

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF 1 FEBRUARY 2000

The sixth regular meeting of the 1999-2000 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 1 February 2000, in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room. This meeting was rescheduled due to snow from the original meeting date of Tuesday, 25 January 2000.

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

Senators absent were: Professors Hutchinson (Anthropology), Stanley (Biology), Godbold (Communication), Schumacher (Economics), Boswell and McGhee (Health and Human Performance), Lyandres (History), Nida (Human Environmental Sciences), Friend (Industry and Technology), Engel, Fiordalisi, Gilliland, Meredith, Metzger, and Mustafa (Medicine), Theurer and Ulfers (Music), Frisch (Political Science), Pozzuto (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies), Chancellor Eakin, and Vice Chancellor Hallock.

Alternates present were: Professors Warren for Joyner and Rees for Kester (Education), Wang for Gares (Geography), Ciesielski for Davis (Industry and Technology), Hanrahan for Cox and Jendrasiak for Lannin (Medicine), and Everett for Droes (Nursing).

Announcements

1. The Chancellor has approved the following resolutions from 16 November 1999, and 7 December 1999, Faculty Senate meetings:
#99-25 Fall 1999 Graduation Roster.
#99-26 Curriculum matters contained in the 23 September 1999, and 14 October 1999, meeting minutes.
#99-28 *ECU Faculty Manual* interpretation of Appendix D., Section IV.I.
#99-29 Curriculum matters contained in the 28 October 1999, and 11 November 1999, meeting minutes.
2. The Chancellor and Mrs. Eakin will host a reception in their home honoring the Faculty Senate on Wednesday, 22 March 2000, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A formal invitation will be mailed to Faculty Senators and their guests in February.
3. Faculty interested in periodically receiving back copies of "*The Chronicle of Higher Education*" are asked to call the Faculty Senate office and place their name on a list for distribution.
4. The next Board of Trustee meeting is scheduled for Friday, 17 March 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center. A copy of the meeting agenda will be available for review in the Faculty Senate office.
5. 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. Volunteer information, with brief descriptions of these University committees, have been mailed to all faculty. Faculty are strongly encouraged to participate in this component of shared faculty governance.
6. Letters concerning unit elections for the 2000-2001 Faculty Senate representation were mailed to unit code administrators last 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.
7. A special thanks was extended to JoAnn Jones, Alternate in the Department of English, and John Sibert, Alternate in the Department of Chemistry, for agreeing to serve as tellers during the meeting.
8. Highlights of the Academic Committees' activities thus far this year were compiled by the Vice Chair of the Faculty and distributed to Faculty Senators. A copy of this report is available in the Faculty Senate office.
9. Carroll Varner, Director of Academic Library Services, was recognized as the new Administrative Council Representative, replacing Gary Lowe.
10. A memorandum was distributed to Faculty Senators from the Chair of the Teaching Effectiveness Committee and member of the Subcommittee on Note Selling, on a recent issue relating to "internet use of classroom notes for financial gain". A copy of this correspondence can be obtained in the Faculty Senate office.

Richard Eakin, Chancellor, was not present at the Faculty Senate meeting. He was attending a preliminary accreditation site visit at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated that the University Board of Governors recently met and granted permission to plan degree programs in Master of Public Health, and Industry and Technology degree programs. The ECU Board of Trustees and Chancellor Eakin recently met in a retreat setting with a facilitator to discuss the proper role of the Board. Vice Chancellor Ringeisen stated that admission requests for the fall look good, and are up. Applications from African-American applicants are up as well, meeting the University's joint goals of increasing enrollment and maintaining quality of applicants. The Vice Chancellor discussed concerns over students who are being paid to take class notes and sell them over the internet.

Vice Chancellor Thomas Feldbush discussed graduate programs. In April 1998, two new doctoral programs were approved, Coastal Resource Management and Biomedicalphysics. The Physics Department has hired 2 new faculty members as a result. The Coastal Resource Management program took longer to get started. Professor King was hired to run the program. Recently a 4th concentration, in Maritime Studies, was added. Fourteen students have been admitted, representing a variety of ages. Several practitioners were enrolled as well. A joint hire for Biogeochemist is anticipated. In October 1999, General Administration approved a Doctoral program in Bioenergetics and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Both programs will admit their first students in fall 2000. The Bioenergetics program will fill four faculty slots. Vice Chancellor Feldbush discussed the new formula based funding. The Legislature is providing less money for new graduate programs now, and getting doctoral programs may prove especially difficult to get. Vice Chancellor Feldbush discussed the upcoming Phi Kappa Phi lectureship. It will be held on March 7, and will feature Haynes Johnson of the *Washington Post*.

Dr. G. Jack Allen, Associate Executive Director, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, was unable to attend the meeting. He will be invited to attend a future meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Brenda Killingsworth, ECU's SACS Self Study Director, reported that a SACS web page has been prepared, www.ecu.edu/pir/sacs, and it will include all relevant information on the SACS study. Professor Killingsworth asked faculty to let her know if they wanted additional information posted on the web page. Worth Worthington (Medicine) will serve as Assistant Director for the SACS study, and he is looking for people to serve on the SACS study committee.

David Santa Ana, Chair of the Administrative Parking and Traffic Policy Committee, provided a report and copies of his written comments are available in the Faculty Senate office.

Following elections, the following faculty members were elected to the 2000-2001 Faculty Assembly Delegation:
Bob Morrison (Chemistry) to complete the 2-year vacant (by Rita Reaves) delegate term. Allan Rosenberg (Medicine) and Ralph Scott (Academic Library Services) to fill the two 3-year delegate terms. Lou Everett (Nursing) to fill the 3-year alternate term. Ron Cortright (Health and Human Performance) to fill the 1-year vacant (by Bob Morrison) alternate term.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 1 FEBRUARY 2000, FACULTY SENATE MEETING.

- #00-1 Revise *University Undergraduate Catalog* (page 47 of 1999-2000 edition), moving paragraph titled "CHANGE OF GRADE" before the paragraph titled "GRADE APPEALS".
Revise *Undergraduate Catalog* (page 49 of 1999-2000 edition) rewording two items under DEGREES OF DISTINCTION to read:
(second paragraph, pertaining to transfer students)
"3. The student must have a cumulative average which meets the requirements for the appropriate degree with distinction on all work attempted (all ECU and transfer work)."

(third paragraph, pertaining to second undergraduate degrees)
"2. The student must have a minimum g.p.a. of 3.5 on course work for the second degree and a cumulative average which meets the requirement for the degree with distinction on all course work attempted for the first degree as well as for the second degree."
Disposition: Chancellor
- #00-2 Revise *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part V, Academic Information, I. Academic Procedures and Policies, N. Posting Grades to read:
"As soon as they are determined at the end of each semester or summer term, grades are posted electronically by the Registrar and a report of grades is sent to the student at his or her permanent home address. Students may also secure their grades using the automated voice response system and via the World Wide Web, using their pin numbers. Questions about final examination grades should be directed to the instructor who determined the grade."

It was also noted that this editorial amendment adding "by the registrar" should be added to the text in the *University Undergraduate Catalog* (page 47 of 1999-2000 edition).
Disposition: Chancellor
- #00-3 Interpretations of the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix L. (Following action by the Chancellor, these interpretations, if approved, will be noted on the *ECU Faculty Manual* website (<http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/contents.htm>)).

Would the 12 month consecutive calendar month of appointment status (excluding intervening summer months) apply to faculty re-appointed to a position or appointed to a different position because there would not have been a lapse in employment at ECU?

Interpretation - The definition of a voting faculty member in Appendix L requires that the faculty member have "regular academic faculty rank" at the time of voting. It does not place any restrictions on the type of faculty appointment when requiring that a faculty member be "in at least the twelfth consecutive calendar month of appointment (counting all intervening summer months, if any) to the faculty of the unit in which the voting is to occur...." Appendix D, II.A.1 lists the categories of faculty appointments.

Who can attend the quadrennial Unit Administrator Evaluation meeting per Appendix L.F.1.?

Interpretation - The voting faculty of each unit shall vote on the effectiveness of the unit administrator. During September of the unit administrator's fourth year of appointment and every fourth year thereafter, the voting faculty shall discuss and vote by secret ballot on the effectiveness of the unit administrator. Given that the above procedure refers to "voting faculty shall discuss" and given that the procedure involves personnel matters, only voting faculty members should be in attendance during the discussion.
Disposition: Chancellor
- #00-4 Curriculum matters contained in the 9 December 1999, University Curriculum Committee meeting minutes.
Disposition: Chancellor
- #00-5 Resolution on Capital Funding and Faculty Salaries as follows:
WHEREAS, low-cost education in North Carolina has proven to be an engine of progress, and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 9 of the North Carolina Constitution states "The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense.", and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina's share of the overall State budget has shown a decline from 17.4% in the mid 1980's to 13.3% for 1999-2000, and

WHEREAS, the UNC General Administration has identified over 6 billion dollars of needed capital improvements in the University system, and a General Administration study of faculty salaries indicates that average faculty salaries of the UNC system are not competitive with peer institutions, and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina expects an enrollment increase of 40,000 students during the next decade with an anticipated increase of 12% for ECU by 2003; applications at some institutions are already up 10-20% over those received by this time last year for the Fall of 1999, and

WHEREAS, tuition increases may deprive some qualified students access to higher education; East Carolina University serves an economically deprived region of the State where many citizens are in the poor or lower-middle income brackets, and

WHEREAS, we should be encouraging more North Carolina students to seek higher education, not fewer — our economy today demands more education beyond high school,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University
 - Urge our representatives in the General Assembly to exercise their constitutional responsibility to support the University system by allocating funds for capital improvements, 6 billion dollars as recommended by the Klein Report, and sufficient faculty salary increases to make the constituent members of the UNC system competitive with peer institutions in other states, and
 - Urge President Broad to support the tuition increases for faculty salary increases and increased need-based student financial aid for ECU, UNC-Wilmington, and UNC-Charlotte in the same manner she has supported those tuition increases for UNC-Chapel Hill and NC State University, and
 - Urge the University to implement and monitor safeguards to ensure that tuition increases don't have the effect of denying access to higher education for those qualified North Carolina students.**Disposition: Chancellor**