

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
March 18, 1986

The seventh regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for academic year 1985/86 was held on Tuesday, March 18, 1986 at 2:10 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244 with Chair, Ken Wilson presiding.

Members absent were: Atkeson (History), Bredderman (Health Sciences Library), Cain (HPERS), Dudek (Medicine), Keeter (Technology), Thomas (Allied Health), Yarbrough (Political Science), and ex-officio Chancellor John Howell. Alternates present were Everett for Lee (Nursing), Evans for Morrison (Chemistry), and Jones for South (English).

Agenda Item II: Approval of Minutes

Ferrell requested that the word "his" be added to the wording of his recommendation under Agenda Item III.D. It would then read "a William C. Friday Scholarship be established for his outstanding public service".

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Agenda Item III A: Announcements

1. The following Senate Resolutions have been approved by Chancellor Howell.

- 86-1 Meeting Schedules for Senate and Senate Agenda Committee for 1986/87 Academic Year
- 86-2 Rescheduling of Fall Break 1986 to October 27 and 28
- 86-3 Charge to Faculty Assembly representatives to establish a William C. Friday Scholarship
- 86-4 Faculty Governance Amended Motion on Committee Membership
- 86-5 Charge to Calendar Committee for Revision of the proposed 1988/89 Calendars
- 86-6 Curriculum Committee Report

2. The Nominating Committee for Senate Officers will meet shortly and solicits faculty suggestions for Senate Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) for the 1986/87 Academic Year. Suggestions may be sent to the Committee addressed:

Doug McMillan, Chair
Nominating Committee for Senate Officers
Department of English
Austin

3. Dr. Leo E. Zonn has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Geography and Planning.

Dr. Carl Adler has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Physics.

4. We have recently received notice that the Board of Governors is concerned that faculty are not aware of the policy concerning engagement in political activities. The Board policy states that if an employee becomes a candidate for a full-time political office, that employee is deemed to have resigned his University employment as of the date of announcement of the candidacy. However, prior to announcing his candidacy, the employee may seek to avoid the resignation requirement by petitioning the Board of Governors for a determination either that the resignation is not necessary under the particular circumstances or that a leave of absence might suffice to address whatever concerns may obtain. The petition must be submitted to and considered by the Board before the employee becomes a candidate, which typically is accomplished by officially filing with the relevant board of elections.
5. Robert M. Diamond, Ph.D., sponsored by the Teaching Effectiveness Committee, Academic Library Services (Joyner Library) and School of Education, will make two presentations on March 24 and 25, 1986 on Course and Curriculum Design, Implementation, and Evaluation.
6. The Chair called on James Joyce to make an announcement. Joyce explained that his announcement was at the request of the Agenda Committee which believed that clarification of the overruled parliamentary ruling at the last Senate meeting was in order.

The issue concerned a change in bylaws which according to the Faculty Senate Constitution requires prior notice of the intended change. Amendments to proposed bylaw changes can be made only under certain conditions, under Robert's Rules of Order. Joyce read from Robert's Rules of Order Revised, William Marlowe & Co., Inc., New York, 1971 pp. 272-3. This was the basis for Joyce's advice to the Chair. The Agenda Committee did not request any further action.

C. Adler spoke regarding the history of the issue. Two years ago he asked for a ruling on whether faculty on fixed-term, non-tenure track appointments could participate on Faculty Senate Committees. The Faculty Governance Committee then brought their report which H. Ferrell moved to amend. In spite of the amendment, Adler noted that he read the amended bylaw as not precluding the service of non-tenure track faculty from committees. He read the parenthesis as not excluding other categories of rank. In support of his interpretation he read from the 1978 AAUP report on Full Time Non Tenure Track Appointments p. 270, footnote 2. (See attachment to Report of Faculty Affairs Committee, January 23, 1984.) Ferrell replied that Adler was misreading the parenthesis which is a definition of professorial rank and does eliminate fixed-term appointments from that definition.

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see footnote
in agenda
April 22,
1986*

Agenda Item III B: Approval of Graduation List

Kledaras moved approval of the graduation list. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item III C: Discussion of Dowdy Challenge

Cynthia Kittrell, Annual Giving Director, explained the background of Dowdy's donation of a challenge gift of \$100,000 for academic use. Dowdy, a 1966 graduate, offered to match up to \$100,000, every dollar newly pledged or representing an increase over a previous pledge. The alumni and friends have pledged \$90,748 additional dollars. Many increased their giving or became new donors because of the challenge. There have also been further \$100,000 gifts from other individuals (Sidney Mason, Don Langston, Sam Wornom and Gene Horne). The pool of prospective donors has been expanded to parents of students and letters requesting pledges will also be sent to faculty. The reputation of E.C.U. is growing and its image improving partially through this kind of monetary giving.

Agenda Item III D: Information on Bell Tower

Kirk Shelley, President of the Senior Class, also spoke to improving the University's image by erecting a bell tower, or more correctly, a clock tower in the Wright circle area on the mall.

Designs were submitted in a contest and the winning design distributed to Senators. A modification has been proposed to top it with a cupola of the same type once on top of Old Austin. There would be no need to kill trees and would be no bells to disturb classes. This project of the Senior Class would not be completed for approximately five years.

Item IV: Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Item V: Report of Committees

A. Curriculum Committee

Bill Grossnickle presented the report (See Agenda of March 18). He clarified item 3 and its effective date, stating that only 3 (b) would be delayed, but 3 (a) and (c) would go into effect with the new catalogue. The reason for this was that 3 (b) affected many degree programs and would require several changes.

Eugene Ryan moved to separate point 3 from 1 and 2 on the grounds that General Education requirements should be considered apart from curriculum changes. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Without objection points 1 and 2 passed unanimously on a voice vote. (Resolution #86-8)

Grossnickle explained that point 3 (a) was almost just editorial. All but one Science Degree program already require that the General Education Science requirements be met outside the major field. The one exception is the BA in Physics. Technically, a student could claim that his physics courses could count for general education. C. Adler clarified that although in the past no student has done so, and although there are presently no declared majors working towards a BA in Physics, the change is still necessary and he supports it.

Questions were raised on part 3 (b) and especially regarding why 13 hours should be reduced to 12 in Social Sciences. Grossnickle explained that the present 13 hours was the result of the conversion from 20 quarter hours. Schellenberger asked if PSYC 1050 would become 3 hours. The Senator from Psychology, M. Ironsmith, replied that the department is studying the problem which is complex and convoluted.

Eugene Ryan moved to separate the three items under 3. It was seconded and passed.

Mayberry moved that Item 3 (a) be accepted. It was passed unanimously. (Resolution #86-9)

Eugene Ryan moved that Item 3 (b) be postponed at least to the April meeting. Kledaras seconded. During discussion Ryan noted that this is a complex issue that requires study. Grossnickle explained that the recommendation to reduce the Social Science general education requirements to 12 had originated in the General College Committee. Ferrell noted that most changes in General Education requirements are preceded by open hearings. In a historic moment Carl Adler agreed with Henry Ferrell. Ferrell moved that the motion be amended "to provide for open hearings so that those involved have a chance to make comments to the appropriate authorities". Ryan accepted that as a friendly addition to his motion and the main motion to delay item 3 (b) passed unanimously. (Reso. #86-10)

Discussion ensued on item 3 (c). In response to a question on the reason for the change and its affect on Theater Arts, Rees explained that the effect would benefit the department. Broadcasting courses are being overloaded with general education students who have no real interest in pursuing a career in broadcasting. He clarified that SPCH 2001, 2002, 2080 and 3004 will still qualify for General Education credit. Only those with the BCST prefix are affected.

Gooding questioned the wording and asked if broadcasting were not a fine art, what was it? He moved that the wording be changed to read "that broadcasting courses not be used to satisfy general education requirements". This was accepted as an editorial change.

The question on Item 3 (c) was called and without objection the motion passed as editorially changed. (Resolution #86-11)

Stella Daugherty moved an amendment that all these changes under item 3 become effective the day after graduation in the Summer of 1988. It was seconded and passed. (Resolution #86-12)

Agenda Item V B: Athletic Committee

Ernest Schwarz, Chair of the Athletic Committee referred to the report on the Senator's desks (See Senator for Copy) which outlines freshman athletic eligibility requirements. He clarified that these are not entrance to the University requirements. A freshman athlete who does not meet eligibility requirements may be admitted to the University. Eligibility his sophomore year will be determined by satisfactory progress toward a degree. This includes a 24 hour per year rule or 12 hours per semester. In the fifth semester an athlete must declare a major and be making satisfactory progress in the major. The Chair of the Athletic Committee must sign for the 24 hour rule and the fifth semester rule. Ferrell asked if exceptions are made. Schwarz replied that only the Chancellor can make exceptions.

Ellis asked if the present football recruits meet these requirements. Schwarz replied that they do.

Vice Chancellor Volpe clarified that Pam Penland advises athletes and to aid the process requests progress reports from the faculty. The response has not been good from the faculty and he solicits more help from the faculty on this.

Ellis asked if the Athletic Committee had been consulted on the decision not to fund the Lady Pirates' invitation to participate in the National Invitational Tournament. Schwarz replied that they were not consulted and that such matters are not a part of the Committee's charge. The Committee is advisory to the Chancellor.

Ferrell suggested that it might be wiser to have athletic advisors under academic committees. Vice Chancellor Volpe noted that there are plans being made by the Board of Trustees Athletic Committee and that Ferrell's suggestion is one of that Committee's recommendations.

Agenda Item V C: Parking and Traffic Committee

Robert Fulghum explained that his report was in response to a letter sent to the Chair of the Faculty and the Agenda Committee from several members of the faculty of the School of Music.

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of April 22,
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Fulghum explained that the Parking and Traffic Committee is purely advisory and can only make recommendations to the Chancellor. The Office of the Chancellor makes the policy and Joe Calder is charged with administering the policy. There is also a Parking and Traffic Sub-committee of the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees.

At the February meeting the University Committee was told of plans to build a 400 car lot west of College Hill Drive. That plan has since been withdrawn.

These issues were being studied:

1. Is there objective proof of a problem
2. Is the problem getting worse and
3. Does it vary by locality?

Fulghum explained that parking lots are being built on the west part of campus. As property becomes available it is being purchased for parking and in the future some lots will be built off Fifth Street.

The School of Music had requested that student spaces be reassigned and given to faculty. Traditionally spaces are not reassigned unless alternative spaces are found. The 400 car lot would have been student spaces to free spots on campus for faculty.

The Committee had studied the feasibility of moving state owned vehicles off campus, but had received vehement objecting letters from normally mild-mannered individuals.

Other solutions being studied were smaller spaces for smaller cars, and/or perimeter parking lots with shuttle buses. The latter solution was begun but discontinued for lack of use.

The discussion that followed was far reaching and raised many problems. The new classroom building will aggravate the situation because there was no room for the large parking garage recommended in the plans.

Parking for theater events in McGinnis has been a problem especially for older patrons who cannot walk the distances necessary. After Wright renovations are complete there may be simultaneous events in McGinnis and Wright which will exacerbate an already serious problem. It was suggested that students may be recruited to park cars for people attending performances.

B. Chauncey noted that the gist of the Committee Report is that there are no solutions. This has been true of other Parking and Traffic Committee Reports and it was for that reason that the faculty of the School of Music appealed directly to the Senate. They made a concrete recommendation for just one area to relieve one problem. They had not asked for an overall solution. Their concrete recommendation had been rejected so as not to ire the students whose traditional parking spaces were not be touched. She suggested that the tradition should perhaps be changed in order not to ire the faculty.

Several faculty pointed out the dangers and traffic hazards caused by the practice of students queuing in line for parking spots. This is especially dangerous for children in the nursery school.

A solution to move commuter students to the west end of campus is no longer feasible because the Mendenhall area lots are also full and often have no spaces during the day. Faculty on the east end often have to park there.

Rees pointed out that space between the Library and the Infirmary are designated medical doctors and there are more places than Infirmary Doctors. The Infirmary staff use those spaces but faculty are ticketed. Vice Chancellor Laupus explained that the School of Medicine was not involved in that decision.

Watson asked how much parking sticker distribution had increased. Since 1981 there had been roughly 4,000 more parking stickers sold.

Ferrell asked how many spaces are taken by state cars. There are 200 spaces assigned them. He moved that the Faculty Senate urge the Chancellor to find off-campus parking for state cars. It was seconded. C. Adler and Ed Ryan spoke against the motion noting that state cars such as the Biology van need to be parked close to the buildings. Ferrell withdrew his motion but expressed frustration that the parking situation is worsening and that when he teaches his students that rational people can find solutions, he is being contradicted by the parking situation.

N. Mayberry spoke to a challenge issued to Mr. Calder at last year's Senate. She clarified the fact that the challenge was the result of Mr. Calder's claim that it was only a 7 minute walk from the west parking lot to eastern classroom buildings. At no time did N. Mayberry offer to race Mr. Calder. Her challenge was for Mr. Calder to walk the distance in high-heeled shoes, with an armload of books, in the pouring rain. If he could do it in 7 minutes she would gladly concede defeat.

A solution would be to pave the walks behind Joyner Library.

Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Elmer Meyer reported that he has requested that a task force be appointed to develop a long range parking plan. Many alternatives need to be examined, especially how to fund the necessary 6-7 million dollars necessary for a parking deck.

E. Chestang, noting that further discussion of the issue would be pointless, moved adjournment. It was seconded and the Senate adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mayberry
Faculty Senate Secretary

Sharon Bland
Faculty Senate Office Secretary

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Resolutions Approved by the Senate:

- 86- 8 Curriculum Committee Report of February 27, 1986, Approval of Sections 1 and 2
- 86- 9 Curriculum Committee Report of February 27, 1986, Approval of Section 3 (a)
- 86-10 Curriculum Committee Report of February 27, 1986, Delay of Section 3 (b) to provide for open hearings so that those involved have a chance to make comments to the appropriate authorities
- 86-11 Curriculum Committee Report of February 27, 1986, Approval of Section 3 (c) as editorially changed to read "that broadcasting courses not be used to satisfy general education requirements"
- 86-12 Amendment to Curriculum Committee Report of February 27, 1986, Sections 3 (a), (b), and (c) to become effective the day after graduation in the Summer of 1988.