

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

The first regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for the academic year 1987/88 was held on Tuesday, September 15, 1987, in Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244. All members were present.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Chair Conner Atkeson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes of April 14 and 15, 1987

The minutes of the April 14, 1987, meeting were declared approved with the following editorial correction: The statement on page 3, Agenda item V.A., third paragraph, last sentence, should read: "Vice Chancellor Volpe said last year's minority enrollment was 11.4% overall".

The minutes of the April 15, 1987, meeting were declared approved as distributed.

Agenda Item IIIB. Special Order of the Day

Announcements

1. The Chair of the Faculty received a telephone call this past Friday from Professor Honeycutt, Chair of the NCSU faculty. He wished to reassure the ECU faculty that there has been no lessening of the spirit of collegiality between our faculties as a result of the unfortunate incident at the STATE-ECU game. He further stated that if there were any way in which he and the faculty of NCSU could be of assistance that we should make it known. He was assured that the ECU faculty would, and on that note the conversation ended.
2. The Chair of the Faculty will hold office hours in Brewster A-218 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00-11:00 a.m. and in Rawl Annex 140 on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please dial extension 6122 for both locations.
3. The following Senate Resolutions were approved by Chancellor Eakin May 4, 1987: #87-8, Approval of Graduation List; #87-9, Curriculum Committee Report (February 12 & 26, 1987); #87-10, Appreciation to Dr. Angelo Volpe; #87-11 Curriculum Committee Report (March 26, 1987); #87-12, Writing Across the Curriculum Proposal; #87-13, Teaching Effectiveness Videotaping Services
4. Applications for Teachers' Liability Insurance are available in the Senate Office, If interested, please call Sharon at 6537.
5. The 1987 General Assembly made several changes which will affect all travel reimbursements for University employees. The major change is that a receipt for lodging for a commercial lodging establishment must accompany travel reimbursement request, effective after August 31, 1987. Further details may be obtained from departmental offices, Mary Elks or Dan Bishop.
6. Faculty Research Shuttle Service to NCSU, UNC-CH, and Duke will be continued for 1987/88. To inquire about the schedule or utilize the service, please call the Continuing Education Office (Ext. 6143).
7. The Center for Applied Technology is reporting to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The Center's goal is to make its services available to all faculty. To learn how CAT may benefit you, please contact Dr. Jerry Tester, Director of the Center.

Announcements, Continued

8. Stella Daugherty, George Evans, Don Spence, and Robert Woodside served as tellers.
9. The following committee appointments have been made since the Committee Rosters were mailed to all faculty. You may wish to add the following to your rosters: Rep. of Chancellor to Educational Policies and Planning Committee, Bill Bloodworth; Faculty Affairs Committee, James L. Smith (Philosophy), term expiring 1989; Rep. of Chair of Faculty to Faculty Welfare, Prem Sehgal, Biology; Rep. of Dean of School of Medicine to Libraries Committee, Robert Crouse.
10. The Chair also introduced the secretary of the Faculty Senate Office, Mrs. Sharon Bland, who is available to the faculty during normal working hours (6537). Dr. Henry Ferrell, Dept. of History, was introduced as Parliamentarian for the Senate. Dr. Ferrell will be available for parliamentary consultation regarding other University matters.

Agenda Item III.C. Richard Eakin, Chancellor

Before recognizing Chancellor Eakin, the Chair recognized Vice Chancellors Bloodworth and Laupus who offered the following remarks.

Bill Bloodworth, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, began his remarks with three announcements:

In regard to strategic planning, he has appointed a search committee for the position of University Planner and Director of Institutional Research. Members of that committee are Richard Edwards, Exec. Asst. to the Chancellor; Emily Boyce, Library and Information Studies; Helen Grove, Home Economics; Robert Schellenberger, Business; Henry Ferrell, History; and Dianna Morris, Office of Academic Affairs.

Concerning the evaluation process begun this semester, Vice Chancellor Bloodworth would like, in addition to the usual submission, a statement on student accomplishments, a section on recommendation for improvements within the unit, and a brief statement by the unit administrator addressing any recommendations in the report. In spite of this, Dr. Bloodworth asked that the reports be short.

Dr. Bloodworth reported that he has begun meetings with the ad-hoc Committee on Minorities. Members of the committee include Carl Adler, Physics; Donald Ensley, Allied Health; Eugene Owens, Admissions Office; Jasper Register, Sociology and Anthropology; Gay Wilentz, English; and Leo Zonn, Geography & Planning. *Correction To Minutes: Debbie Owens, Theatre Arts*

Jacqueline Hawkins, Medicine

Next, Vice Chancellor Bloodworth restated his interest in improving undergraduate education at East Carolina University, noting that such improvement is receiving national attention, that he is funding travel for two members of the Teaching Effectiveness Committee to a national meeting on teacher effectiveness, and that he realized that quality in undergraduate education is related to the quality of faculty and that he would be taking this into account for tenure, reappointment, and promotion recommendations.

The Chair then recognized Vice Chancellor Laupus who made the following remarks:

Dr. Laupus, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, stated his desire to bring the faculty up to date on matters concerning the School of Medicine. He made the following points:

He expressed pleasure in the return of Dr. Walter Pories to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Pories has served extremely well in the past.

Vice Chancellor Laupus, Continued

The School of Medicine has been in existence since 1975 and has now admitted 11 classes and graduated 7 classes. A total of 275 MD degrees have been awarded. The school admits 72 students per class at present (up from 28 students per class in 1975). He expressed his pleasure in the PhD programs, mentioning that the sixth program (Pathology) was approved this past year and already has one student. There are 39 students in PhD programs. The School of Medicine does not aspire to have large PhD programs, but rather programs designed for select candidates. The school has now awarded 8 PhD degrees to students who have now gone on to very good post-doctoral appointments.

Space has become a problem. It was hoped after the move to the Brody Building in 1982 that the space would be adequate for 10 years, the School of Medicine has found it not adequate after only five years. The school is leasing space in the BB&T building and in other buildings. They have received permission from the State Legislature to place a third floor over the Health Sciences Library which will be used for offices for the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics. The patient referral load has increased substantially and the Family Practice Clinic and other clinics are handling 250,000 patient visits per year, far in excess of the designed load. The School of Medicine needs to identify new space for patient care. In the past, it has not been in a position to offer much in the way of medical programs for faculty and other state workers. This they hope to improve and offer more services in the future.

Dr. Laupus expressed his pride in the progress that has been made and hopes the faculty share that pride.

The Chair then recognized Dr. Eakin.

Chancellor Eakin began by referring to the recent unfortunate incident at the ECU - NC State football game. He argued and argues for a balanced, reasoned response. He had hoped for a more deliberate response to the incident by NC State, but he accepts its right to make the decision it made. We have all taken quite a beating and he rejects many of the things that have been said. Football is important but so are many other issues at ECU and he hopes that everyone will keep things in perspective. He argued for us to now focus on solutions.

It has been a busy and productive year so far with some 14,882 students putting our systems to the test. He thanked everyone for their sometimes heroic efforts to accommodate the students.

The Chancellor expressed his appreciation and good fortune to have Bill Bloodworth serving as Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

In regard to planning, he is meeting with a group of faculty to examine the mission statement for East Carolina University. We need to be sure of that statement before we begin the planning process.

Dr. Eakin also plans to meet with a group of faculty to begin the process of application for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at ECU. Any university that values its undergraduate program should want to make this effort.

Concerning the search for the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs position, the Chancellor stated that this would be a national search. He envisions all such searches will be national -- not because there are none locally qualified for the position, but because a local candidate so selected would have the confidence that he or she has been selected from a national pool of candidates. He asked the Senate to nominate 5 to 7 candidates for the search committee. Of these he will select 3 and then add 2 of his own choosing to form the committee.

Chancellor Eakin, Continued

Dr. Eakin stated that undergraduate programs are mainly what we are about, that he values our undergraduate programs, and that he is committed to their improvement. He feels that his commitment also to strive for PhD programs is not incompatible with these goals.

There is a need to examine the budget allocation process. We need an open-budget process and one with a number of options at different funding levels. This process should take place over several weeks rather than over a day or two.

The Chancellor then took questions:

Senator Sexauer (Art): Since the Academic Affairs position is concerned with a diverse constituency, how are you going to insure that these constituencies are going to be represented on the search committee?

Chan. Eakin: The 5 to 7 nominees from the Faculty Senate are the Senate's business. With these nominees, and my choices, I will be blending two notions: First, is the combination that will give us the best outcome and, second, the combination that best represents a multitude of interests.

Robert Woodside (Mathematics): Professor Daugherty and myself are Directors of the Mathematics Laboratory. Many of our incoming students are deficient in Algebra. Have you considered increasing the quality and not the quantity of the students admitted next year?

Chan. Eakin: I am not sure that the worse thing is to accept a student not competent in Algebra -- he or she may be very competent in other things. We may be responsible to accept this student and educate him or her.

It seems that we have three choices: We could raise the standards very high and have fewer students and become more elitest. We could try to stay at the same level with slightly higher standards. We could try to cope with the Algebra problem and have increased enrollment. I tend to believe in the third choice. However, this is a topic certainly worthy of discussion.

Agenda Item III.D. Faculty Assembly Annual Report, Larry Hough, Political Science

Please see Attachment 1.

Agenda Item III. E. Appellate Committee Elections

Professor Larry Hough stated that the Senate should carefully consider a nominee's qualifications and willingness to serve. Some of these committees have not met often in the past but are meeting more often recently.

Due Process Committee (3 vacancies): Emily Boyce and Larry Hough were nominated. With 52 ballots cast, Boyce (51 votes) and Hough (51 votes) were elected. An election will be held at the next meeting in order to fill the third vacancy and the 3 alternate vacancies.

Hearing Committee (2 vacancies): James Bruner and Tinsley Yarbrough were nominated. With 56 ballots cast, Bruner (53 votes) and Yarbrough (51 votes) were elected. An election will be held at the next meeting in order to fill the 2 alternate vacancies.

consideration Committee (2 vacancies): Bea Chauncey and Ted Ellis were nominated. With 55 ballots cast, Chauncey (51 votes) and Ellis (53 votes) were elected. (There was one abstention.) An election will be held at the next meeting in order to fill the 2 alternate vacancies.

Agenda Item III. F. Election of Nominees for Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Chair Atkeson pointed out that this is the first time the Senate has been asked for nominees for a Vice Chancellor Search Committee. The Chancellor's decision to do this is an enhancement of faculty governance.

The following were nominated. There were 53 ballots cast with the following votes awarded.

Judy Sadler, Library & Information Studies	38 votes
Conner Atkeson, History (Chair of Faculty)	43 votes
Carl Adler, Physics	43 votes
Ruth Katz, Academic Library Services	34 votes
Holly Mathews, Socio/Anthropology	43 votes
Larry Hough, Political Science	40 votes
Don Sexauer, Art	41 votes

(Emily Boyce received 1 write-in vote.)

All seven nominees were thereby nominated by the Faculty Senate for consideration by the Chancellor for the three persons he will appoint from the Faculty Senate for the Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Agenda Item IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Agenda Item V. Report of Committees

There were no committee reports.

Agenda Item VI. New Business

There was no new business.

Kledaras moved to adjourn; Haritun seconded. There being no further business, Chair Atkeson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Joyce

James Joyce, Secretary

Sharon Bland

Sharon Bland, Office Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ECU FACULTY ASSEMBLY DELEGATION

The East Carolina University Delegation to the Faculty Assembly for 1986-87 consisted of: Emily Boyce, Library and Information Studies, who served on the Faculty Welfare Committee; Robert Fulghum, Microbiology, who served on the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee; Rosalie Haritun, Music, who Chaired the Professional Development Committee; James LeRoy Smith, Philosophy, who served on the Governance Committee and was the the Parliamentarian for the Assembly; and Lawrence Hough, Political Science, who served as Delegation Head and on the Budget Committee as Vice Chair.

Alternates for the year were: Constantine Kledaras, Social Work; John Longhill, Business; Vila Rosenfeld, Home Economics; Stephen Thomas, Allied Health; Robert Woodside, Mathematics.

The year in the Assembly was relatively mild with a total of seven resolutions being passed, although the body continued to review and study matters of importance to the Faculty of the University system as a whole. Part of the year was spent in observing President Spangler's approach to matters important to the faculty as he began his tenure in this office. After the long tenure of President Friday many were curious about this new chief executive of the University.

Much concern was shown during the year over the Budget Office Directive to the campuses to prepare a 97% continuation budget proposal. This, after having a rather serious effect on one component of the system where they froze hiring, and searches, was found to be an exercise of no great moment. However, the principle is present that should the University be required to reduce expenditures, the level of educational quality could not be maintained. Many hours of the assembly sessions were devoted to matters of budget of the 1987-88 years, faculty improvement proposals, comparisons of various proposals for options to the retirement system, faculty development programs to include administrative internships and exchanges, and major concerns over the health insurance programs provided to state employees.

It is assumed that these same issues will be before the Assembly in the coming year which begins with the first meeting September 18. Additional matters of some importance and/or concern for the coming year will include improvement in the faculty participation in budgetary preparation and faculty participation in the activities of the Boards of Trustees. One matter of some concern is the continued viability or integrity of the Consolidated University system subsequent to statements made in support of individual schools going directly to the State Legislature for Capital Improvement funds outside the University priority list.

Two other notes in regard to the year just passed:

The Assembly attempted to institute a tradition whereby the Faculty or Council Chairs would all attend at least one meeting of the Assembly to facilitate communication among the various campuses. The first such effort in December was quite successful.

Dr. Arnold King, (84) long time Assistant to the President of the University, and Liaison to the Faculty Assembly, once again retired. He indicated that he was leaving this position to return to his research, and his History of the University since 1956 has recently been published.

The delegation looks forward to a good year with the accomplishment of many good things.

L. E. Hough
Delegation Head
September 15, 1987