

Faculty Assembly Report  
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The 87th meeting of the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina convened on Friday, November 19, 1993 at the UNC General Administration Building in Chapel Hill. President Spangler remarked that he might not be standing before the Assembly that day if the bond issue had not passed. He thanked the faculty for its help with the bond issue and stated that the University will research the election results to determine why support was weak in some areas. President Spangler thanked Jay Robinson who has recently retired from the General Administration's staff and announced that D. J. Martin will take his place as Vice President for External Affairs to represent the University at the General Assembly. President Spangler reviewed actions taken in response to the September Board of Governors' report and recommendations on tenure and teaching in the university. The President mentioned that Memorandum 338, which has been sent to each university, requests responses to the Board of Governors' recommendations. He also mentioned that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Graduate Council is working on a policy for preparing and evaluating graduate assistants. He mentioned that an Ad Hoc Committee has been appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors to develop university-wide teaching awards. Three faculty have been appointed to that Ad Hoc Committee: Ken Wilson of ECU, Ben Ward of Western Carolina University, and Joel Schwartz of Chapel Hill.

Vice President Little reported on enrollment in the university. University had a record enrollment of 130,045 full time equivalent students, an increase of 1.1% over last year. Six institutions' enrollments fell within their ranges, four were over-enrolled, and five under-enrolled. It was an increase of 3% in black students, decrease of 1% in Native

American students, and an increase of 7% in other minorities. Average SAT scores increased to 859.

At the evening plenary session of the Assembly a nominating committee for Assembly officers and committee chairs was elected. Larry Hough of ECU was one of the members of that committee. The Governance Committee reported that Senate and Council Chairs would be invited to the February meeting of the Assembly. At that meeting the Governance Committee will discuss two questions, "Do campuses meet the UNC Code requirements regarding grievance and tenure policy?" and "Are the campuses satisfied with how these requirements are met?" The Senate passed a resolution on health care premium schedule inequities which was proposed by the Welfare Committee. The resolution asked that President Spangler seek appropriate changes in the state's major medical plan for state employees to accommodate different types of families, and in particular, to establish a category of employee and spouse distinct from that of employee and family. The Planning and Programs Committee is continuing its review of university schedules and faculty workloads. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee is examining evaluation of faculty members by means of peer evaluation, student evaluation and teaching portfolios. They have invited Russ Edgerton, President of the American Association for Higher Education to address the Faculty Assembly at its February meeting. The Professional Development Committee is preparing a proposal to the General Administration to fund a university-wide conference on enriching and evaluating university teaching which would be held next spring or summer. A motion in support of that conference passed the Assembly without opposition. Finally, the Budget Committee is conducting a survey of faculty participation on each campus in the budget process and collecting information about UNC faculty salaries and benefits as compared to systems nationally.