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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

FULL MINUTES OF 10 SEPTEMBER 1996

The first regular meeting of the 1996-97 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 10 September 1996, in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Chair Don Sexauer called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 16 April 1996, and 17 April 1996, were approved as written.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Jarvis (Faculty Assembly Representative), Satterfield (Art), Krcmar (Communication), Blinson and Thomson (Education), Fletcher and Worthington (Medicine), and Ray (Theatre Arts).

Alternate present was: Stevens for Knickerbocker (Foreign Languages).

B. Announcements

1. Don Sexauer, Chair of the Faculty, announced that there had been a change in the agenda. The report by the Faculty Grievance Committee would be postponed until 15 October 1996, in order to adhere to the stated policy found in the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix Y.
2. The Chancellor has approved the following resolutions:
  - #96-19 Revised Fall 1996, Spring 1997, and Summer 1997 Weekend University Calendars.
  - #96-20 Revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix A, Faculty Constitution, Section V. Organization of the Faculty Senate.
  - #96-21 Support of the University libraries.
  - #96-22 School of Art's Unit Code of Operations.
  - #96-23 School of Business' Unit Code of Operations.
  - #96-24 Department of Communication's Unit Code of Operations.
  - #96-25 Undergraduate curriculum matters contained in the meeting minutes of 14 March 1996, 28 March 1996, and 11 April 1996.
3. The 1995-96 Annual Reports for all standing Faculty Senate academic committees are available for review in the Faculty Senate office, 140 Rawl Annex.
4. Copies of *Excerpts from a Point of Order*, a guide to parliamentary procedures, is available to interested faculty by calling the Faculty Senate office at ext. 328-6537.

C. Richard Eakin, Chancellor

Chancellor Eakin began his remarks with a commendation of the facilities services staff for their efforts after the two hurricanes. The Chancellor noted that student registration lines in the Spilman Building are considerably reduced due, in part, to increased electronic transfers of financial information across campus. Progress is being made on the development of telephonic registration. Enrollment figures as recently reported in *Pieces of Eight* indicate that enrollment is up over last year. Chancellor Eakin stated that he had submitted a report to the General Administration on how ECU will accommodate the expected increase in enrollment projected for the next 10 years. His office wants to assure budgetary support to accommodate all students who might want to attend ECU. The Chancellor indicated that many degree programs either have been submitted or will soon be submitted for authorization to plan or authorization to establish.

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Chancellor Eakin reported that the General Administration has undertaken some new initiatives including a new funding formula, post-tenure review for faculty development, a new reporting system for teaching loads, and new budget requests with special attention to how ECU might spend new funds generated for equity adjustments. The Chancellor offered congratulations to the staff of Joyner Library for a successful move and opening of the new facility. He stated that the new Student Recreation facility should open before the end of the semester.

Taggart (Music) asked if faculty will have to pay to use the new recreation facility. The Chancellor answered in the affirmative indicating everyone will pay an equal share of construction and operation costs. Wilson (Sociology) asked if the use of such facilities by faculty would be similar to the benefits offered in most businesses. The Chancellor responded that this wasn't a private enterprise. The facility is a student facility not funded by the academic affairs budget.

Farr (English) relayed a request from faculty within her unit for the library to be kept open during holiday weekends. The Chancellor stated that he thought the library should be open on holidays and that this was a matter that should be considered by library staff.

### D. Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Vice Chancellor Ringeisen made brief remarks relative to the division. He stated that he was involved in the budget process in which technology was an increasing factor; Dot Clayton, Director of the Faculty Development Center, now had an office in Ragsdale, a faculty development area is being created in the library; the Weekend University had 400 enrollments with under 100 being the more traditional weekday student wanting one of the courses offered; and that post-tenure review was currently taking up much of his time. He stated that he would serve on the General Administration's committee considering post-tenure review. He stated that a survey was currently being done to assess what was done at ECU relative to this type of review. The General Administration is requesting a list describing what the principal features of a meaningful system of post-tenure review of faculty performance should include from the point of view of the faculty.

Stevens (Foreign Languages and Literatures) asked if the General Administration would be satisfied with ECU's current annual evaluation as an adequate mechanism for post-tenure review? Vice Chancellor Ringeisen indicated that legislators were generally not satisfied by annual reports but the University's methods for dispensation of merit salary increases may be looked upon favorably. He stated that the General Assembly may be impressed by what ECU already does but this was only conjecture.

Dr. Ringeisen stated that a search committee was being formed for the School of Education Dean's position. Allred (Psychology) commented that convocation was notable for the lack of minorities and women on stage and asked if there could be an active search for minority and women candidates for administrative positions. The Vice Chancellor indicated that the committee would be all inclusive in its search.

### E. James Hallock, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences

Vice Chancellor Hallock had no formal report but was available for questions. No questions were posed to him.

### F. Thomas Feldbush, Vice Chancellor for Research

Vice Chancellor Feldbush spoke briefly on the Division's Home Page available at <http://www.research.ecu.edu>. Faculty were encouraged to contact the Division if additions or corrections needed to be made to this network access. He indicated that new databases were available for grantsmanship in sponsored programs.

Allred (Psychology) asked that in a future report, the Vice Chancellor provide some information about how graduate assistantships were allocated.

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### G. Mike Hamrick, Director of Athletics

Due to unexpected preparations for an upcoming meeting pertaining to the recent conference affiliation, Mr. Hamrick was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Sexauer will contact him to inquire of his availability at a later meeting.

### H. Larry Hough, Faculty Assembly Delegate

Professor Hough presented a brief report on the activities of the last Faculty Assembly meeting held on 19 April 1996. A copy of the full report is available for review in the Faculty Senate office, 140 Rawl Annex. Ferrell (History) asked when the technology referred to in Professor Hough's remarks would be made available? Professor Hough indicated that no timetable was mentioned. Chancellor Eakin indicated that requests were included in upcoming budgets.

### Agenda Item IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the Faculty Senate at this time.

### Agenda Item V. Report of Committees

#### A. Committee on Committees

Bob Woodside (Math), Chair of the Committee, first presented the second reading of the revised Calendar Committee charge. There was no discussion. The revised Calendar Committee charge was approved as presented. **Resolution #96-26** A copy of the revised charge may be obtained electronically from the East Carolina University Home Page, Faculty Senate, Academic Committees or by calling the Faculty Senate office at ext. 328-6537.

Professor Woodside then presented the second reading of the revised Research/Creative Activity Grants Committee charge. There was no discussion. The revised Research/Creative Activity Committee charge was approved as presented. **Resolution #96-27** A copy of the revised charge may be obtained electronically from the East Carolina University Home Page, Faculty Senate, Academic Committees or by calling the Faculty Senate office at ext. 328-6537.

#### B. Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee

A representative for the committee failed to appear at the meeting, so this report was postponed until a later date. Chair Sexauer will contact the Committee concerning this matter.

#### C. Faculty Grievance Committee

The report by the Faculty Grievance Committee was postponed until 15 October 1996, in order to adhere to the stated policy found in the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix Y.

#### D. Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Education

Charles Garrison (Sociology), Past Chair of the Continuing Education Committee and member of this ad hoc committee, presented the proposed definition of the Continuing Education Mission. Ferrell (History) asked if the term "academic unit" was appropriate for use with a decoded unit. The reference was editorially changed from "academic" to "administrative". Anderson (Education) wanted it made clear that units working with Continuing Studies must follow all academic policies applicable to units on the main campus. Following discussion, the proposed definition of the Continuing Education Mission was approved as editorially amended. **Resolution #96-28** Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the full approved resolution.

### Agenda Item VI. New Business

There was no new business to come before the Faculty Senate at this time.

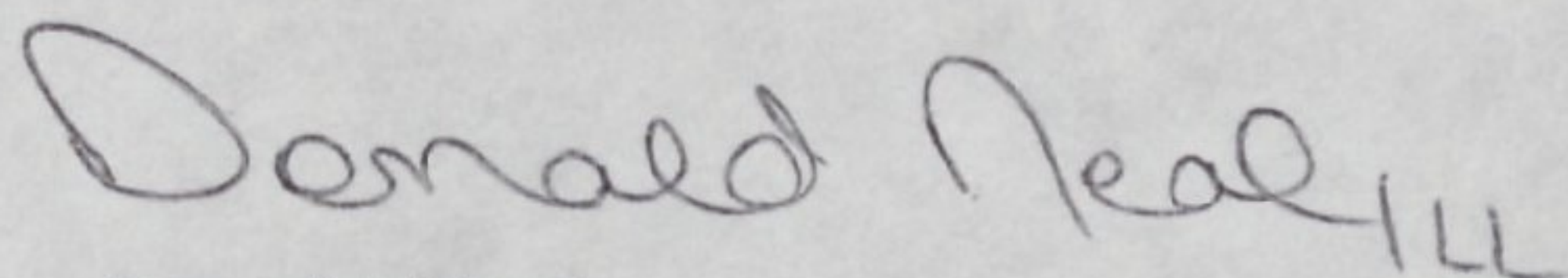
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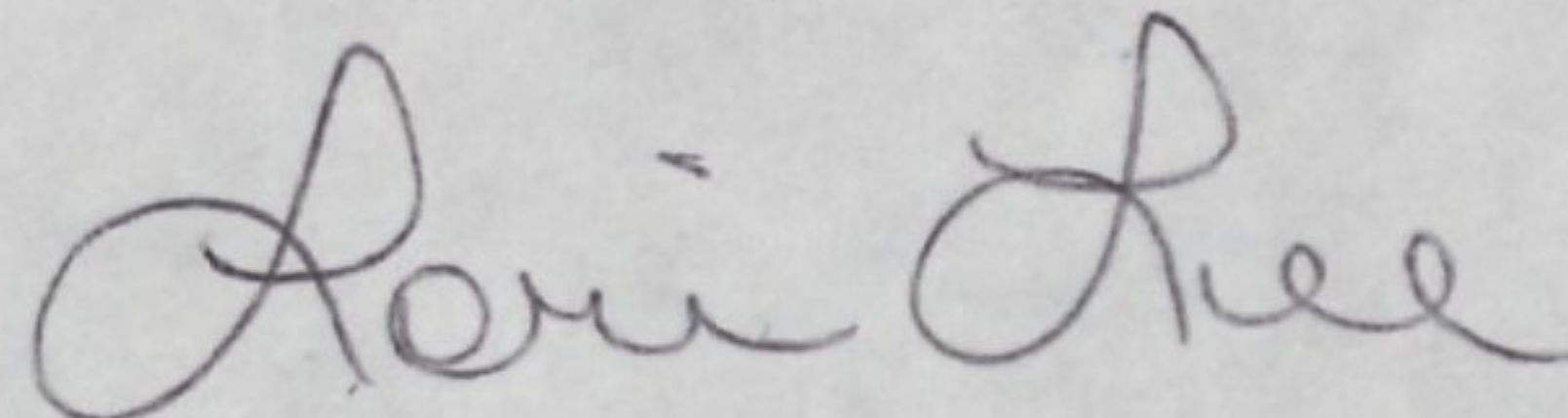
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary of the Faculty



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Administrative Assistant

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 10 SEPTEMBER 1996, FACULTY SENATE MEETING.**

- #96-26 Revised Calendar Committee charge. (A copy of the revised charge may be obtained electronically from the East Carolina University Home Page, Faculty Senate, Academic Committees or by calling the Faculty Senate office at ext. 328-6537.  
Disposition: Faculty Senate
- #96-27 Revised Research/Creative Activity Grants Committee charge. (A copy of the revised charge may be obtained electronically from the East Carolina University Home Page, Faculty Senate, Academic Committees or by calling the Faculty Senate office at ext. 328-6537.  
Disposition: Faculty Senate
- #96-28 Division of Continuing Studies Unit Definition and Mission Statement as follows:  
The Division of Continuing Studies is an administrative unit created to advance East Carolina University's educational and public service mission. The Division of Continuing Education was founded in 1947 and, in 1996, was renamed Continuing Studies to represent the expansion and dissemination of educational opportunity. This expanded function provides a range of educational opportunities within and beyond the campus boundaries, at times and places convenient for learners, and utilizes formats appropriate to the needs and circumstances of the learner.

The division is responsible for encouraging individual growth, assisting those who seek quality lifelong learning opportunities, meeting organizational needs, and supporting regional economic growth. It also contributes to higher education through its practice and scholarly activities. The unit is committed to assuring high quality, accessible, educational programs and services for eastern North Carolina and the national and global communities with which the region interacts. The division communicates the values of the university to non-traditional audiences. Activities are conducted in partnership with all units of the university and encompass Summer School, Extension, Evening Programs, University College, the Weekend University, and Noncredit Programs."

Disposition: Chancellor