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Dr. Philip J. Adler
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Dear Dr. Adler:

I would like to follow up my remarks to the Faculty Senate on March 22 and respond to the resolution you forwarded to me regarding the Chancellor Selection Committee.

As I stated to the Senate, the committee will include five members of the faculty, of which three will be directly nominated by the Senate. The remaining two will be appointed from at-large nominations by the faculty. To complete the appointments, five will come from the Board of Trustees, the Alumni President and one at-large member from the alumni, plus the President of the Student Government Association.

The resolution included in the minutes of the Senate's March 22 meeting referenced the procedure used by N. C. State University in forming the Selection Committee for that institution. From my inquiry, I have learned that the process established for ECU, as outlined in my March 22 remarks to the Senate, is analogous to that followed by N. C. State -- three of the five faculty members being chosen from nominations made by the Senate. However, at N. C. State the remaining two faculty positions were filled by one appointment each by the Chancellor and the chairman of the Selection Committee.

I can appreciate the position of the Senate in desiring to nominate all five faculty positions. However, it is my belief that an opportunity should be provided each individual faculty member and the various organizations within the faculty to make nominations and recommendations. I am confident that the three submitted by the Senate and the at-large nominees will all be outstanding members of our faculty.

As I departed Mendenhall after my remarks on March 22, a member of the Senate brought up the question of whether the chairman would be automatically appointed to the Selection Committee. Again, according to my information, the chairman of the Faculty Senate at N. C. State was one of the three nominees made by the Senate. As I envision the procedure I have outlined for East Carolina University, the chairman will need to be nominated by the Senate if he is to serve on the committee. The committee

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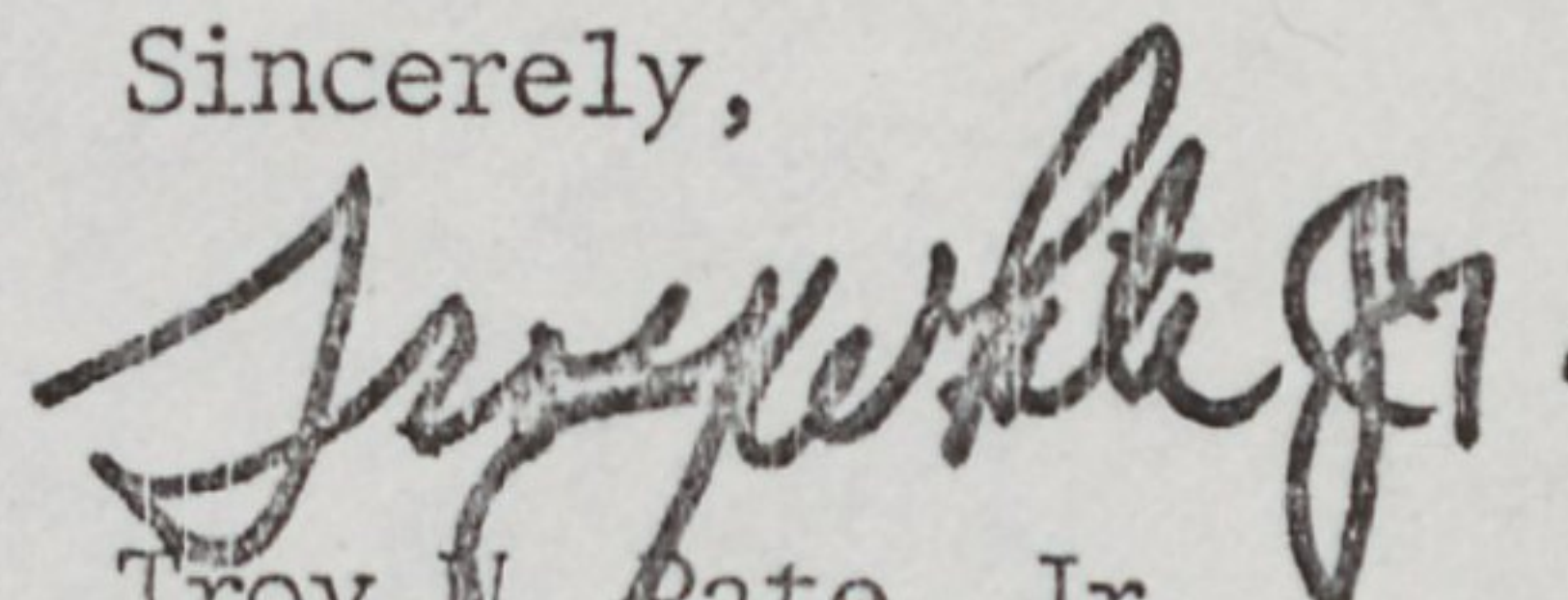
members receiving direct appointments include the Presidents of the Student Government Association and the Alumni Association.

In making nominations I would be most appreciative if the Senate would give consideration to the need for the committee to include faculty representation from the major academic areas within the university. Faculty expertise in the Arts and Sciences, the Professional Schools and the Division of Health Affairs will greatly enhance the over-all strength of the committee.

I am hopeful that the committee can be fully formed in May. Thus, it would be helpful if the Senate nominees could be forwarded to me by May 10. In submitting nominations, please include curricula vitae and other summary information which outline the qualifications of the three faculty members nominated by the Senate.

In closing, please convey my appreciation to the Senate. It was a privilege for me to address the group on March 22. I look forward to working together on important matters facing the university.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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