

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

FULL MINUTES OF 4 NOVEMBER 1997

The third regular meeting of the 1997-98 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 4 November 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.

**Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of 14 October 1997, were approved as distributed.

**Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day**

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Singhas (Biology), Dixon (Geography), Metzger (Medicine), Wilson (Sociology), Faculty Assembly Delegate Rosenberg (Medicine), Chancellor Eakin, and Vice Chancellor Hallock.

Alternates present were: Professors Mott for White (Education), Dosser for Farrier (Human Environmental Sciences), Ciesielski for Hankins (Industry and Technology), Said for Spickerman (Math), Jendrasiak for Fletcher (Medicine), Brown for Tranbarger (Nursing), and Shinpaugh for Joyce (Physics).

B. Announcements

1. The next Faculty Assembly meeting is scheduled for Friday, 21 November 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in Chapel Hill. Faculty, with issues they feel need to be addressed by this body, should contact one of the five Faculty Assembly Delegate listed below.  
- Lou Everett -Henry Ferrell -Rita Reaves -Allan Rosenberg - Don Sexauer
2. The Committee on Committees has been charged to seek nominees from the faculty for the election of two alternate members to the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina. Delegates and alternates should be full-time faculty or professional staff members, holding no administrative duties outside his/her unit. At the present time, the Committee needs more nominees willing to serve in this capacity.
3. The Chancellor was out of town participating in a NCAA Certification Review in Texas.
4. The Guidelines for Measuring Teaching Loads, approved by the Faculty Senate last month, has now been forwarded to each unit to complete the process of developing their teaching load polices by December 15, 1997. Faculty are encouraged to contact their unit head if the discussion on this topic has not begun within their unit.

C. Vice Chancellor's Report

Thomas Feldbush, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, spoke briefly on: 1) Graduate stipends being the lowest in the system. Stipends will increase to the national average over the next few years. Scholarships in the amount of \$3000 will be provided to recruit the best graduate students; 30 will be available in the Fall and in the future, hopefully, 100. The Vice Chancellor hopes to be able to provide tuition along with the scholarship in the future. 2) Out of state tuition waivers are determined by the General Administration based on the Carnegie classification. He stated that currently there are 63 waivers available with money provided by the General Administration. The reclassification to Doctoral II status may make a total of 148 waivers possible. 3) The request for reclassification to Doctoral II status will be considered by the Board of Governors in January, 1998, and no problems are anticipated. 4) Graduate admissions increased slightly this year over last year.

Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, spoke about the 48-hour rule for submission of grades at the end of the semester and urged faculty to get their grades in promptly. He also noted that, as with the 1997 Spring graduation, he will again provide a robing room, refreshments, and special parking for faculty members attending the Fall graduation exercises. Faculty are encouraged to attend.

D. Approval of the Fall 1997 Graduation Roster

Bernard Kane (Allied Health Sciences) moved the approval of the Fall 1997 Graduation Roster, subject to completion of degree requirements. **RESOLUTION #97-34**

**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

Mark Taggart (Music), Chair of the Committee, presented the second reading of the proposed revision to the Research/Creative Activity Policies Committee Charge. There was no discussion. The revised Committee charge was approved as presented.

**RESOLUTION #97-35** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the revised text. The full committee charge is listed on the Faculty Senate webpage at: <http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/rpc.htm>.)

B. Faculty Computer Committee

Wayne Godwin (Art), Chair of the Committee, presented the three Model Computer Use Policies. Schadler (Business) asked what faculty computers might be monitored. Ben Irons (University Attorney) indicated that the University might monitor a faculty computer if something illegal was suspected by the University, such as transmission of legally obscene material. Farr (English) asked about non-university computers and the access to materials and restricting material that some people might consider obscene. Irons indicated that these computers would not be covered under this policy. Morrison (Chemistry) asked about reviewing an employee's performance. Godwin stated that it is the prerogative of the University to review any material on State-owned computers. Irons stated that the University could monitor to see if the use of computers was for work related to the faculty position and not just for personal business. Kane (Allied Health Sciences) asked if there was a parallel between monitoring of computers and the use of telephones. Godwin stated that the University has the right to monitor telephone use to see if it complies with definitions of appropriate use. Kane asked if the University would be more prone to monitor faculty computer use? Godwin indicated that the capability was there and these proposed policies were to inform faculty members of that capability. Farr

(English) asked about the monitoring of telephone conversations. Irons indicated that the interception of messages was illegal and would not be done, however, the monitoring of the amount of time someone spends on the phone in pursuit of non-university business was legal and covered by University policies. Ciesielski (Industry and Technology) asked if there was ever any time when a faculty member's activities could be monitored in their office. Simon (Political Science) asked if there should be different language used relative to faculty performance. Schadler (Business) asked if the monitoring would be targeted or across the board and how could actual computer access use be logged as compared to simple access? Godwin responded that as long as it did not interfere with normal business then it should not be a problem. Irons stated that the intent of the policy was to make clear that personal uses are okay unless they are illegal. Morrison (Chemistry) stated that more areas should be looked at and asked which committee or committees would be appropriate. Parker (Economics) asked if there were already laws in place that cover these items. Irons stated that there were. Gabbard (Education) asked about who would hold faculty members accountable for the accuracy of the material posted on a computer or web page.

Ferrell (History) stated that the committee should look at academic areas and not general employee regulations and moved that the policies be sent back to Committee to remove academic activities as opposed to those relating to all University employees. Following discussion, the three Model Computer Use Policies were referred back to the Faculty Computer Committee for further review and consideration of removal of reference to academic activities. **RESOLUTION #97-36**

C. Faculty Governance Committee

Patricia Anderson (Education), Chair of the Committee, presented first the revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI. Section I.D. Leaves of Absence. Simon (Political Science) stated that research leave forces a probationary track faculty member to extend their leave rather than giving the faculty member an option. Chair Sexauer cited the *ECU Faculty Manual* and stated that probationary track faculty have no option. Anderson suggested some editorial changes to bring the proposed revision in line with the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix D. Miller (Philosophy) asked if it was the prerogative of the faculty member to ask for an early tenure decision. Anderson responded that it is a possibility. Grossnickle (Psychology) suggested the use of "might" rather than "may". Kane (Allied Health Sciences) asked if the suggested editorial changes might not better be handled by the committee after further deliberation and moved that it be returned to the committee. Therefore, the proposed revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI. Section I.D. Leaves of Absence was returned to Faculty Governance Committee for further review. **RESOLUTION #97-37**

Professor Anderson then presented the revised description of faculty entitled to participate in both the DECAD and Administrator Survey. There was no discussion and the revised description of faculty entitled to participate in both the DECAD and Administrator Survey was approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #97-38** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the revised description.)

D. University Curriculum Committee

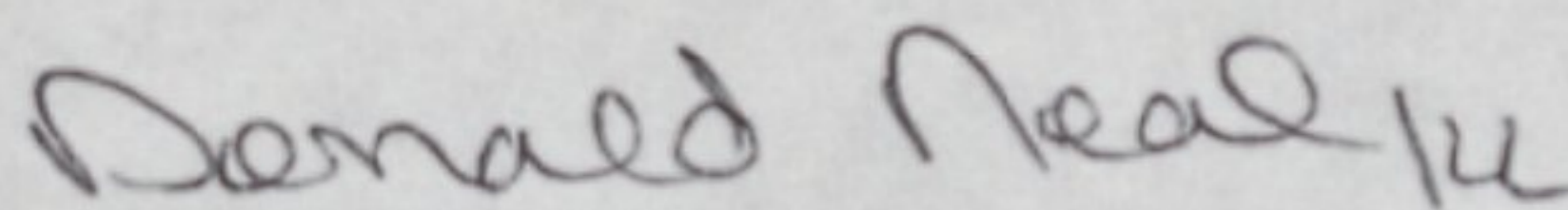
James Smith (Business), Chair of the Committee, presented the curriculum matters contained in the 23 October 1997, meeting minutes. There was no discussion and the curriculum matters were approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #97-39** (Copies of these minutes have been distributed to all units and are available on the Faculty Senate web page at: <http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/cu.htm>.)

**Agenda Item VI. New Business**

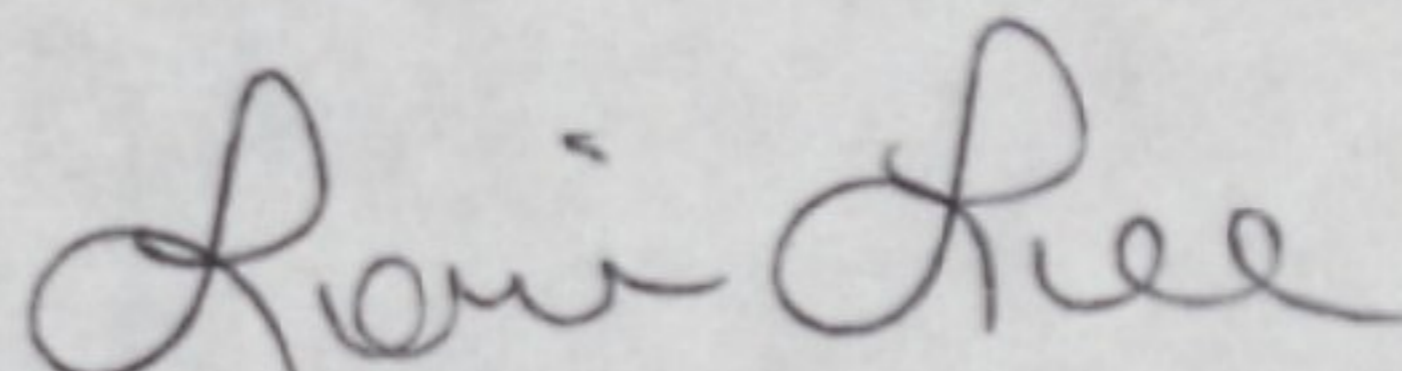
There was no new business to come before the Faculty Senate at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Faculty Senate, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 4 NOVEMBER 1997, FACULTY SENATE MEETING.**

#97-34 Fall 1997 Graduation Roster, subject to completion of degree requirements.

**Disposition:** Chancellor

#97-35 Revised Research/Creative Activity Policies Committee Charge, increasing the faculty membership to 8. (The full committee charge is listed on the Faculty Senate webpage at: <http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/rpc.htm>.)

**Disposition:** Faculty Senate

#97-36 Proposed Model Computer Use Policies referred back to the Faculty Computer Committee for further review and consideration of removal of reference to academic activities.

**Disposition:** Faculty Computer Committee

#97-37 Proposed revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI. Section I.D. Leaves of Absence, referred back to the Faculty Governance Committee for further review.

**Disposition:** Faculty Governance Committee

#97-38 Revised description of faculty entitled to participate in both the DECAD and Administrator Survey as follows: Faculty members participating in the DECAD and Administrator Survey must: 1) hold rank as professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, or faculty title, 2) be employed currently, 3) hold full-time appointment, and 4) have been employed at ECU for at least one year.

**Disposition:** Chancellor

#97-39 Curriculum matters contained in the University Curriculum Committee minutes of 23 October 1997.

**Disposition:** Chancellor