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February 22, 2000

Professor Brenda Killingsworth
Chair
Faculty Senate
East Carolina University

Dear Professor Killingsworth:

Faculty Senate Resolutions #00-1 through #00-5 that were adopted by the Faculty Senate on February 1, 2000 are approved as submitted.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Eakin
Chancellor

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cc: Richard Ringeisen
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Tom Feldbush



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8 February 2000

Chancellor Richard Eakin
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Dear Dr. Eakin:

On 1 February 2000, the Faculty Senate adopted the following resolutions for your consideration:

- ✓ #00-1 Revisions to the *University Undergraduate Catalog* (attachment 1).
- ✓ #00-2 Revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part V, Academic Information, I. Academic Procedures and Policies, N. Posting Grades (attachment 2).
- ✓ #00-3 Interpretations of the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix L. (attachment 3).
- ✓ #00-4 Curriculum matters contained in the 9 December 1999, University Curriculum Committee meeting minutes.
- ✓ #00-5 Resolution on Capital Funding and Faculty Salaries (attachment 4).

It is our hope that the resolution on Capital Funding and Faculty Salaries (attachment 4), if endorsed by you, will be forwarded on to Dr. Molly Broad, President of the UNC System, and to every General Assembly representative in the eastern part of the State. I will be happy to work with Austin Bunch in orchestrating this distribution, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of the above mentioned resolutions.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Killingsworth
Chair of the Faculty

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attachments

c: Faculty Officers
Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
James Hallock, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Tom Feldbush, Vice Chancellor for Research

Faculty Senate Resolution #00-1

Approved by the Faculty Senate: 1 February 2000

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

Revisions to the *University Undergraduate Catalog* as follows:

Page 47 of 1999-2000 edition, move paragraph titled "CHANGE OF GRADE" before the paragraph titled "GRADE APPEALS".

Page 49 of 1999-2000 edition, reword 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."

Attachment 2.

Faculty Senate Resolution #00-2

Approved by the Faculty Senate: 1 February 2000

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

Revision to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part V, Academic Information, I. Academic Procedures and Policies, N. Posting Grades to read as follows:

"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, in order for both documents to be consistent, the words "by the registrar" should be added to the text in the *University Undergraduate Catalog* (page 47 of 1999-2000 edition).

Faculty Senate Resolution #00-3

Approved by the Faculty Senate: 1 February 2000

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

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.

Faculty Senate Resolution #00-5

Approved by the Faculty Senate: 1 February 2000

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

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.

**MEETING OF FACULTY OFFICERS
WITH CHANCELLOR AND VICE CHANCELLORS**

Thursday, 13 January 2000

3:00 p.m. in Spilman, room#103

AGENDA

- A. Chancellor Richard Eakin's Remarks
- B. Vice Chancellor Richard Ringeisen's Remarks
- C. Vice Chancellor James Hallock's Remarks
- D. Vice Chancellor Thomas Feldbush's Remarks
- E. Faculty Officers' Remarks
 - 1. Peak Registration Management
 - 2. Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Enrollment Management
 - 3. Club Level Seating at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
 - 4. Fixed Term Faculty Ad Hoc Committee
- F. 25 January 2000, Faculty Senate Agenda (attached)
- G. Miscellaneous