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**FACULTY SENATE  
FULL MINUTES OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2000**

The first regular meeting of the 2000-2001 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, 5 September, in the Mendenhall Student Center, room #244.

**Agenda Item I. Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of 18 April 2000, and 2 May 2000, were approved as distributed.

**Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day**

**A. Roll Call**

Senators absent were: Professors Stanley (Biology), Schumacher (Economics), Gares (Geography), Ciesielski (Industry and Technology), Fiordalisi and Wooden (Medicine), Tranbarger (Nursing), and Vice Chancellor Hallock (Health Sciences).

Alternates present were: Professors Bjorkman for Sargent (Chemistry), Albada for Godbold (Communication and Broadcasting), Jones for Watson (English), Chandler for Woodard (Human Environmental Sciences), and Phipps for Clark (Theatre and Dance).

**B. Announcements**

1. The Chancellor has approved the following resolutions from 18 April 2000, Faculty Senate meeting:
  - #00-18 Request to establish a new professional school within the Division of Academic Affairs.
  - #00-19 Revisions to the *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Appendix A and By-Laws.
  - #00-20 Revisions to the *East Carolina University Faculty Manual*, Appendix L.
  - #00-21 Interpretation to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix D., Section IV.
  - #00-23 Policy statement regarding commercial exploitation of classroom materials.
  - #00-24 Recommendations on the Undergraduate Distance Education-Student Opinion of Instruction Survey.
  - #00-25 Revised Department of Biology and Department of Theatre and Dance Unit Codes of Operation.
2. All Faculty Senate materials (agendas, minutes, announcements) will be distributed via a Faculty Listserv that was established over the summer. All materials will be emailed to faculty via the Microsoft Exchange mail system. Faculty choosing to opt out of the Faculty Listserv will continue to be able to access the materials via the Faculty Senate website. Actual paper copies of the various documents will only be available in the Faculty Senate office.
3. Faculty interested in periodically receiving past 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. Members of the Libraries Committee encourage faculty to complete the Faculty Library Survey located on the Faculty Senate website at: <http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/>.
5. Faculty members are reminded of the granting proposal deadlines as follows:

Research grants	by 12:00 noon	Friday, 15 September 2000	Faculty Senate office
Teaching grants	by 12:00 noon	Monday, 2 October 2000	Faculty Senate office
6. The ECU Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, 22 September 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center. All faculty are invited to attend the open meeting.
7. Faculty members are reminded of the 15 September 2000, deadline for submission of nominations for the three University-wide Teaching Awards. The winners of these awards will be recognized in the spring.
8. The Teaching Grants Committee is offering informational sessions to assist faculty members interested in applying for a 2001/2002 Teaching Grant. The informational sessions are scheduled for:
  - Thursday, 14 September 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Rawl, room 105
  - Friday, 15 September 2000, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Rawl, room 105

C. Richard Eakin, Chancellor

Chancellor Eakin discussed the lower than projected enrollment for this fall. The actual enrollment is 17,850, several hundred less than the anticipated enrollment of 18,500. Some of the decline occurred because some graduate students did not enroll. The decline in enrollment was primarily attributable to the new retention standards. Most of the students who did not return because of the new retention standards would probably have been suspended at some later time even without the new standards. This decline should be viewed as a temporary blip, which should even out with time. The decline in enrollment may have come at a bad time because of the November bond referendum. It may weaken the argument that expansion is needed. However, this temporary decline does not change North Carolina demographics, which project an increase of thousands of new students in coming years. A recent national study affirms that ECU's projections of enrollment increases are well founded, and that the enrollment may be even higher than currently anticipated. He stated that November 7 represented a critical turning point for the University. Faculty should discuss the upcoming bond referendum in local terms. The bond would mean 190 million dollars for new projects and new buildings, including a new Nursing building and a new Science and Technology building.

Rosenberg (Faculty Assembly) asked if the enrollment decline will affect ECU's budget. Chancellor Eakin said it would not have any effect this year. However, faculty searches next year could be affected. That will depend on discussions between ECU and General Administration, and nothing is certain in that regard. Schneider (Business) asked if a detailed analysis has been conducted on those students who did not return for fall semester. The Chancellor stated that the analysis is ongoing and is not complete. The analysis is very detailed, but that it is pretty clear that lack of success in the classroom was the key factor. Ken Wilson is in the process of conducting a telephone survey rather than a paper and pen survey to discover reasons for students not returning. It is not known if last year's flood was a factor.

D. Phil Dixon, Chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees

Mr. Dixon discussed the Chancellor search. President Broad has stated that we have an advantage by having begun the search early. We may be able to name a new Chancellor by January, February, or March of 2001. A search consulting firm has been hired. Seven consulting firms were reviewed; the list was narrowed to three. The consultant who was hired is an East Carolina University graduate from Kinston. Better faculty representation was a factor in selecting the search committee. The President stressed the importance of having a small search committee. The committee consists of 15 members, including four faculty members and one staff person. The first meeting was held with Ben Irons, University Attorney, and six public forums were held. To date, 91 applications have been received and the advertisement has not appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The advertisement should appear in the *Chronicle* around September 22. Ten sitting chancellors are included in the current pool. The search committee will meet again in October. Three names will be submitted to President Broad and General Administration. Finalists should be announced by December 31. Dixon stated that confidentiality is of the utmost concern. He expressed thanks to Phyllis Horn (Nursing) for working with the committee.

E. Richard Ringeisen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Vice Chancellor Ringeisen spoke of his faculty forums, and his willingness to attend constituent faculty meetings by invitation. The Honors program is growing. The Vice Chancellor said that Mike Bassman is doing lots of good things with the program. A full time assistant has been hired for the program. The plan is to establish an honors college. Thirty undergraduate student stipends are available for faculty to would like for a student to assist them in research. 310 freshmen are in the honors program.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged Senators to remind colleagues of the Teacher/Scholar awards. A new multimedia center has been established in Joyner. CITAR, the Center for Institutional Technology and Research, has been established with Helen Parke as director. There are two faculty task forces at work. One is looking at faculty roles and rewards, and is being chaired by Rosina Chia. The other is on fixed-term faculty and is being chaired by Jim Joyce. The work of this task force is intersecting with that of the Governance Committee.

F. Brenda Killingsworth, Director of the SACS Self-Study, Professor Killingsworth provided an update and information for new Senators. The current SACS group was established early last fall. The self-study started work in February. Worth Worthington (Medicine) is assistant director of SACS study. The SACS group reviewed five primary areas of study; 150 people are working in these 5 areas. A progress report will be sent in December, a draft will be sent in late March, and a final draft will be sent to SACS in November 2001. Open forums will be held so that input can be received. A new self-study website will soon be operational, and it will accommodate online discussion forums. The self-study office will be located in the Taylor-Slaughter house.

G. Mike Hamrick, Director of the University Athletics  
Mr. Hamrick stated that there are 414 student athletes enrolled at ECU. As of last spring, the average cumulative GPA for all athletes was 2.83. Five of the 19 teams averaged 3.0 or better. Athletes performed over 2000 hours of voluntary community service last year. Of all incoming freshmen who have played out their eligibility, 89% have graduated. The four-year graduation rate is 62%. The football team received outstanding spirit award from ESPN after last year's game against Miami. The women's softball team had 60 wins last year; the women's basketball team had its second consecutive winning season; the baseball team won 46 games, and was 1<sup>st</sup> regional seed in the NCAA tournament. There will be five nationally televised football games. This is the last year in the Colonial Athletic Association; next year ECU will move to Conference USA. Hamrick expressed thanks to Chancellor Eakin for his support over the past several years.

Ferrell (Faculty Assembly) asked if the new retention standards had affected the athletic program. Hamrick said that one student was lost, and that the retention standards had challenged the students to work harder.

H. Trenton Davis, Chair of the University Athletic Committee and Academic Integrity Subcommittee, Professor Davis reported on his job description (distributed to Senators) which has recently been written in concert with the Chancellor. There was no time limit placed on the term of service, but a three-year limit will be added to the description. Professor Davis stated that a policy will be established with respect to fringe benefits for the position.

I. Peter Mather, Director of Research, Assessment and Testing,  
Dr. Mather presented the preliminary results of a study of student attitudes on diversity issues. The results will soon be available on an ECU website. Rosenberg (Faculty Assembly) asked if the responses were broken down by state. McMillian (Medicine) asked how ECU compared to other schools in and out of state. There is comparable data on some things, but not every item. Nida (Human Environmental Sciences) asked if the instrument enabled them to delineate accuracy of discrimination responses. He stated that such information needed to be teased out before any other action is taken. Albright (Allied Health) asked if student perceptions change over time as they stay at ECU. Mather replied that they seemed to change.

#### **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**

Henry Ferrell (History), presented Professor Linda Allred (Psychology) as the Committee's nominee to fill the unexpired two year term on the UNC Faculty Assembly. No additional nominations were offered from the floor and Professor Allred was elected by acclamation.

#### **Agenda Item VI. New Business**

Mark Jones (Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies) Secretary of the Faculty, offered a commendation for Professor Brenda Killingsworth, Past Chair of the Faculty. Patricia Anderson (Education) Parliamentarian read the commendation as follows:

WHEREAS, Professor Brenda Killingsworth has served with distinction as Chair of the Faculty for the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 academic years; and WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth has dedicated her time and much effort to activities that benefit all faculty at East Carolina University, serving as a stalwart

steward for upholding the principles of academic freedom and shared faculty governance; and WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth has served and continues to serve as Chair of the SACS Self-Study Committee; and WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth presided over the faculty and was a leader during the adoption of the revised University Academic Retention Standards and the establishment of the new School of Computer Science and Communication; and WHEREAS, during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 terms, the Faculty Senate adopted 68 resolutions, including revisions to Part I, Part V, Part VI, Appendix A, Appendix C, Appendix D (editorial), Appendix L, and Appendix Y of the *ECU Faculty Manual*, resolutions on the Policy for the Cumulative Review of Permanently Tenured Faculty, Quality Assurance Standards for Undergraduate Courses Offered via Distance Education at ECU, Capital Funding and Faculty Salaries, as well as various Committee reports too numerous to list, and WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth helped foster an atmosphere of trust and collegiality between the Faculty Senate and the administration of East Carolina University; and WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth offered valuable input into administrative decisions at East Carolina University during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professor Brenda Killingsworth has served the faculty of East Carolina University extremely well during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty, setting high standards for future Chairs of the Faculty to remain vigilant on important matters relating to the welfare of faculty. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to Professor Brenda Killingsworth's hard work and dedication to faculty, faculty at East Carolina University feel confident that their concerns and issues were well represented to interested parties within the University Administration, ECU Board of Trustees, UNC Faculty Assembly, and UNC General Administration. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Brenda Killingsworth for her outstanding leadership, professionalism, and energetic efforts during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.

The commendation for Brenda Killingsworth, Past Chair of the Faculty, was approved without dissention.  
**RESOLUTION #00-26**

There being no further business to come before the Faculty Senate at this time, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Jones  
Secretary of the Faculty  
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies

Lori Lee  
Faculty Senate office

**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION APPROVED AT THE 5 SEPTEMBER 2000, MEETING**

00-26 Commendation for Brenda Killingsworth, Past Chair of the Faculty.  
**Disposition:** Chancellor