

## EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

April 11, 1989

A special session of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, April 11, 1989, in the Biology Auditorium. Members absent were Vice Chancellors Laupus and Matthews; Boyce, Chamness, and Woodside (Faculty Assembly); Hughes (Business); Powers (Education); King (HPERS); Stangoehr (Health Sciences Library); McPherson (Industry & Technology); Dudek, Gregory, and Pories (Medicine); Bernhardt and Spickerman (Nursing); and Donahue (Theater Arts). Alternates present were Moskop for Duckett (Medicine) and Daugherty for Woodside (Mathematics).

### Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Chair Conner Atkeson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Agenda Item III.

Chair Atkeson explained that this special session was called to give the Faculty Senate the opportunity to provide advice and comments to the members of the first three work groups of ECU's strategic planning process, "Setting Directions for East Carolina University." Atkeson then called upon Chancellor Eakin for introductory remarks.

Chancellor Eakin stated that the planning process was going better than expected and that the work groups were striving to get input. He indicated his pleasure with the work of the committees and the comments to the committees received from faculty and students in the work groups forums. Reminding those attending that the planning process was "entirely open," Chancellor Eakin invited any faculty member with suggestions to call him, Sue Hodges (Planning and Institutional Research), or the Chairs of the various work groups at any time.

1. Chair Atkeson introduced Richard Edwards (Chancellor's Staff), Chair, Strengths and Weaknesses Identification Work Group. Also present from the work group were Ms. Cynthia Kittrell, Dr. Charles F. Schwartz, Dr. Gordon E. Trevathan, Dr. David L. Watkins, and Dr. Tinsley E. Yarbrough. (Ms. Sue Hodges, ex-officio on all three work groups, was present for the entire meeting.) Mr. Edwards began by underscoring that these were draft reports. In response to questions and comments it was elicited that there was no coordination between the three work groups by design and that what might be considered a strength in one group's report could be perceived as a weakness in another's. Chancellor Eakin stated that there could indeed be "countervailing forces." In addition, it was elicited that language on academic advising had already been added; that a stronger statement on the maintenance of buildings be made; that campus accommodations for the handicapped be mentioned as a strength; that, while professors can access the student "outcomes" in their courses very well, there is a lack of follow-up on students; that some apparent ambiguities would naturally be clarified in later stages of the planning; and that ECU's Cooperative Education program may need to be singled out as a strength.

2. Chair Atkeson introduced Ms. Janice Faulkner, Chair, External Environmental Analysis Work Group. Also present from the work group were Dr. Carson L. Bays, Dr. A. Darryl Davis, and Dr. Stephen W. Thomas. Ms. Faulkner began by stating that some amendments had already been made to the document. Some points brought out in discussion were as follows: that the apparent emphasis on job preparation was necessary since this group is dealing with external factors such as the job market; that community colleges were both competing for students and serving as feeder institutions; that the poor pre-college preparation of some regional students was tactfully referred to as "marginal educational opportunities;" that, in



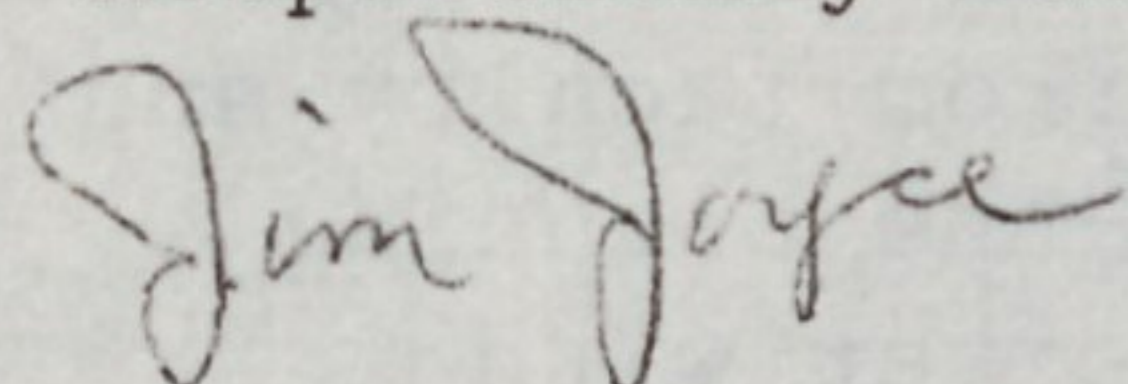
the opinion of one Senator, the statement of need for "political alliances" seemed a strong statement for a planning document; that the group will add some consideration of possible changes in the state system of higher education; and that there was a need for cultural "literacy" in the region.

3. Chair Atkeson introduced Dr. Margaret M. Capen, Chair, Institutional Values Assessment Work Group. Also present from the group were Dr. Charles E. Garrison, Mr. Paul J. Hartley, and Mr. Malcolm T. Simpson. Dr. Capen began by pointing out that the "means" referred to in the appendix of the report were the "should-be means" and the differences referred to the "should-be means" minus the "is means." Some points brought out in discussion were as follows: that the group did not have time to include measures of significance and that some differences would be insignificant; that the group would include a breakdown by groups in the final document; and that the group should be complimented in the goal statement on page 13.

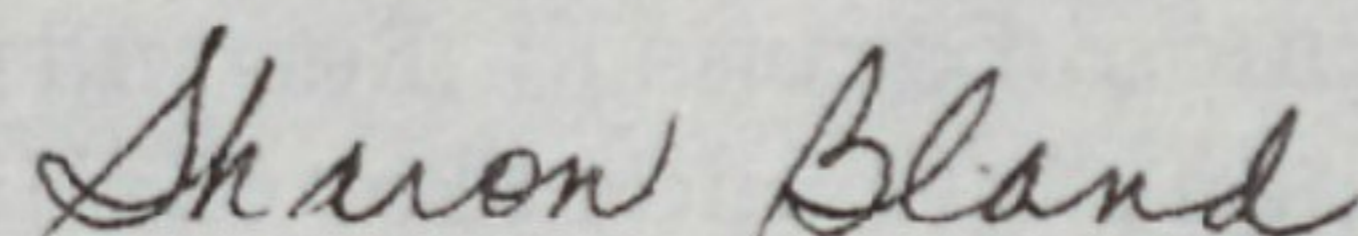
In response to a question from a Senator, Chair Atkeson agreed to see that final copies of these reports would be generally disseminated.

There being no further business, Chair Atkeson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Joyce, Secretary



Sharon Bland, Office Secretary