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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

FULL MINUTES OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1999

The first regular meeting of the 1999-2000 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 7 September 1999, in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Bob Morrison, Faculty Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 27 April 1999, and 4 May 1999, were approved as distributed.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Killingsworth (Chair), Gares (Geography), Bauer (English), Mott (Education), Cali (Education), Mustafa (Medicine), Shea (HESC), Clark (Theatre Arts)

Alternates present were: Professors Griffin (Education) for Joyner

B. Announcements

Attached

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C. Richard Eakin, Chancellor, offered congratulations to Professor Killingsworth and Lori Lee on the birth of their children.

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D. Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated that he is in the process of meeting with all University committees to provide encouragement, and is having informal discussion sessions with faculty members. Dr. Ringeisen addressed several questions that have arisen in the course of these meeting. The large freshman class and plans to accommodate growth in student enrollment are two issues of concern. The Vice Chancellor pledged that the quality of students would be maintained and enhanced. He also addressed the need of getting more high school guidance counselors to visit ECU. Dr. Ringeisen reminded the Senate that North Carolina is a formula funded state, that as the number of students increased, so should the number of faculty. Plans are still ongoing with respect to the creation of a school of Information Technology. A search has begun for a permanent Dean of the School of Human Environmental Science. A search has begun for a Director for Enrollment Management. Dr. Ringeisen stated that he plans to meet with smaller faculty groups throughout the year. Friend (Industry and Technology) asked the Vice Chancellor to elaborate on the early admissions program. Dr. Ringeisen stated that he would look for other places to provide such programs like the ones begun in medicine, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. He encouraged curriculum committees, particularly for graduate programs to look for such opportunities.

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Agenda Item IV. Unfinished Business

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

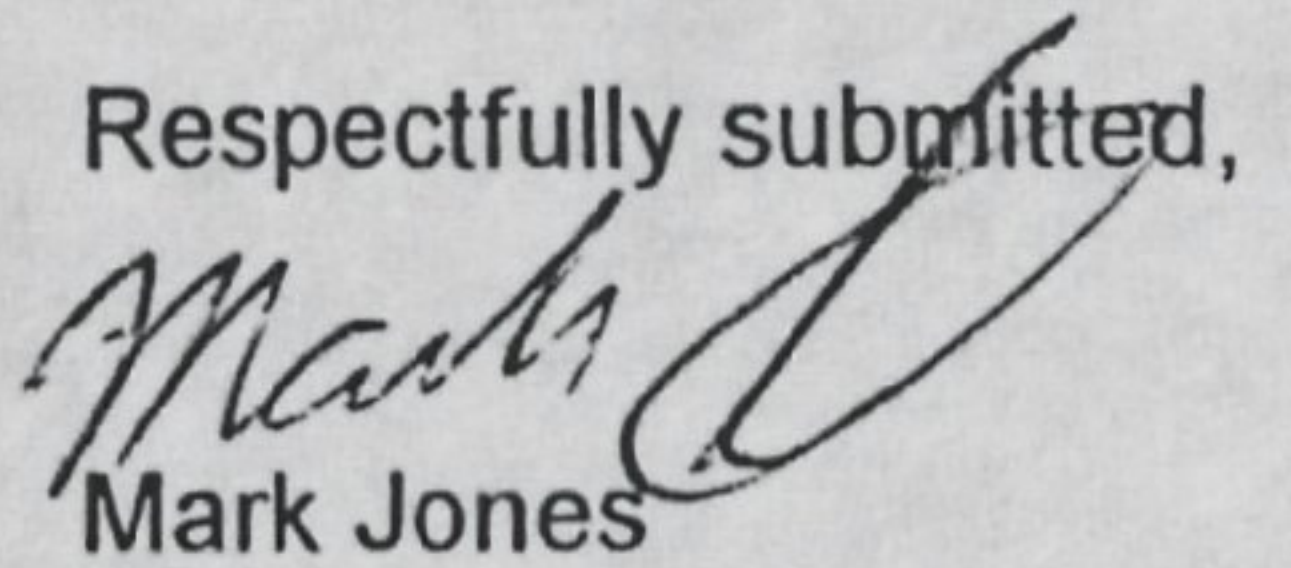
Agenda Item V. Report of Committees

There were no committee reports.

Agenda Item VI. New Business

There being no further business to come before the Faculty Senate at this time, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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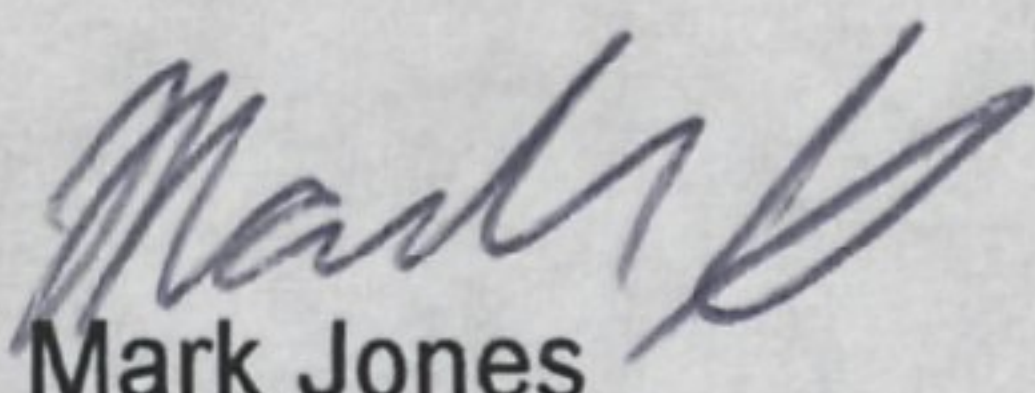
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