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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

EXECUTIVE 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.

The minutes of 5 November 1996, was approved as written.

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).

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, 24 April 1997, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Senators were asked to make plans now to attend.
4. 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.

Richard Eakin, Chancellor, 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. 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.

Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 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.

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

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

Ben Irons, University Attorney, 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. Mr. Irons pointed out that departmental meetings were not affected by this new law because it did not relate to the entire University. Joyce indicated that *Robert's Rules of*

Order provided for standing votes or a show of hands which would not require tabulation and recording in the minutes.

The report on the UNC Faculty Assembly meeting of 15 November 1996, was postponed until 21 January.

Linda Allred (Psychology) was elected to fill the remaining one year term on the Agenda Committee.

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.

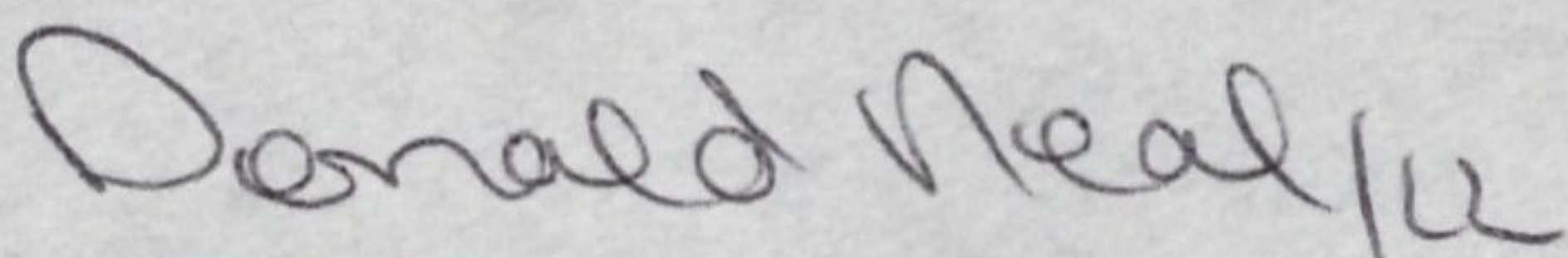
Professor Everett concluded her report with the proposed 1997-1998 Agenda Committee and Faculty Senate meeting dates. There was no discussion and the meeting dates were approved as presented. **Resolution #96-39** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the list of meeting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

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

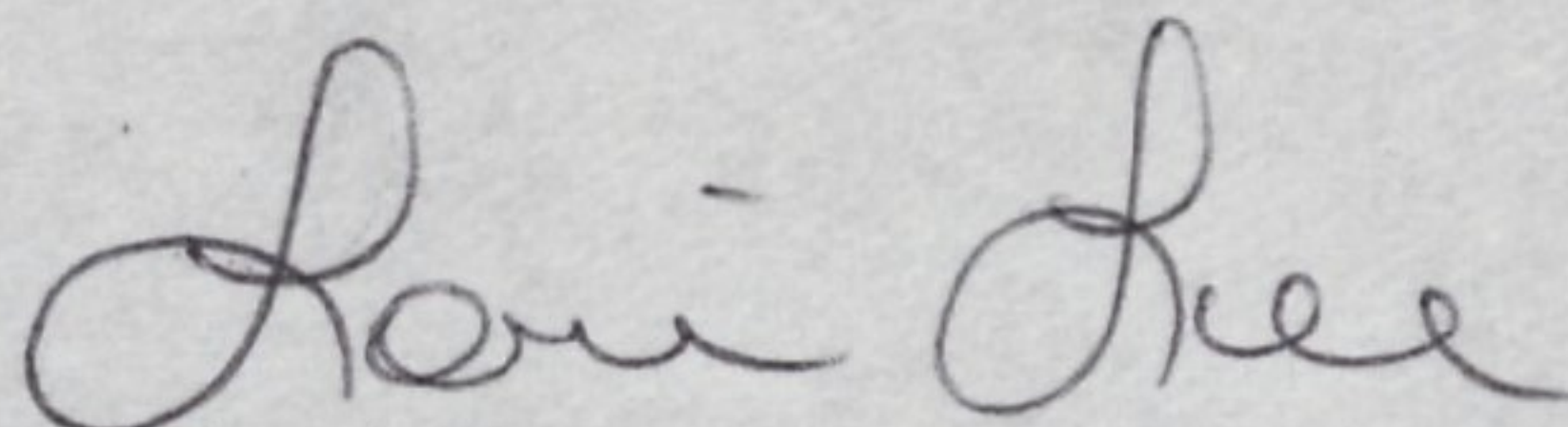
Under New Business, Jim Joyce (Physics) moved the following: "That a faculty committee be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty to consider recommendations concerning policies and procedures for courses and programs offered in non-traditional and/or non-residential formats. These policies and procedures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

August 26, 1997
September 30, 1997
October 28, 1997
November 18, 1997
January 20, 1998
February 10, 1998
March 10, 1998
April 7, 1998

Faculty Senate will meet:

September 9, 1997
October 14, 1997
November 4, 1997
December 9, 1997
January 27, 1998
February 24, 1998
March 24, 1998
April 21, 1998

April 28, 1998, Organizational Meeting

Disposition: Faculty Senate

#96-40 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, appropriate student data, and impact on faculty welfare."

Disposition: Chair of the Faculty