

**Commendation for Robert C. Morrison, Chair of the Faculty**

- Whereas,** Robert C. Morrison has served the faculty well during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty from 2000-2003, and
- Whereas,** he participated in many committee discussions, which produced over 112 Faculty Senate resolutions, including changes to unit codes, University Academic Calendars, course curriculums and the *ECU Faculty Manual*, and
- Whereas,** he was instrumental in forming a Commission on Scholarship, with a goal to re-examine University scholarship, and
- Whereas,** he enhanced communications at Faculty Senate meetings by adding a monthly report from the Chair of the Faculty to keep faculty informed of issues being discussed among the Board of Trustees and other top administrators and by adding a "question period" to allow Senators an opportunity to ask questions of anyone present at a meeting.
- Whereas,** he was instrumental in re-organizing the Academic Committee structure, and
- Whereas,** he assisted in organizing the Max Ray Joyner Award and Oliver Max Gardner Award to accommodate concerns of both the faculty and administration, and
- Whereas,** he fairly represented the faculty on the Chancellor's Search Committee and Provost Search Committee, and
- Whereas,** during his tenure as Chair, has strived to resolve faculty misunderstandings and misinterpretations among and between his peers and the administration, and
- Whereas,** he encourages the University community to question the usual way of doing things in order to grow and improve the University, and
- Whereas,** his work as Chair has reflected a sincere interest in the faculty and the ever-growing challenges of faculty governance and academic freedom, and
- Whereas,** under his leadership the relationship between faculty and administrators has improved and the faculty governance structure has grown stronger.

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that we, the members of the East Carolina University's Faculty Senate, hereby express our appreciation to Robert C. Morrison for his outstanding work as Chair of the Faculty and commend him for his leadership and dedication to the University.