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Memorandum

TO: James M. Joyce, Chair of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Richard R. Eakin, ^{Richard R. Eakin} Chancellor
SUBJ: Faculty Senate Resolutions

Resolutions #89-16 and #89-17, adopted by the Faculty Senate on September 12, 1989, are approved as submitted.

This response was unnecessary and was not reported to the Senate.

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

August 15, 1989

Dr. James M. Joyce
Chair of the Faculty
East Carolina University

Dear Dr. Joyce:

Resolutions #89-4, #89-5, and #89-7 through #89-15 are approved as submitted. Resolution #89-6, titled Grading System, Grade Points, and Grade Point Average, is not approved.

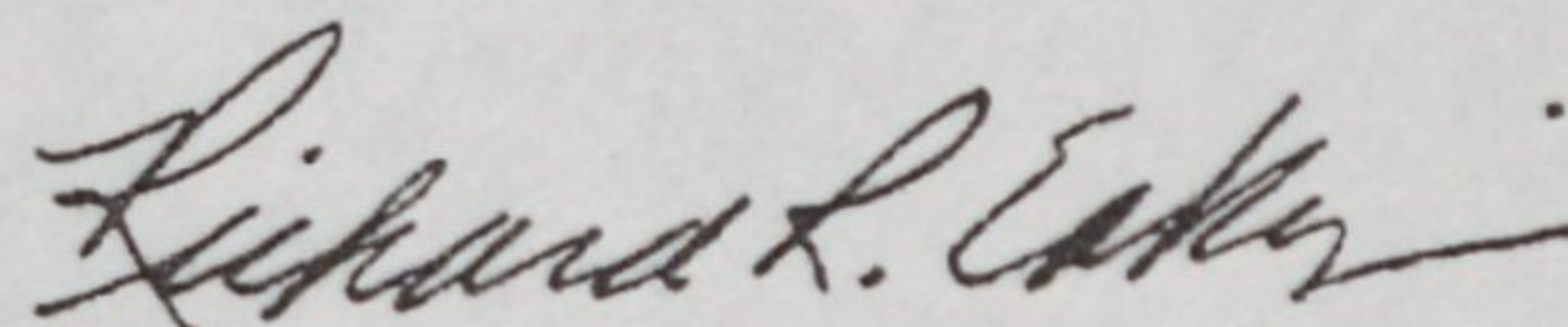
I have withheld approval of Resolution #89-6 because of my concern that the proposed change has the greatest potential effect on our best students. Evidence at other universities suggests that a lowering of the university-wide grade point average results from the initiation of a plus-minus system of grading. Since those students who now receive an "A" for their coursework would have the potential of a lowered grade with an "A-" without the counterbalancing prospect of an "A+", they are the most likely to be disadvantaged by the proposed system.

I am further disposed not to approve the resolution from a perspective that there is little evidence that the current system is inadequate in meeting the need to evaluate student performance.

I apologize for the lengthy delay in notifying you of my decision relative to resolution #89-6. It was a decision not easily reached.

Best wishes for a most productive year.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Eakin
Chancellor

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cc: Mr. Conner Atkeson