

RESOLUTION OF FACULTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Committee on University Governance of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina adopted on January 8, 1982, the following policy: "With respect to any employee elected or appointed to membership in the General Assembly, the full period of office-holding shall be deemed to be a 'public office requiring full-time services,' and the Committee accordingly will not approve a request for a leave of absence without pay of less than the full period of General Assembly membership (i.e., usually two years), as an alternative to the requirement that the employee resign from University employment;" and

WHEREAS, membership in the North Carolina General Assembly is a part-time position paying about \$7,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly traditionally is in session from January through July on odd numbered years and during June and July on even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina public school, community college, and technical institute teachers who serve in the General Assembly are required to take leaves of absence only during the periods for which the General Assembly is in session; and

WHEREAS, few if any faculty of the sixteen institutions of the University of North Carolina are sufficiently solvent to take a two-year leave without pay, the above policy of the Governance Committee effectively prevents the faculty members from exercising their privilege as citizens of North Carolina to stand for membership in the North Carolina General Assembly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the East Carolina University Faculty Senate requests President Friday to urge the Governance Committee of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to rescind the above policy of January 8, 1982, and that University of North Carolina faculty who serve in the General Assembly be required to take a leave of absence without pay only during the time that the General Assembly is in session.