

## FACULTY SENATE

There will be a meeting of the Faculty Senate on Tuesday, February 18, 1969, at 4:00 p.m. in New Austin 132.

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of the Minutes.
3. Special Order of the Day.
  - A. Announcement of a special committee to investigate cheating on campus
  - B. Selection by the Senate of an advisor for the SGA
4. Unfinished Business.
  - A. 300G course recommendation
  - B. Discussion of the student course guide publication
5. Reports of Committees.
  - A. Agenda Committee (Recommended procedures to be followed for proposals which should be referred to a committee.)
  - B. Faculty Club Committee Progress Report.
  - C. Curriculum Committee Report (See attached)
  - D. Admissions Committee Report (See attached)
  - E. Faculty Welfare Committee Report (See attached)
6. Other New Business.
  - A. Referrals from the Administrative Council
    - a. Elimination of double cuts before holidays
    - b. Study day before examinations begin
    - c. Permission for students to take courses outside major or minor in which the grade would be pass or fail
    - d. Unlimited cut system

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The following course was approved by the University Curriculum Committee, January 14, 1969. It was inadvertently left off the list distributed to the faculty after the meeting on the above date.

German 218 - Survey of German Literature From Enlightenment to Naturalism (5)

Prerequisites: German 4 or equivalent

Catalogue Description: General examination of the works of important authors from enlightenment (ca. 1700) to naturalism (ca. 1870) with emphasis on literary movements during this time.

## ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

### Part I

On November 4, 1968, the Admissions Committee agreed that the following statement on appeals should be placed in the college catalogue and become official policy.

"Students who fall below minimum requirements to continue at East Carolina University and who wish to appeal to the Admissions Committee must present their appeals in writing no later than ten days prior to registration day. Such students who have attended the Second Session of Summer School in order to qualify for the Fall Quarter should present their appeals no later than five days prior to registration.

Generally, in the past the Admissions Committee has not considered appeals from students in the following categories:

1. Those who after three quarters of college residence are down ten or more quality points.
2. Those who after six quarters of residence are down fifteen or more quality points.
3. Those who after nine or twelve quarters of residence are down twenty or more."

### Part II

#### PROPOSAL FOR THE ADMISSION OF MARGINAL STUDENTS

Each year thousands of North Carolina high school graduates either fail to apply for admissions to or are turned down for admission to our various colleges and universities. As a consequence of these circumstances, in 1965, North Carolina had only 37.3% of its high school students attending institutions of higher learning (28% in senior colleges and 9.3% in junior colleges); in this category North Carolina ranks 45th in the nation. East Carolina University has attempted to do its part in remedying the situation by admitting a group of marginal applicants for one of its two summer sessions. Considering the conditions under which these students enter and work it is unrealistic to expect or predict success.

This proposal is a plan for admitting the students that in the past have been classified as "Summer-School-Only" students to East Carolina University for a one-year period under conditions which would be more conducive to success in academic achievement and/or adjustment. The program would consist of intensive academic counseling and advisement by counselors and specially selected instructors, a special program of study skills and study-type reading instruction by the staff of the Counseling Center, and readily available tutoring by qualified undergraduate or graduate students who will "live in" with the participating marginal students.

Research on a similar program administered by the proposed director of this program (Dr. George Weigand) showed that 30% of marginal admittees graduated as opposed to 40% of regularly admitted students. Research on the program cited also indicated that marginal students need special

attention in four areas: (1) selection of appropriate goals (motivation); (2) effective-study skills; (3) language skills (i.e. background in reading and communicating effectively); and (4) quantitative skills (i.e. background in quantitative concepts as taught in mathematics). The proposed program will emphasize these areas.

Students admitted to this program will be admitted for one year and will pursue regular courses with regularly admitted students but will take a reduced quarter-hour load. At the end of one year any student who has successfully completed 30 quarter hours and who has a GPA of at least 2.0 will be admitted to regular status. Students not meeting these standards will not be allowed to return to East Carolina University but rather than be "simply dropped" will be counseled regarding alternatives available. In addition to these provisions an incentive program will be included for earlier release of superior students from "trial status" and admissions to regular status.

## FACULTY WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

At the meeting of the Faculty Welfare Committee held on Wednesday, February 5, 1969, representatives of Home Security Life Insurance Company informed us that the ECU Group Life Insurance Program is not gaining the broad participation among the faculty needed to make the plan actuarially sound. This situation could conceivably endanger the continuance of this excellent program or at least necessitate an increase in premiums. It was also pointed out that the greater the participation among those eligible, the greater the possibility of eventually increased benefits to those enrolled.

After much discussion of the problem, the Faculty Welfare Committee recommends that this University adopt the plan used by other educational institutions, including the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State University--automatic annual enrollment of new faculty members, allowing individuals the opportunity, within a specified period, to elect not to participate. Difficulties have been experienced under the present system: although life insurance is offered to the group as a whole, enrollment must be achieved on a pretty much individual basis. The present size and projected growth of our faculty make this approach increasingly impracticable.

Therefore, the Faculty Welfare Committee has voted unanimously to recommend to the Faculty Senate that the present program of group life insurance be amended as follows:

All new Faculty are to be automatically enrolled in the group life plan, with such insurance to become effective on the first day of the calendar month following the month that the faculty member reports for duty. Any new faculty member who does not desire such coverage may indicate his election not to participate in writing prior to the effective date of coverage.