

1972-73 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
DELEGATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY

During the academic year 1972-73, the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina met on five occasions at which the Faculty Assembly representatives of East Carolina University, William Grossnickle, James McDaniel, Robert Woodside and Henry Ferrell were in attendance or represented by their alternates. The full minutes of each meeting are available in the Faculty Senate Office.

On December 2, 1972, the organizational meeting was held and President William C. Friday invited the Faculty Assembly "to play an active role in the processes of the University." Vice President Raymond Dawson invited Faculty Assembly participation in the drafting of Chapter Six of the University Code, treating academic freedom and due process. Committees to draft an Assembly proposal dealing with Chapter Six and to draft bylaws for the Assembly were formed; East Carolina University was represented on the Code Committee by Woodside and on the Bylaw Committee by Ferrell. The second meeting was held January 5 and 6, 1973 in Chapel Hill. The two committees met on the afternoon of the 5th and the Assembly convened the morning of the 6th. Henry Cooke of North Carolina State was selected Chairman Pro Tem. There ensued a heavy and spirited debate on the nature of academic freedom and due process, preparatory to drafting a statement for the Board of Governors. President Friday invited the pro tem officers to visit with the Code Committee of the Board of Governors. Alternate Assembly Delegate Carl Adler replaced Henry Ferrell in the January 6 session.

The third meeting occurred on January 27, 1973, and discussion centered on the statement of January 6 that the Code Committee return to the Assembly for greater explication. The East Carolina University delegation submitted an alternate proposed tenure statement, parts of which the Faculty Assembly adopted. The East Carolina University delegation introduced a considerable number of main motions and amendments designed to broaden the concept of tenure and academic freedom. The fourth meeting on February 23, 1973 centered upon the debate on bylaws of the Faculty Assembly. The East Carolina University delegation attempted to make the Faculty Assembly a purely faculty body, but was not successful. The bylaws allow any person holding faculty appointment to serve,--chairmen, deans, vice-chancellors or even chancellors. The East Carolina University delegation also attempted without much success to limit the power and prerogatives of the Executive Committee.

The members at the final meeting, April 27, 28, 1973 elected permanent officers: Chairman, Henry Cooke of N. C. State; Vice Chairman, Marilyn Jody of W.C.U.; and Secretary, Vernon Clark of N.C.C.U. In addition, a Committee on Committees was elected. This committee met Friday evening (April 27) and voted to propose to the Assembly the establishment of six standing committees; the committee also sought to draft charges for each of these committees. The Assembly met on the morning of April 28 and adopted the proposals of the Committee on Committees and made assignments to the various committees. (East Carolina University delegation obtained positions on the Executive Committee, James McDaniel, member; Committee on Committees, Robert Woodside, member; Governance, Woodside, member; Faculty Welfare, Henry Ferrell, member; Research and Public Service, McDaniel, Chairman; University Community, William Grossnickle, member.) Meetings for the Academic year 1973-74 were determined: October 5,6; December 7, 8; February 22, 23; April 26, 27. All meetings were scheduled at the General Administration Building, Chapel Hill. The East Carolina University delegation questioned the continued presence of administrators in the Faculty Assembly; inquired as to what occurs when an appeal goes to the Board of Trustees and the Board refuses to answer? Vice President Dawson said that the "individual can go directly to the President of the University system through the local Chancellor." The



question was raised about the lack of faculty governance on many campuses. Alternates Vila Rosenfeld represented James McDaniel and R. B. Keusch replaced Henry Ferrell for this meeting. Since the last meeting of the Faculty Assembly, Henry Ferrell has been appointed Parliamentarian of the Assembly.

In summary, the East Carolina University delegation has observed the following conditions during the past year of operations of the Faculty Assembly:

1. The tendency is for the Assembly to be a joint Administrative/Faculty body, owing to a majority of the members' refusal to define a faculty person. Further, the delegates with administrative backgrounds have often been able to convince the Assembly that it should not go on record as supporting any proposal to change the "status quo".
2. The absence of faculty governance mechanisms on several campuses result in the selection rather than the election of delegates and a hesitancy to specify the rights and responsibilities of faculty persons on the sixteen campuses.
3. Voting patterns indicate informal coalitions exist between UNC-CH and the smaller institutions of the system. (See Appendix)
4. The failure to integrate the Faculty Assembly's recommendations into the University statement on academic freedom and due process indicates the present weak advisory nature of the Faculty Assembly.
5. The future of the Faculty Assembly seems to depend upon:
  - (A) President Friday's willingness to present significant faculty problems for solution by the Faculty Assembly.
  - (B) The Faculty Assembly's willingness to take their charge seriously.
  - (C) President Friday's willingness to act on the recommendations of the Assembly.
6. The East Carolina University delegation observed some inclination of the other delegations, as the year passed, to accept East Carolina University delegates' points of view with increased trust and confidence. This was true, especially in the areas of faculty governance.

Respectfully submitted,

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