



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Eakin  
Chancellor

FROM: David Lawrence, Chair *DL*  
Educational Policies and Planning Committee

DATE: 17 April 1997

SUBJECT: Program Reviews

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The committee acted on the following program reviews during the 23 March 1997, 4 April 1997, and 11 April 1997 meetings:

### Art Education MAEd

Committee recommendation: Retain and strengthen

This is a program needed by the primary and secondary school systems, since it is the only one accredited in the state. The connection with the A + schools should be strengthened, and the program should be consolidated with API #1002.

### Art History BS

Committee recommendation: Consolidation in API 1002.

### Biochemistry BS

Committee recommendation: Retain

The biochemistry program is maintained at no extra cost to ECU, but is an important service to the few excellent students who major in it.

### Chemistry MS

Committee recommendation: Retain and strengthen

This excellent program could be strengthened by utilizing external grants to provide more research assistantships.

### Clinical Psychology MS

Committee recommendation: Retain

### Counselor Education CAS

Committee recommendation: Retain with provisions

Provisional on: 1. Seek dual accreditation within the next two years

2. Add catalog references to the rural aspect of the program, and strengthen it.

3. Change review document to go forward:

- a) emphasize rural focus
- b) cost aspect re-written
- c) will, not might seek certification

### Environmental Health MS

Committee recommendation: Retain, but strengthen document.

### French, German, and Spanish BA

Committee recommendation: Retention of all current foreign language programs.

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Geography MA

Committee recommendation: Retain.

The increase in program quality merits the program retention, However the committee strongly suggests editing the document for accuracy. Also, the department will suggest that the department continue to strengthen its commitment to GIS and remote sensing. More emphasis on supporting research assistants through external grants would aid the program.

Molecular Biology/Biotechnology

Committee recommendation: Retention, with possible consolidation in API 0401.

Nutrition MS

Committee failed to vote to retain. The program has falling productivity, and the document was weak.

Pharmacology Ph.D.

Committee recommendation: Retain

The degree production of this program is barely under the UNC requirement for review. It is a strong program.

Ph.D. degrees in Microbiology and Immunology, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Pharmacology, and Physiology

Committee recommendation: Retain all these programs.

Philosophy BA

Committee recommendation: Retain

Physics BS and Applied Physics BS

Committee recommendation: Consolidation of these two programs.

Physics MS

Committee recommendation: Retain but strengthen

The document could be strengthened by not attempting to establish the program saves money by its retention. Considering the cost of a physics program, this could hardly be true. On the other hand, this excellent faculty provides service courses for ECU, and must be regarded as necessary. The program could be strengthened by emphasizing external grants that will support more graduate student research assistants.

Reading Education MAEd

Committee recommendation: Retain and strengthen

In order for this program to continue, it should be broadened, by recognizing the changing demographics of eastern North Carolina. The committee recommends:

1. Developing strong relations with a foreign language program, such as Spanish.
2. The program should explore adding to the relevance of the program to adult education, both native English speakers, and adults for whom English is a second language.

Sociology MA

Committee recommendation: Retain

In view of recent increases in enrollment in the program, and the strength of the faculty, the program should be retained. In order to strengthen the document itself, is suggested that the department emphasize the increases in enrollment, and changes to the program rather the emphasis on faculty productivity in the current first paragraph.

c: Members of the Educational Policies and Planning Committee  
Faculty Senators



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TO: Chancellor Richard R. Eakin

FROM: David P. Lawrence, Chair *DL*  
Educational Policies and Planning Committee

DATE: 9 April 1997

SUBJECT: New Programs

The Educational Policies and Planning Committee met on 4 April, 1997, and recommended the following:

1. That ECU request authorization to establish a new MS program in Criminal Justice.
2. That ECU request to establish an MS in Occupational Safety.
3. That ECU request to establish an MS in Parks and Recreation Management, to be re-named the MS in Recreation and Leisure Services Administration.
4. That ECU request to establish the BA and BS in Multidisciplinary Studies, but moved the following suggestions to improve the proposal:
  - a.) that the Multidisciplinary Studies Committee report to the Curriculum Committee every September.
  - b.) that any changes to the Multidisciplinary Studies Program come at the initiation of the Curriculum Committee.
  - c.) that the program be directed by an existing administrator.

Thank you for your attention with this matter.

c: Members of the Educational Policies and Planning Committee  
 Members of the Faculty Senate

## The correspondence noted below is in response to:

Resolution #97-19

Approved by the Faculty Senate: 18 March 1997

Resolved that the Readmission Appeals Committee consider the viability of adjusting the University schedule to allow for appeals for readmissions to occur at the conclusion of the second semester of the academic year. To accomplish this goal, the determination of readmittance for each student would occur at that time.

The Readmission Appeals Committee considered Senate Resolution 97-19 at its meeting on April 1st. It is the opinion of the Committee that Annual Suspension of Students would send the wrong message to those in academic difficulty. Students need a timely message that they are in serious trouble. Students who are suspended have been on probation for a number of semesters and have still not gotten the message. Suspension accomplishes this in a timely manner. Extending the suspension period to annually would only allow them to get in more difficulty. Suspending students and then letting them come back for Spring semester would reduce the incentive students have to earn an automatic appeal.

The Readmission Appeals Committee also considers appeals from University College students who have failed to meet retention standards. These appeals MUST be heard on a semester by semester basis as this committee is their only due process appeal.

The entire problem with the scheduling of the Readmission Appeals Committee meetings in January could be reduced by the timely turning in of grades by faculty. To this end the committee asks that a letter be written by the chair of the faculty to the Vice Chancellors (for AA and HS) stressing the importance of timely turning in of student end of semester grades. Timely turning in is important because: 1) Suspension and appeal of same is based on December grades 2) Awards such as Honors, Dean Lists, etc are based on these grades. 3) Current Clinton Administration Proposals would allow students with a B average an income tax deduction of \$1500 - this would be tied into timely grade reporting or there might be problems with the IRS deduction.

Finally the committee suggests that the current varying re-admission policies (there are several) be re examined by Faculty Senate Committees next year and that the whole idea of student suspension be re examined.

If you wish further information or for me to appear before the Senate on April 22nd, please contact me.

Ralph Scott, Chair Readmission Appeals.

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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF 22 APRIL 1997**

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Ernie Schwarz (Health and Human Performance), Report on University Athletic Committee and Academic Integrity Subcommittee, stated the NCAA peer review was complete and preliminary reports indicate an excellent rating. The final report was expected sometime this summer. This past year 53% of athletes graduated compared to the overall 49% graduation rate for the general student population. Last year saw the highest percentage on honor roll and the lowest on probation. Wilson (Sociology) asked about certification of academic integrity of the athletic program. Professor Schwarz indicated that ECU was in compliance with regard to academic integrity.

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Jim Joyce (Physics), Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Traditional Formats, presented a progress report of the Committee. He noted that a full report would be presented to the Faculty Senate for their consideration at a later date. Following discussion, Joyce stated that all of the concerns voiced during the meeting would be addressed by the Ad-Hoc Committee. The progress report was then accepted as presented.

#### New Business:

Wilson (Sociology) voiced concern over the low attendance rate of faculty members at the commencement ceremonies. He offered a resolution concerning attendance at Spring graduation. VC Ringeisen stated that he had agreed to provide the following items for faculty prior to the ceremony: 1) special parking passes for faculty who choose to attend the ceremony, 2) a room in Minges set aside for faculty members to robe and meet with colleagues prior to the ceremony, and 3) light food and beverages provided in Minges prior to the ceremony. Allred (Psychology), Kennedy and Davis (Industry and Technology) and Chair Sexauer spoke in favor of the resolution. Following discussion, the resolution concerning attendance at Spring graduation was approved. **RESOLUTION #97-27** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the full resolution.)

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Neal  
Department of Geology  
Secretary of the Faculty

Lori Lee  
Faculty Senate office  
Administrative Assistant

### **RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 22 APRIL 1997, FACULTY SENATE MEETING.**

- #97-20 Addition to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix C. Personnel Policies and Procedures.  
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**Disposition: Chancellor, Board of Trustees**
- #97-21 Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix X. Grievance Procedures.  
(Following approval by the Chancellor, the revised appendix will be incorporated into the *ECU Faculty Manual*, and copies distributed to all faculty in August.)  
**Disposition: Chancellor**
- #97-22 Resolution concerning steps to enhance the student advising process as follows:  
The Committee proposes the following steps to enhance the advising process:
1. Increase faculty and administrators (deans', department chairs') participation in advising workshops sponsored by academic units and the office of Undergraduate Studies (encouraging these individuals to attend a workshop at least every 3 years).
  2. Incorporate in advising workshops presentations of successful advising strategies from previous advising award winners.
  3. Increase student participation in the advising survey by employing practices of academic units which have achieved high response rates.
  4. Send a listing of student response rates by academic unit to unit heads for their information and review.
- Disposition: Chancellor**
- #97-23 Resolution concerning the Committee's concerns in the Financial Aid office as follows:  
Therefore Be It Resolved, the Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee requests that the Faculty Senate endorse the overall concerns of the Committee. Be It Further Resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Chancellor request that the Vice Chancellor for Student Life address these concerns and, as budgetarily feasible, work to eliminate them.  
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If a writing course (a course whose primary content is writing according to its course title and description) is accepted in transfer by number and credit hour for a writing-intensive course at East Carolina University, the transferred credit hours will count as writing-intensive for ECU degree requirements. Representative examples are ENGL 3880, Writing for Business and Industry, and ITEC 3290, Technical Writing. (Once approved by the Chancellor, this policy will be placed in the next printing of the Undergraduate Catalog.)  
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- #97-27 Resolution concerning attendance at Spring graduation as follows:  
Since graduation is one of the most important academic ceremonies, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate request the Chair of the Faculty to invite and encourage faculty to attend graduation.  
**Disposition: Chair of the Faculty**

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### FULL MINUTES OF 22 APRIL 1997

The eighth regular meeting of the 1996-97 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 22 April 1997, 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.

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### F. Faculty Assembly Delegate Report

Professor Larry Hough (Political Science) presented a brief report on the UNC Faculty Assembly meeting of 18 April 1997. (A copy of the full report may be obtained in the Faculty Senate office, 140 Rawl Annex.)

### 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

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H. Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Traditional Formats

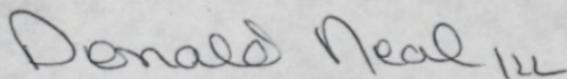
Jim Joyce (Physics), Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, presented a progress report of the Committee. He noted that a full report would be presented to the Faculty Senate for their consideration at a later date. Kennedy (Industry and Technology) proposed some interaction with technology faculty on issues of courses offered off campus and the use of technology. Davis (Industry and Technology/ Academic Deans Representative) spoke about the negative implication of the proposal. Ferrell (History) questioned what was presented by the administrative committee on distance education. He suggested dropping "Non-traditional" and having a "format characteristic" as part of the course proposal form. Engelke (Nursing) suggested that these non-traditional courses were instead traditional courses. Reaves (Industry and Technology/Faculty Assembly Delegate) spoke about the increased use of technology in instruction and how this was becoming more traditional. Vice Chancellor Feldbush reported that his office was developing a draft document to make sure distance courses were of high quality, that there was proper assessment and proper computer technology available to students. Re-approval of courses presented in a new venue would be required. Ferrell (History) asked if the administrative committee report could be made available. Vice Chancellor Regeisen stated that the committee report recommended the formation of a response team to look at distance learning. Davis (Industry and Technology) indicated that the committee was formed to assess ECU's competitive position in the State. Grossnickle (Psychology) indicated that information concerning this important matter needed to be disseminated. Following discussion, Joyce stated that all of these concerns would be addressed by the Ad-Hoc Committee. The progress report was then accepted as presented.

Agenda Item VI. New Business

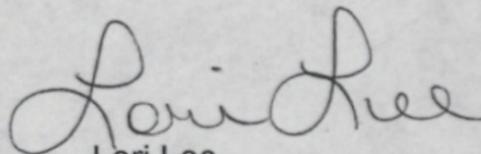
Wilson (Sociology) voiced concern over the low attendance rate of faculty members at the commencement ceremonies. He offered a resolution concerning attendance at Spring graduation. VC Ringeisen stated that he had agreed to provide the following items for faculty prior to the ceremony: 1) special parking passes for faculty who choose to attend the ceremony, 2) a room in Minges set aside for faculty members to robe and meet with colleagues prior to the ceremony, and 3) light food and beverages provided in Minges prior to the ceremony. Allred (Psychology), Kennedy and Davis (Industry and Technology) and Chair Sexauer spoke in favor of the resolution. Following discussion, the resolution concerning attendance at Spring graduation was approved. **RESOLUTION #97-27** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the full resolution.)

There being no further business to come before the Faculty Senate at this time, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 22 APRIL 1997, FACULTY SENATE MEETING.**

#97-20 Addition to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix C. Personnel Policies and Procedures.  
(Following approval by the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees will act upon the proposed addition at their May 1997, meeting. Upon final approval, the revised section will be incorporated into the *ECU Faculty Manual*, and copies distributed to all faculty in August.)

**Disposition: Chancellor, Board of Trustees**

#97-21 Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix X. Grievance Procedures.  
(Following approval by the Chancellor, the revised appendix will be incorporated into the *ECU Faculty Manual*, and copies distributed to all faculty in August.)

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#97-22 Resolution concerning steps to enhance the student advising process as follows:

The Committee proposes the following steps to enhance the advising process:

1. Increase faculty and administrators (deans', department chairs') participation in advising workshops sponsored by academic units and the office of Undergraduate Studies (encouraging these individuals to attend a workshop at least every 3 years).
2. Incorporate in advising workshops presentations of successful advising strategies from previous advising award winners.
3. Increase student participation in the advising survey by employing practices of academic units which have achieved high response rates.
4. Send a listing of student response rates by academic unit to unit heads for their information and review.

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#97-23 Resolution concerning the Committee's concerns in the Financial Aid office as follows:

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee requests that the Faculty Senate endorse the overall concerns of the Committee. Be It Further Resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Chancellor request that the Vice Chancellor for Student Life address these concerns and, as budgetarily feasible, work to eliminate them.

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#97-24 Revised Unit Codes of Operations for the Department of English and the School of Human Environmental Sciences. (Copies of the revised codes, as well as codes from any other academic unit on campus, may be viewed in the Faculty Senate office, 140 Rawl Annex.)

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#97-25 Curriculum matters contained in the 27 February 1997, 27 March 1997 (including approval of COMM 2001), and 10 April 1997, University Curriculum Committee minutes.

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#97-26 Policy for transfer credit of writing courses as follows:

If a writing course (a course whose primary content is writing according to its course title and description) is accepted in transfer by number and credit hour for a writing-intensive course at East Carolina University, the transferred credit hours will count as writing-intensive for ECU degree requirements. Representative examples are ENGL 3880, Writing for Business and Industry, and ITEC 3290, Technical Writing. (Once approved by the Chancellor, this policy will be placed in the next printing of the Undergraduate Catalog.)

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#97-27 Resolution concerning attendance at Spring graduation as follows:

Since graduation is one of the most important academic ceremonies, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate request the Chair of the Faculty to invite and encourage faculty to attend graduation.

**Disposition: Chair of the Faculty**