

Report on the September 20, 1991 Meeting of the UNC Faculty Assembly to the ECU Faculty Senate, Oct 8, 1991

-- President Spangler and Felix Joyner reported at length on how the UNC budget figure was produced by the General Assembly, how many positions were cut, and so on. It was noted the University of Virginia had to cut salaries by 2%.

-- UNC is helped a bit by a 2% rise in enrollment system-wide.

-- President Spangler declined to approve the Faculty Assembly's resolution asking President Spangler to ask the Board of Governors to incorporate in the UNC Code six principles from the 1989 AAUP statement on procedural standards in the renewal or nonrenewal of faculty appointments. These principles included a requirement of written reasons for non-renewal, petition for review alleging inadequate consideration, and petition for review alleging an academic freedom violation. These three are the elements that killed the proposal.

-- President Spangler said that full-time leave for research is not an option as long as we are experiencing a cutback in positions.

-- In response to a question about when requests for new degree programs may be submitted, President Spangler replied that this would not be possible until after the Board of Governors receives recommendations from its Planning Committee. Present Spangler expects the Board's Planning Committee to bring its recommendations to the Board in February.

-- President Spangler emphasized that the trend toward students taking lighter loads was a very serious problem. If the General Assembly makes a fifteen hour load the minimum for full-time status, this will cost UNC 7% of its enrollment budget. This equates to 590 teaching positions state-wide.

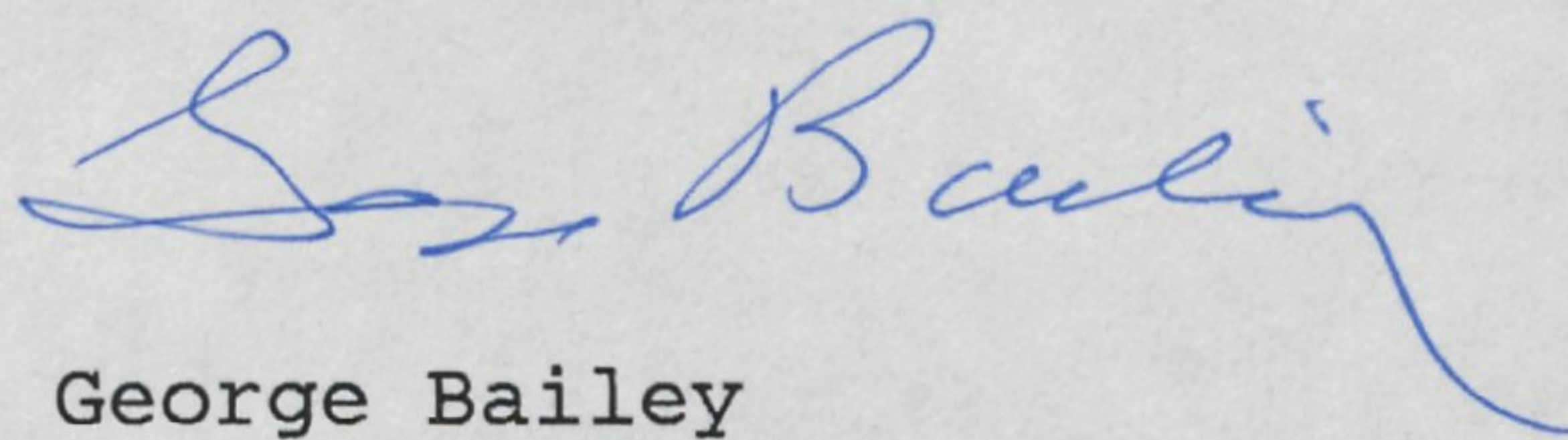
-- Gary Barnes reported that through the 1990's we are projecting a slow enrollment growth of from 4.8 to 9.5 % by the year 2000.

-- The Faculty Assembly is conducting a study to find out how much faculty members pay out in non-reimbursed professional expenses.

-- President Spangler will review several recommendations for alternative retirement funds.

-- Dave Edwards told the Welfare Committee that some sentiment exists for returning to cost-of-living raises if the budget situation does not improve.

-- Ken Wilson did an excellent job of chairing the Assembly's first meeting of the year.



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