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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 1991

The sixth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for the academic year 1990-1991 was held on Tuesday, February 19, 1991, in the Mendenhall Student Center, Room #244.

Absent were: Matthews (VCSL), Davis (Council for Academic Deans), Spence and Anderson (Education), Singhas (Biology), Kallman (Medicine), Spickerman (Math), Sheppard (Science Education), Graham (Psychology)

Alternates present were: Ehlbeck for Sexauer (Art), Markello for Cunningham (Medicine), Gallagher for Snow (Home Economics), Everett for Lee (Nursing)

The deadline for submission of course proposals to be considered by the Curriculum Committee and passed by the Faculty Senate during this academic year will be Friday, March 22, 1991.

Reminder to all departments and schools needing to fill any Faculty Senate vacancies occurring at the close of this academic year, that the election results are due into the Faculty Senate Office by Friday, March 1, 1991.

The Career Education Committee is sponsoring a Majors Fair for students on Wednesday, March 6, 1991, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the General Classroom Building. All departments and schools are invited to be a part of this. Anyone interested in participating may contact Leonard Lilley, Chair of the Career Education Committee.

Academic, Appellate, and Senate Committee Chairs are reminded that Committee Annual Reports are due into the Faculty Senate Office by Wednesday, May 1, 1991.

Chair Joyce announced the possibility of a special called session on March 26, 1991, if after the March 19, 1991, meeting, the Senate needs more time to fully discuss the Sexual and Racial Harassment policies.

Chancellor Eakin discussed the evaluation of administrators survey which is normally done in the Spring Semester. (Please refer to Resolution #91-07 for the recommendation made by Chancellor Eakin.)

Vice Chancellor Brown reported that the new lighting should be completed by March 1, 1991. He stated that there had been a significant reduction in the backlog of maintenance work orders, therefore, if anyone is aware of problems that need attention, they should let maintenance know about them.

The following Senators were elected to the Nominating Committee: Tom Chenier (Allied Health Sciences), Doug McMillan (English), Sam Pennington (Medicine), Margaret Stango (Health Sciences Library), and Robert Schellenberger (Business).

Emily Boyce presented the SACS Self Study Newsletter dated February, 1991.

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Sheldon Downes (Allied Health) was elected as Faculty Assembly Alternate for 1991-1994.

The Department of English Unit Code was approved.  
(Resolution #91-08)

The recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Faculty Governance (please refer to the February 19, 1991 Agenda, Attachment 2) will be referred to the appropriate committees for their review and will report its findings. (Please refer to Resolution #91-09 for the complete list of recommendations that was referred to Committees.)

The Senate approved the Summer 1993, Fall 1993, and Spring 1994 University Calendars. (Resolution #91-10)

The Senate approved the curriculum matters contained in the Curriculum Committee Minutes of January 24, 1991. (Resolution #91-11)

The Senate approved the Teaching Effectiveness Committee recommendation. (Please refer to Resolution #91-12 for the complete recommendation.)

The Senate passed the Student Government Association resolution unanimously. (Please refer to Resolution #91-13 for the complete resolution.)

The Senate approved the Faculty Senate Office SACS Self-Study. A complete copy of the report is on file in the Faculty Senate Office. (Resolution #91-14)

A resolution was brought before the Senate amending the By-Laws. After discussion by the Senate, the resolution was referred to the Faculty Governance Committee to review and report its findings. (Please refer to Resolution #91-15 for the complete resolution referred to the Committee.)

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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#91-07 The Faculty Senate recommends that the administrative survey not be administered in the 1991 Spring Semester but be administered in the 1992 Spring Semester upon the recommendation of the Faculty Senate and after receiving the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Administrative Evaluations.

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#91-08 Approval of the Department of English Unit Code

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#91-09 Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Faculty Governance (see February 19, 1991, Agenda, attachment #2) was referred to Committees.

**Disposition: N/A**

#91-10 Approval of the Summer 1993, Fall 1993, and Spring 1994 University Calendars

**Disposition: Chancellor**

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#91-11 Approval of curriculum matters contained in the Curriculum Committee Minutes of January 24, 1991

Disposition: Chancellor

#91-12 The Faculty Senate recommends that:

In the Fall of 1991, the University shall conduct surveys of student opinion of teaching using both ECU's current survey form and the Student Instructional Report (SIR) form published and processed by the Educational Testing Service, and shall engage qualified persons to compare the results obtained with each form.\* These persons shall report their findings to the Teaching Effectiveness Committee, and based on these findings the Teaching Effectiveness Committee shall recommend to the Faculty Senate whether the University should stay with the current form, change the current form or how it is processed, or change to another form, such as SIR. The SIR form shall be given no later than two class periods after the ECU form is given. The results obtained from the SIR form shall not be used for faculty evaluations. To facilitate comparison between the two surveys, a specific word label should be provided for each value (1-5) on the ECU form. The University shall insure proper administration of both forms, and shall insure that students and faculty understand why two forms are being used in one term.

\*Questions to be addressed include: Are the results of the two surveys comparable? For example, do instructors have the same rank order on both forms, does one form discriminate more than the other, and so on? If ECU's current form does not discriminate as well as the SIR form, can ECU's form be modified or can the data from the form be processed in such a way as to make ECU's form more discriminatory?

Disposition: Chancellor

#91-13 Whereas, academic life depends on free and unimpeded access to all types of information; and

Whereas, at ECU, Joyner Library plays a crucial role in the dissemination of information to students and faculty; and

Whereas, the current budget crisis threatened to unreasonably restrict access to Joyner Library; and

Whereas, the Student Government Association responded to this crisis by appropriating funds to hire the people necessary to maintain reasonable operating hours for Joyner Library;

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University commends the ECU Student Government Association for this admirable and thoughtful action.

Disposition: N/A

#91-14 The Faculty Senate Office SACS Self-Study. (A complete report may be reviewed in the Faculty Senate Office.)

Disposition: N/A

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#91-15 The following resolution was referred to the Faculty Governance Committee to review and report its findings.

Whereas, the ideal of faculty governance involved the democratic representation of all faculty members in those issues which directly affect faculty, and

Whereas, the ideal of faculty governance is based on a broad opportunity for participation by all members of the faculty,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate By-Laws be amended as follows:

1. Page A-10, Section V. Faculty Senate Academic Committees, Membership, and Structure, paragraph 1, add the following sentences:

.....associate professor and professor). "Elected members of the Faculty Senate shall be ineligible for election to Faculty Senate Academic Committees. This restriction shall not apply to Faculty Senate or University Appellate Committees."

.....members of all committees. "The Chair of the Faculty may appoint one elected Faculty Senator as an ex-officio member of each Academic Committee."

.....their several departments or schools. "Members of Faculty Senate Academic Committees who are subsequently elected to the Faculty Senate will be allowed to complete the appointed term of membership to the Academic Committee."

2. Page A-10, Section V. Faculty Senate Academic Committees, Membership, and Structure, paragraph 2, add the following sentence:

.....of the fall semester. "Members may serve a maximum of six consecutive years on the same academic committee, after which a period of three years must elapse before such a member shall be eligible to be elected again to that committee."

**Disposition: Faculty Governance Committee**