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**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

**FULL MINUTES OF 3 DECEMBER 1996**

The fourth regular meeting of the 1996-97 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 3 December 1996, in the Mendenhall Student Center Downstairs Social 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 5 November 1996, was approved as written.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Kane (Allied Health Sciences), Stellwag (Biology), Blinson (Education), Glascoff (Health and Human Performance), Carrafiello (History), and Ray (Theatre and Dance), Kataria (Medicine), Reaves (Faculty Assembly Representative), and Vice Chancellor James Hallock.

Alternates present were: Professors Jones for McMillan (English), Andrews for Tranbarger (Nursing), and Hough for Simon (Political Science).

B. Announcements

1. The Chancellor has approved the following resolutions:

- #96-35 Fall 1996 Graduation Roster, subject to completion of degree requirements.
- #96-36 Features of a review of performance of permanently tenured faculty.
- #96-37 Admission standards for home-schooled students.
- #96-38 Undergraduate curriculum matters contained in the meeting minutes of 12 September 1996, 10 October 1996, and 24 October 1996.

2. A sincere thank-you was extended to Chancellor Eakin on behalf of the wonderful refreshments and wine served during the meeting. It was noted that Dr. Eakin provides the funding for refreshments at each of the Faculty Senate meetings.

3. The Chancellor's reception in his home honoring the 1996-97 Faculty Senators is scheduled for Thursday,

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- 24 April 1997, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Senators were asked to make plans now to attend.
4. All faculty are invited to the ECU Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Friday, 6 December 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Mendenhall Great Room.
  5. Plans are now being made for the first annual Teaching Awards Ceremony to honor upcoming recipients of the three teaching awards, i.e. Alumni Teaching Excellence, Board of Governors Award for Excellence, and Board of Governors Distinguished Professor. This ceremony will replace the recognition shown each year for award winners at the Fall Faculty Convocation. The ceremony will be begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Hendrix Theatre on Wednesday, 30 April 1997 (Reading Day). A reception, hosted by Chancellor Eakin, will follow in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose room. Please make plans now to attend.
  6. The Department of Theatre Arts has been changed to the Department of Theatre and Dance.
  7. Copies of two documents distributed at the last Faculty Assembly meeting concerning budget requests for the UNC system were distributed to Faculty Senators. Interested faculty may obtain a copy of this information by calling the Faculty Senate office at ext. 6537.

C. Richard Eakin, Chancellor

Chancellor Eakin began his remarks with the recognition of Joanne Bath (Music) who received a North Carolina Award, the highest civilian award given in the state. Also reported was the establishment of the International Human Performance Center recently approved by the International Olympic Committee. Dr. Leroy Walker, past president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, led the efforts to get the center established at ECU. The profile of faculty tenure status was distributed for the senate's information. Little change is indicated from 1995. Chancellor Eakin discussed briefly the decline in ECU participation in the American Red Cross blood drive and noted that the ECU community is encouraged to participate.

Jones (Social Work) asked about reports of the football coach's leaving and the status of financial arrangements. Chancellor Eakin stated that efforts are being made to retain University coaches.

D. Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Vice Chancellor Ringeisen began his remarks with the announcement of a pilot cohort program starting next fall and the General Administration's approval of requests to plan degrees in construction management, interdisciplinary studies, and occupational safety, and rejection of PhD proposals in bioenergetics, maritime history and nursing and degrees in Teaching of English as a Second Language and Religious Studies. He also noted a pre-freshman program would be offered prior to the beginning of fall semester. Dr. Ringeisen went on to announce that an ad hoc committee is looking at distance learning at ECU.

Decker (Health and Human Performance) asked if the General Administration provided feedback on the rejected proposals. Vice Chancellor Ringeisen suggested that the General Administration did not approve many proposals overall, and stated that last time ECU had more programs approved than any other university and new graduate program approval was currently very conservative.

Ferrell (History) indicated that explanations he had received at the last Faculty Assembly meeting that had been given by Roy Carroll for the disapproval of the Maritime History proposal were less than satisfactory.

E. James Hallock, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences  
Vice Chancellor Hallock was out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

F. Thomas Feldbush, Vice Chancellor for Research  
Vice Chancellor Feldbush had no formal report but was available for questions.

G. Ben Irons, University Attorney

Mr. Irons began his remarks concerning the new Public Meeting Law. The Board of Governors had reinterpreted the administration of the open meetings law in response to threatened litigation by the North Carolina Press Association. A key point involves the exemption available to committees involving "professional staff". Under the new interpretation, faculty are no longer considered "professional staff." Numerous committees previously not covered are now covered. Committees covered would now be required to: give notice of their meetings, minutes must be kept and made available for inspection, if a committee must go into closed session, this must be done in a prescribed way and

only for specified reasons, and written ballots must be signed and votes of members must be recorded in the minutes.

McMillen (Medicine) asked how this would impact the sensitive nature of some committee business. Mr. Irons indicated that when issues of a sensitive nature, if covered by the law, are considered, the committee can go into closed session. Wilson (Sociology) asked how it would affect departmental meetings. Mr. Irons pointed out that these were not affected because it did not relate to the entire University. Ferrell (History) asked if the Board of Governors looked into federal law regarding what is meant by "administrators". Mr. Irons responded that the answer was unknown.

Allred (Psychology) asked about ballots and the need to include tabulations in the minutes. Mr. Irons indicated that the results of written ballots must be recorded in the minutes. Joyce (Physics) asked if this only related to written ballots. Mr. Irons responded yes. Joyce indicated that *Robert's Rules of Order* did provide for standing votes or a show of hands which would not require tabulation and recording in the minutes.

H. Rita Reaves, Faculty Assembly Delegate  
Professor Reaves was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, the report on the UNC Faculty Assembly meeting of 15 November 1996, was postponed until 21 January 1996.

#### 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. Agenda Committee

Lou Everett (Nursing), Chair of the Committee, first requested the Faculty Senate's permission to move the January 1997, Agenda Committee meeting date one week ahead. The current date is set prior to the start of classes. There was no objection.

Professor Everett then moved to elect one member to the Agenda Committee to fill the upcoming vacancy. Linda Allred (Psychology) was elected to fill the remaining one year term on the Agenda Committee.

Professor Everett then proceeded to discuss the change in the agenda's Special Order of the Day. It was noted that in recent months, several comments had been made concerning the length of the meetings and time devoted to ex-officio members. In light of this, the Agenda Committee agreed to request that the three Vice Chancellors alternate their reports, with only one Vice Chancellor addressing the group each month. There was no objection to the continuance of such an arrangement.

Professor Everett concluded her report with the proposed 1997-1998 Agenda Committee and Faculty Senate meeting dates. There was no discussion and the meeting dates were approved as presented. **Resolution #96-39** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the list of meeting dates.)

B. University Curriculum Committee

The Committee's report was postponed until January because the minutes had not been completed and distributed to all Faculty Senators.

Agenda Item VI. New Business

Jim Joyce (Physics) moved the following: *"That a faculty committee be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty to consider recommendations concerning policies and procedures for courses and programs offered in non-traditional and/or non-residential formats. These policies and procedures should include accreditation concerns, faculty credentials, provision of proper resources and learning environments, etc."*

Ferrell (History) offered the inclusion of "appropriate student data" as an editorial change. Jones (Social Work) asked to include "impact on faculty welfare" as editorial.

Satterfield (Art) asked if existing committees should act on the concerns contained in the motion. Joyce indicated that the charge was broader than the charge of any one Faculty Senate standing committee. Chancellor Eakin endorsed the work of such a committee.

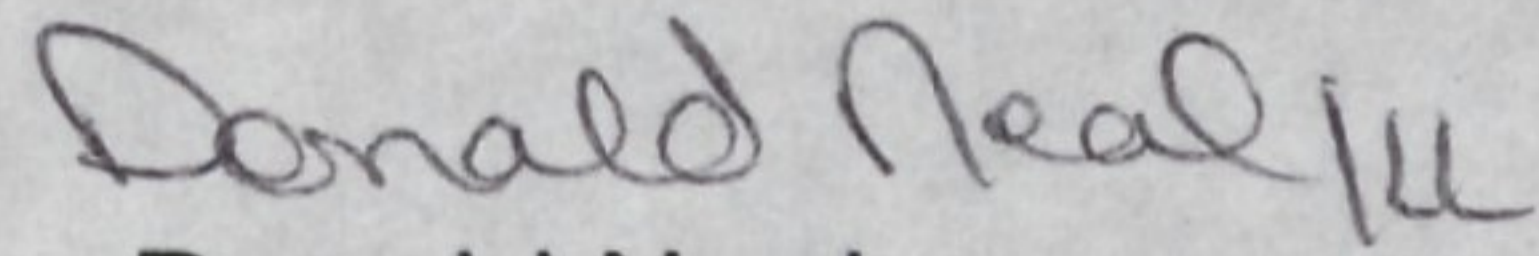
Vice Chancellor Ringeisen asked about the use of the term "non-traditional". Joyce indicated he chose that from the SACS study and that all such courses considered "non-traditional" should be considered.

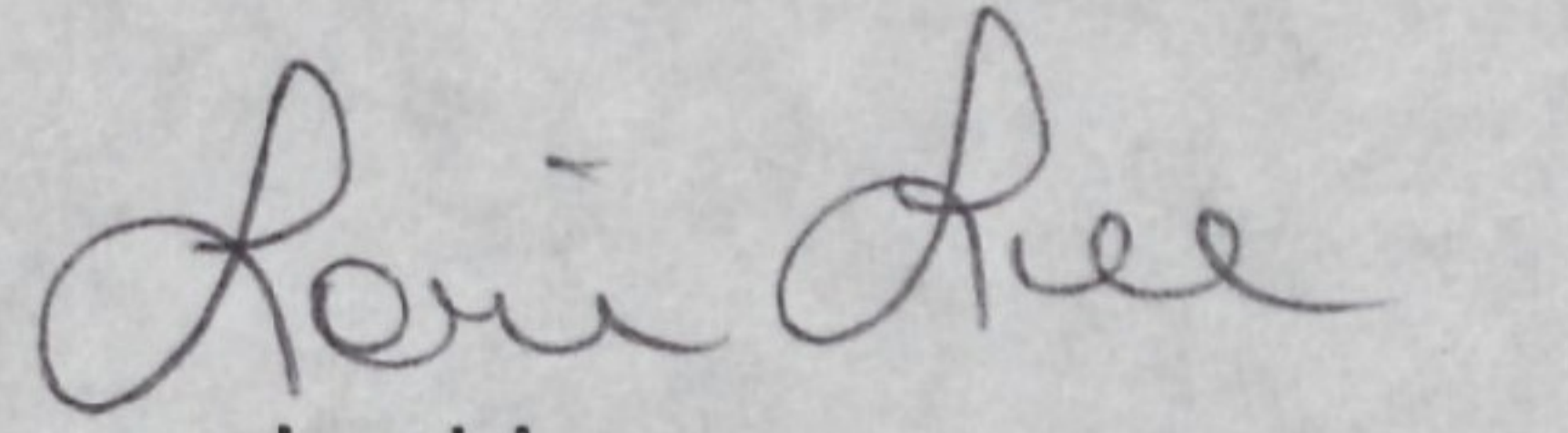
Following discussion the motion was approved as amended.

**Resolution #96-40** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the approved resolution.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Secretary of the Faculty

  
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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 3 DECEMBER 1996,  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING.**

#96-39      1997-1998 Agenda Committee and Faculty  
Senate meeting dates as follows:  
Agenda will meet:      Faculty Senate will meet:  
*August 26, 1997*      *September 9, 1997*  
*September 30, 1997*      *October 14, 1997*  
*October 28, 1997*      *November 4, 1997*  
*November 18, 1997*      *December 9, 1997*  
*January 20, 1998*      *January 27, 1998*  
*February 10, 1998*      *February 24, 1998*  
*March 10, 1998*      *March 24, 1998*  
*April 7, 1998*      *April 21, 1998*  
*April 28, 1998, Organizational Meeting*  
**Disposition: Faculty Senate**

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**Disposition: Chair of the Faculty**