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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard R. Eakin
Chancellor

FROM: David Lawrence, Chair
Educational Policies and Planning Committee

DATE: 11 December 1996

SUBJECT: ECU Conflict of Interest Policy and Royalties

The Educational Policies and Planning Committee, at the request of the Faculty Senate, has been investigating the conflict of interest issue regarding the selection and sale of required class materials and textbooks, when a department or a faculty member has a financial interest in the sale. Currently, this issue is addressed in the *Faculty Manual*, Appendix I, pages 4 and 10, and the memorandum from Tinsley Yarbrough and James Hallock, 2-27-96 (enclosed). Since *NC Statute 14-236* appeared to be relevant as well, the committee asked Ben G. Irons, University Attorney, for advice. A copy of the statute and his reply are enclosed.

On 12-2-96, after considering the *Faculty Manual*, the *Statute*, and Mr. Iron's letter, the committee passed the following motions:

1. In regard to department-generated lab material and other student-required materials, the committee sees no conflict of interest.
2. Let the East Carolina University administration take appropriate steps to notify a faculty member adopting a textbook that he or she has authored, of the existence of *North Carolina Statute 14-236*.

Should this require any clarification, I would be happy to assist.

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attachments

c: Educational Policies and Planning Committee Members
(without attachments)

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