

FACULTY SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

27 January 1998

1. We would like to ask that all Senators do the following to aid in **reporting the minutes** correctly:
 - a. To aid in identification, please stand when recognized to speak on issues.
 - b. To aid in clarification of motions, forms have been provided near each Senator. When making a motion or amendment, please fill out the form and forward it to Donald Neal, Secretary of the Faculty.
2. **Chancellor Eakin** is in Chapel Hill today attending an UNC Administrative Council meeting.
3. The Committee on Committees has been charged to seek volunteers to serve on the various **academic, appellate, administrative, Board of Trustee, and student union committees**. Faculty have received volunteer packets, with brief descriptions of the University committees, and are strongly encouraged to participate in this component of shared faculty governance.
4. Letters concerning unit elections for the **1998-1999 Faculty Senate representation** will be mailed to unit code administrators this week. In accordance with the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix A, elections are to be held during the month of February. Please call the Faculty Senate office if you have any questions.
5. Plans are now being made for the second annual **Teaching Awards Ceremony** to honor upcoming recipients of the three teaching awards: Alumni Teaching Excellence, Board of Governors Award for Excellence, and Board of Governors Distinguished Professor. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Hendrix Theatre on Thursday, 7 May 1998 (Reading Day). A reception, hosted by Chancellor Eakin, will follow in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose room. Please make plans now to attend.
6. Chancellor Eakin has approved the following **resolutions** from the December 1997, Faculty Senate meeting:
 - #97-40 Neither the new Academic Eligibility Standards nor their penalty structure be implemented at this time. The Enrollment Services Council, with its current faculty and Senate committee representatives and relevant administrators, plus a delegate from the Credits Committee and a person who is primarily concerned with minority enrollment, should be charged with reporting to the Faculty Senate by April 15th. on an alternative plan that will endeavor to raise the University's academic standards in a manner that avoids the degree of substantive risk apparent in the current plan, and that the Enrollment Services Council should solicit and consider written faculty advice on strategies to improve retention. Such advice might include higher standards than the current ones, but not as high as the previously proposed new standards. Also, postponement of suspension until later in the sophomore year to permit students to focus longer on academic improvement may have merit.
 - #97-43 Revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix C., Section I.C. and Section III.
 - #97-44 December 1997, graduating senior candidates to be designated "Honors Program Graduates", subject to the completion of degree requirements.
 - #97-45 Curriculum matters contained in the University Curriculum Committee minutes of 13 November 1997.