

## FACULTY SENATE

### FULL MINUTES OF 5 OCTOBER 1999

The second regular meeting of the 1999-2000 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order  
Chair Brenda Killingsworth called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of 7 September 1999 were approved as distributed.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

#### B. Announcements

As requested, the 1998-1999 Summer School budget summary has been distributed to all Senators, and is attached to the minutes. Niswander (Business) announced that flood-related distribution efforts are continuing. He encouraged faculty to reach out to staff and housekeepers, and others not on the ECU announce system, and inform them that some resources are available. The distribution center is located at 4th and Reade St. The center will operate at least through October 15, and maybe longer. Gilliland (Medicine), in her capacity as Medical Examiner, announced that rumors of mass deaths in Pitt and Edgecombe counties are untrue. It is also untrue that the true figures are being withheld from the public. Five known deaths from the hurricane and flooding have occurred in Pitt County.

#### C. Richard Eakin, Chancellor

The Chancellor provided updates on information about flood recovery efforts. He mentioned the "staying power" of ECU students, stating that there had been only 38 withdrawals, 11 due to hurricane and flood. He stated that the number of total withdrawals to this point in the semester is actually down from the same point in previous years. The Chancellor encouraged faculty and students to let him know of student needs that can be met by his office. The Chancellor thanked the

School of Business for taking over disaster relief efforts. A mobile home village for students will be available soon, with some already available on Dickinson Avenue. FEMA will build 180-220 single mobile homes for 900 people. The University will manage these homes. The homes should be ready by October 24. These homes will be rent-free for several months to qualifying students. A transit service will also be opened. Because of the flood, ECU incurred \$4.5 million in capital repairs cost, \$820,000 in overtime expense, and \$1.6 million incremental operating costs. The Governor has asked state agencies to set aside 1% of their budgets for flood relief, but at ECU the 1% budget return will be directed toward costs that already far exceed 1% of the total budget. The Chancellor stated that General Administration is being very cooperative in relief efforts. The Chancellor stated that the calendar was changed quickly and abruptly for the benefit of students, and he trusts that approval will come. The Chancellor stated that flood relief efforts would continue for at least 2-3 years. The SACS self-study proposal has been forwarded. Tilley (History) asked about the 5-year program review for all departments and if it would be possible to delay the review until either the spring semester of this academic year or until the next academic year. The Chancellor stated that he would be receptive to that request, and would investigate the proposed changes in the timeline.

D. Vice Chancellor's Report  
Thomas Feldbush, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies discussed ECU's role in flood recovery, noting a groundswell in faculty willingness to provide expertise. The ECU Outreach Network is being formed through Regional Development Services. Al Delia is coordinating this effort. Expertise is needed in the areas of environmental health, business, counseling, construction management, planning, language skills, and other miscellaneous areas. At least 110 faculty members have expressed interest. Dr. Feldbush asked that faculty provide more specific

descriptions of their expertise. Dr. Feldbush reminded Senators of an e-mail he sent today urging volunteerism among faculty. He stated that these opportunities may be a boon to programs and scholarly activities, and that faculty members should call Al Delia or the Vice Chancellor to volunteer. He stated that requests to the Governor to fund such activities are ongoing. Vice-Chancellor Feldbush distributed a chart comparing graduate stipends of ECU students with other institutions. He stated that graduate stipends have increased but that ECU is still behind some competitors. On the subject of tuition remission, he stated that 63 tuition remissions remain available for use now, but that a supplement will increase the number of remissions to There will be 60 in-state remissions for coupling with graduate scholar rewards, and 36 stipends to support doctoral programs on campus. Within 2 years more will be needed.

D. Marion Sykes, Associate Director of Admissions, reported on the Freshmen Class profile. ECU had 3,258 freshmen admitted in fall 1999, the largest freshman class in history. He stated that the quality of students is good, the average SAT is 1016; the average grade point average is 3.2-3.25. ECU has its largest ever African-American student enrollment. Of the incoming freshmen, 737 were out of state students, and 1048 transfer students were admitted, which is a slight decrease. Clark (Theatre and Dance) asked how many were home schooled. Sykes responded that the number was less than 10. Rosenberg (Medicine) asked how many students lived east of I-95, and for a breakdown by gender and ethnicity. Sykes stated he would obtain that information.

F. Brenda Killingsworth, SACS Self-Study Director, stated that the self-study proposal has been forwarded. The proposed title is "Growth and Quality: Excelling as an Emerging Doctoral University". The proposal has been placed on the ECU web site for viewing. The address is

[http://www.ecu.edu/pir/sacs\\_proposal.htm](http://www.ecu.edu/pir/sacs_proposal.htm)

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. Faculty Grievance Committee, Gene Hughes (Business), Chair of the Committee, provided the Faculty Senate with the Committee's 1998-1999 annual report as required by the ECU Faculty Manual, Appendix Y, Section IV. A copy of this report is available for review in the Faculty Senate office. He recommended adoption of the report. Rosenberg (Faculty Assembly), asked for Professor Hughes's thoughts on the grievance process since it has been changed. Professor Hughes stated that many grievants are in steps 1-3 and not the higher levels. He stated that during steps 1-3, the committee has no control, and that this is due to a weakness in Appendix Y. Rosenberg expressed concern over the time factor involved in the resolution of grievances. Professor Hughes stated that mediation efforts involving negotiation lengthens the process, and that since mediators are faculty needed to perform regular duties, mediation includes a built in delay. Ferrell (Faculty Assembly) suggested that Tinsley Yarborough, ECU's representative to General Administration on the grievance procedures, and Hughes meet to discuss the grievance procedures used on our campus. Professor Hughes stated that some faculty members have praised the mediation process. Rosenberg (Faculty Assembly) asked if the committee chair can set time limits on grievance procedures. Professor Hughes stated that the committee cannot mandate a time frame, because of a range of complexities.

Agenda Item VI. New Business

Dave Glascoff, Chair of the Calendar Committee, stated that a called Calendar Committee meeting was held on September 22 to discuss changes in the semester calendar due to the flood. Professor Glascoff read the minutes of the called meeting. The calendar has been

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distributed to faculty and students, and approval is expected at the next calendar committee meeting. Schneider (Business) asked for date clarifications. Ferrell (Faculty Assembly) moved for a resolution to approve the calendar change. Pravica (Mathematics) asked if housing will be available on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and was told that it would. Chancellor Eakin spoke in favor of the resolution. The motion carried.

Ralph Scott (Library Sciences), Chair of the Unit Code Screening Committee, stated that the Committee has approved a code for the Department of Philosophy and moved for approval. The motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Jones  
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School of Social Work and Criminal  
Justice Studies

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**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

**EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF 5 OCTOBER 1999**

The minutes of 7 September 1999, were approved as distributed.

Senators absent were: Professors Sexauer (Past Chair), Stanley (Biology), Meredith (Medicine), Lannin (Medicine), Fiordalisi (Medicine), Engel (Medicine), Shea (HESC), Morrison (Vice Chair)

Alternates present were: Professors Voors for Chamberlain (Art).

**Announcements**

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The full Faculty Assembly report on the 17 September 1999, meeting is available in the Faculty Senate office, 140 Rawl Annex.

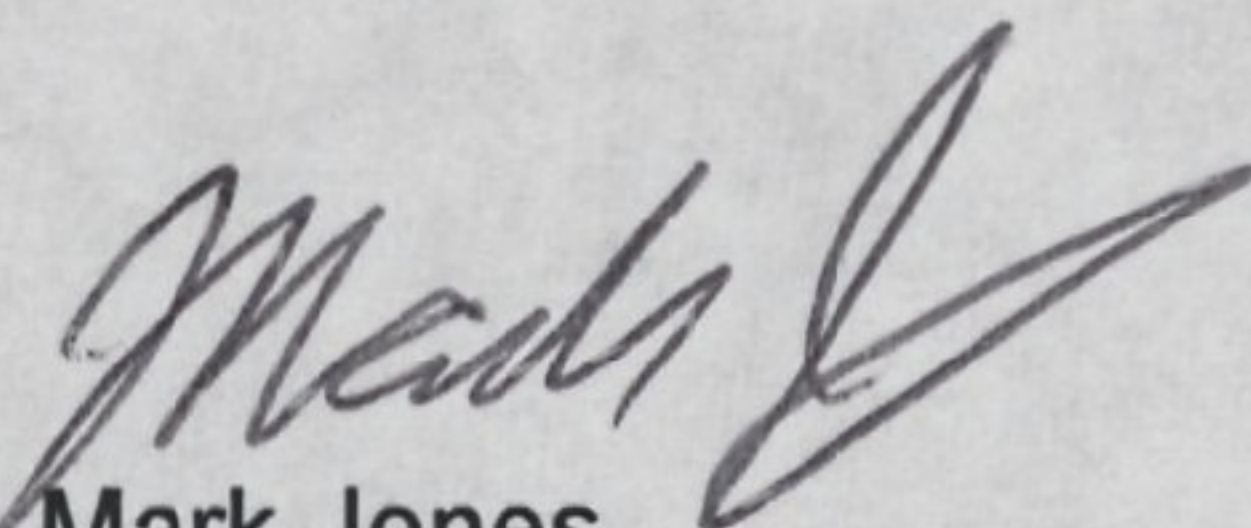
As required by the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix Y, Section IV, the Faculty Grievance Committee submitted their annual report accounting for the number of faculty grievances that had been brought before the Committee during the past year.

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**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 5 OCTOBER 1999, FACULTY SENATE MEETING.**

#99-24 Revised University Calendar

**Disposition: Chancellor**

#99-25 Unit Code of Operations for the Department of Philosophy

**Disposition: Chancellor**