	Forum
November 18, 1991	Forum
December 2, 1991	Forum
December 16, 1991	Forum
*January 13, 1992	Forum
*January 27, 1992	Forum
February 3, 1992	Forum
February 17, 1992	Forum
March 2, 1992	Forum
March 16, 1992	Forum
March 30, 1992	Forum
April 6, 1992	Forum
April 20, 1992	Forum
May 4, 1992	Forum
May 18, 1992	Forum
June 1, 1992	Forum
June 15, 1992	Forum
July 6, 1992	Forum
July 20, 1992	Forum
August 3, 1992	Forum
August 17, 1992	Forum

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If you have any questions feel free to contact me at  
929-6256, Department of Surgery, Box 19,750A.

Thank you.

RVA:nct