

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
DECEMBER 1, 1987**

The fourth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for the academic year 1987/88 was held on Tuesday, December 1, 1987, in Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244. Members absent were Chancellor Eakin, White (HPERS), Dudek (Medicine), and Whelan (Technology). Alternates present were Patton for Kopanski (Aerospace), Malmrose for Sexauer (Art), Guy for Glascoff (Business), Moskop for Cunningham (Medicine), Ferrance for Engelke (Nursing), and Owens for Donahue (Theater Arts).

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 November 10, 1987

Alfred King (HPERS) moved approval of the minutes of the November 10, 1987, meeting. After a second, the motion passed.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

B. Announcements

Chair of the Faculty, Conner Atkeson

1. The interview process for the position of University Attorney is near completion. An announcement of appointment should be made in the near future.
2. Applications are being received for the position of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The Committee will meet in February after all applications have been received and reviewed.
3. Fall Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 1987, at 10:00 a.m. in Minges Coliseum. The processional will begin at 9:40 a.m. Faculty members are urged to attend Commencement.
4. Beatrice Chauncey, School of Music, will carry the Trustees Mace at the head of the academic procession at the Fall Commencement. Having joined the faculty in 1949, Bea is the senior faculty member in length of service.
5. Application forms for R/CA and Teaching Grants are available in the Faculty Senate Office. You may request applications through campus mail by phoning Sharon Bland, Extension 6537. For your convenience, the application forms are available at all times outside Rawl Annex, Room 140. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 27, 1987, 5:00 p.m., to Rawl Annex, Room 140. Seventeen copies should be submitted for R/CA Grants, and sixteen copies for Teaching Grants.
6. Chancellor Eakin could not attend today because of a meeting in Chapel Hill.

Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, William Bloodworth

1. At 3:00 p.m. today, the candidates for the position of Coordinator of International Studies will be making their presentations. If the Senate finishes its business in time, Senators are invited to attend.
2. Chancellor Eakin wishes to report that classes will not be held on January 18, 1988, in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday. Because of the state-mandated Good Friday/Easter Monday holiday switch, this will mean the net loss of one Friday from the spring schedule.

D. Approval of Graduation List for Summer and Fall 1987

Pat Terrell (Education) moved approval of the list. After a second, the motion passed. (Resolution #87-22)

Agenda Item IV. Unfinished Business

Connie Kledaras (Social Work) remarked about the lack of the traditional Christmas beverage at this meeting. The Chair soberly apologized for the lack of seasonal spirits.

Agenda Item V. Report of Committees

A. Committee on Committees

Holly Mathews (Sociology and Anthropology) presented the report. The Committee felt that it could not carry out the direction of the Chair (see minutes of November 10, 1987) to return a slate of nominees for Vice Chancellor Bloodworth's advisory committee on tenure and promotion recommendations. Mathews cited the lack of a clear charge for the committee.

Ken Wilson (Faculty Assembly) asked Bloodworth whether or not a slate adopted at the next Faculty Senate meeting would be acceptable. Bloodworth responded that the timing would be tight but that it would be a possibility. Wilson then moved that the Senate ask the Committee on Committees to submit a slate of nominees at the next Senate meeting. After a second, the following discussion ensued:

Robert Woodside (Mathematics and Committee on Committees), having been granted floor privileges by the Chair, spoke against the motion. He cited the lack of a clear charge to the advisory committee. While he favors faculty input in the tenure and promotions process, he felt the proper place for it was in the units as provided for in the East Carolina University Code. Citing the difficulty of judging creative activity in another discipline, he has serious doubts about the advisability of this "super committee". Opinions from outside the university might be more appropriate. If the Vice Chancellor has doubts about his ability to judge the recommendations, he should forward them to the Chancellor, relying on the unit's judgment. For instance, if there is to be a 25% rejection ratio, let that be an administrative decision and let it not be endorsed by the Senate.

Wilson responded that some on the Committee view it differently and that the vote was close. He pointed out that the Vice Chancellor was on an interim appointment and that if he asked for help we should oblige him. Wilson felt that this would be setting no precedent for the future. If this was a recommendation for a permanent advisory committee, he would oppose it without lengthy hearings.

Judy Sadler (Library and Information Studies) stated that, while the advisory committee appointment is temporary, it might set a precedent. She stated that she and other members of the Committee had received a number of phone calls from faculty who had questions about what the committee would be doing. Appendix D states the procedures to be followed in promotion and tenure decisions, and if we are going to have further faculty input, we should revise it. She also mentioned that appeal procedures might be more complicated if this committee is appointed.

Jo Ann Jones (English, Vice Chair) pointed out that we are not voting on the concept of having the committee but only for a requested slate of nominees.

Woodside responded that he felt the Vice Chancellor should take full responsibility for the committee.

Claudia Jolls (Biology) questioned whether the charge was clear and if Vice Chancellor Bloodworth could clarify the charge and then send the request back to the Committee on Committees? The Chair ruled that was not appropriate to the motion on the floor.

Jo Ann Jones questioned whether or not the Committee would provide us with a slate of nominees if it had not the first time.

Judy Bernhardt (Nursing) noted that there were only five or six areas represented by volunteers for the committee.

Sadler remarked that the Committee on Committees was concerned about the lack of faculty response and that the Committee needed more faculty input.

Bob Schellenberger (Business) asked whether the committee would be advising on criteria or on specific tenure and promotion recommendations.

Bloodworth responded that he wanted to seek advice at the university level concerning whether or not recommendations were congruent with university expectations. He will make the final decision. The Vice Chancellor went on to give two reasons for the committee: first, to ensure that, when the recommendations are presented, he could say that they were thoroughly reviewed; second, to ensure that a mechanism was in place to circumvent his possibly limited perspective.

Larry Hough (Faculty Assembly) questioned that the formation of such a committee might be an attempt at a "leveling" of criteria. He felt that there is not one set of criteria appropriate to all units. Hough mentioned that this procedure could become a norm. He questioned how the three nominees selected could advise properly when the faculty in the units had already expressed themselves.

Kledaras pointed out that, if faculty had fully understood the duties of the committee, there might have been more input. He commended the attempt at more faculty input; however, he questioned the process.

Wilson responded that he would not assume the Committee on Committees would be limited to the faculty on the list of volunteers. He stated that the Committee was sure to seek additional nominees.

Bays (Economics) stated that it seems that what we are saying is if we don't like the rules we are not going to play the game. A permanent committee would require much more discussion, but this situation is a much more narrow one.

At this point Kledaras moved the question. Hearing no objections, the Chair called for the vote. On a division of the house, the motion failed 25 to 17.

B. Faculty Computer Committee

Chuck Ziehr (Geography and Planning) gave the report on a policy recommendation concerning external use of university computer facilities (see FCC minutes of November 16, 1987) that will shortly be made to the Information Systems Advisory Committee. He mentioned that Computer and Information Systems had been receiving requests from external agencies for such use and that there was not an existing policy. Ziehr wished to alert the faculty, for example, to the fact that various software packages are licensed in a number of ways and that we must take care not to violate these agreements.

Jim Joyce (Physics, Secretary) asked if the new policy recommendations would mean that faculty could not expect to run institutes and short courses using university microcomputer labs during regular and summer sessions.

Ziehr responded that, with the shortage of facilities and the need to continually have machines continually available to our students, these institutes would not normally be allowed, but the policy allowed for a case-by-case determination by the lab managers.

C. Curriculum Committee

Bill Grossnickle (Psychology) presented the report embodied in the Curriculum Committee minutes of November 12 and 19, 1987. The actions of the Committee were approved by the Senate. (Resolution #87-23)

Agenda Item VI. New Business

Student Union Forum Committee

Tonya Batizy, Chair of the Student Union Forum Committee, addressed the Senate. She reported that a recent presentation of the Forum Committee which featured Shirley Chisholm was poorly attended. Feeling that with faculty help there would be better attendance at future events, she requested ideas and suggestions from the faculty. Ms. Batizy pointed out that students may not be aware of a speaker's importance. She pointed out that the events are advertised in many ways including in the East Carolinian. The possibility of faculty requiring attendance or giving extra credit for attendance was mentioned.

Karl Rodabaugh (Continuing Education) stated that it might help if there were more lead time in announcing events since course syllabi are prepared far in advance.

Donald Parkerson (History) remarked that it is often difficult for faculty to find copies of the East Carolinian. (At this point Vice Chancellor Laupus was observed studiously reading his personal copy of the student newspaper.)

Jolls mentioned that expanding the biographical sketches of speakers (including their educational value) in the mailings might help faculty.

Batizy concluded by asking faculty also to let the Committee know if there are speakers that they would like to hear. Upcoming events include the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on February 7, a Pornography Debate on February 9, and a performance by Marcel Marceau on March 2, 1988.

Chair Atkeson mentioned that correspondence could be mailed to the Committee at the Student Union.

There being no further business, Chair Atkeson adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Joyce

James Joyce, Secretary

Sharon Bland

Sharon Bland, Office Secretary

Resolutions:

#87-22 Approval of Fall 1987 Graduation List

#87-23 Curriculum Committee, Approval of Minutes of November 12 & 19, 1987