

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

FULL MINUTES OF 27 JANUARY 1998

The fifth regular meeting of the 1997-98 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 27 January 1998, 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 9 December 1997, were approved as distributed.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Wolfe, Ulffers, Chancellor Eakin, and Vice Chancellor Feldbush.

Alternates present were: Professors Mott for Joyner (Education), Jones for Farr (English), Ciesielski for Hankins (Industry and Technology), and Johnson for Wilson (Sociology).

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C. Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Richard Ringeisen made remarks about appointment of Gary Lowe as Interim Dean of the School of Education; ECU meeting the criteria for designation as a Doctoral II University but the General Administration not recognizing such as of yet; new degrees being planned and ones being established are in the final phases of consideration including the Bachelors in Construction Management, doctorates in Coastal Resource Management and Biomedical Physics; phased retirement soon being implemented and a letter to those eligible forthcoming from the Chancellor. He noted that all previous indications of interest in early retirement are insufficient and those interested in participating will have to apply after notification from the Chancellor. VC Ringeisen also noted that ECU was sending a team to the Association of Higher Education meeting in Florida.

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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 two nominees to fill the upcoming alternate Faculty Assembly positions. There was no discussion and the two nominees, Jeanette Dolezal (Medicine), and Bob Woodside (Math) were elected as Faculty Assembly alternates by acclamation.

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B. Credits Committee

Bob Woodside (Math), Chair of the Committee, presented the proposed revision to the *Undergraduate University Catalog*, Section 5: Academic Regulations. Ferrell (History) asked about the 15% cap on correspondence courses and suggested an editorial change adding the phrase ", unless the student's major requirements specify otherwise." Allred (Psychology) questioned the change. Schadler (Business) expressed a view that the statement already set a limit of 15%. Simon (Political Science) suggested that there should not be a change. Ferrell (History) moved to include an editorial change. Rosenberg (Faculty Assembly) suggested that the courses should be left to the discretion of the supervising faculty. The editorial change was rejected by the group. Following discussion, the proposed revision to the *Undergraduate University Catalog*, Section 5: Academic Regulations was approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #98-1** (Please refer to the list of resolutions at the end of this report for the full revision.)

C. Educational Policies and Planning Committee

Don Sexauer (Art), member of the Committee, presented the committee's approval of the request for authorization to plan a new degree program as a Undergraduate Multidisciplinary Minor. There was no discussion and the Committee's report was accepted as presented.

D. Unit Code Screening Committee

Bill Grossnickle (Psychology), Chair of the Committee, presented the proposed revised School of Education and Department of History's Unit Code of Operations. There was no discussion and the revised School of Education and Department of History's Unit Code of Operations were approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #98-2** (Copies of these codes are available for review in the Faculty Senate office, 140 Rawl Annex.)

E. Ad Hoc Committee to Review Model Computer Use Policies

Henry Ferrell (History), chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, presented a synopsis of the proposed policy, then asked to withdraw the policy from the agenda to allow the Ad Hoc Committee more time to review the issues involved. The policy will be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee, Faculty Officers, Chancellor Eakin, and the University Attorney and will be returned to the Senate for further consideration and action in February.

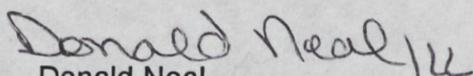
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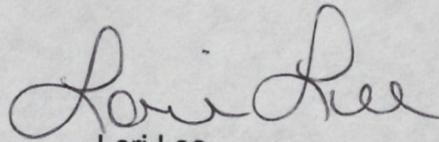
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Respectfully submitted,


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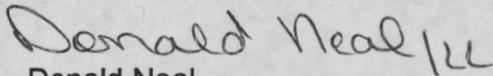
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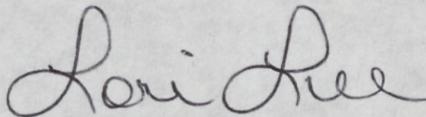
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