

FACULTY SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 20, 2007

1. We would like to ask that all Senators do the following to **aid in reporting the minutes** correctly:
 - To aid in identification, please stand when recognized to speak on issues.
 - To aid in clarification of motions, forms have been provided near each Senator. When making a motion or amendment, please fill out the form and forward it to the Chair of the Faculty.
2. Faculty Senators are asked to please turn off (or put on silent) their **phones and beepers** during the meeting.
3. **Speaking privileges** have been granted to Charles Hodson (Chair of the University Environment Committee), Elmer Poe, and Angela Anderson for today's meeting.
4. Jon Massachi, Speaker of the Congress with the **Student Government Association (SGA)**, will be filling in today for Cole Jones, SGA President, who was unable to attend the meeting.
5. The annual **Teaching Awards Ceremony** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room. A reception will follow immediately afterwards. Faculty awarded for their teaching achievements will be recognized at this event and all faculty are welcome to attend.
6. There will be a **Faculty Officers' Candidate Forum** on Thursday, April 19, 2006, from 2:10 – 4:00 p.m. in 105 Rawl. All faculty are invited to attend and discuss issues of importance with the various faculty officer candidates.
7. The Chancellor has **approved the following resolution** from the January 30, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting:
07-01 Revised Part XII. Personnel Action Dossier of the *ECU Faculty Manual*

The Chancellor has **approved the following resolutions** from the February 20, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting:

07-02 Commendation for Catherine Rigsby, Past Chair of the Faculty
07-05 Revised College of [Health and Human Performance Unit Code](#) of Operation and [Department of Geology Unit Code](#) of Operation.
07-06 Curriculum matters contained in the minutes of the [December 14, 2006](#), [January 11, 2007](#), [January 25, 2007](#), and [February 8, 2007](#), University Curriculum Committee meetings.
07-07 Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part XIII. Promotion and Tenure Timeline.

Chancellor Ballard noted that he has not addressed the status of Resolutions 07-03 and 07-04 because both need further review by other offices before he can respond. He expects the reviews to be completed in the near term, and will respond to the Chair of the Faculty as soon as the reviews are received and time permits.

07-03 Revisions to the *ECU Undergraduate Catalog*, Section 5. Academic Regulations, relating to Grade Points and Grade Point Average, Grade Replacement Policy, Warning and Probation, and Special Readmission (Forgiveness) Policy.
07-04 Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI.I.J. Salary Policies.
8. Academic Committee Chairs are reminded that **Committee Annual Reports** are due in the Faculty Senate office by Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

9. Faculty members are reminded that April 1 Chancellor Ballard will call for candidates for the prestigious **2007/2008 Oliver Max Gardner award**. A copy of the University's nomination procedures is available at: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/committee/aa/maxgardneraward.htm>

10. On March 5th, the Chancellor's Executive Council approved the **Smoking Task Force's recommendation** to move smoking 25 feet away from all ECU facilities. This meets the criteria set forth by Faculty Senate resolution #04-36 dated December 7, 2004. The Health Education and Promotion grant will provide banners in April to help promote this change before students leave for the summer. Implementation will begin over the summer with full implementation by August 1. Smoking urns will be moved away from the buildings and signage installed. Smoking shelters will not be installed since this would be encouraging an unhealthy behavior and not a good use of limited state funds.

The Health Science Campus will continue with their current smoking policy utilizing designated smoking areas. Bill Koch, Chair of the Smoking Task Force and Director of Environmental Health & Safety, will work with building administrators to identify designated areas or better locations for the urns as requested. For example, Bill worked with the Student Recreation Center to move their urns 50 feet from the building due to wind currents and building pressurization that push/pull smoke into the building.

Although the task force is still working on changing the law in North Carolina through our work with UNC General Administration, the group wanted to move forward with the part of the initiative that is not affected by this law and has been approved by all key groups - Faculty Senate, SGA, Staff Senate and now Chancellor's Executive Council. The task force will work with the Chancellor's staff and others to inform and educate the campus community about this change. The NC House has passed a bill to prohibit smoking in all state buildings.

11. There is no longer a curriculum submission deadline for inclusion in the official ECU catalog. Faculty are reminded that the **official ECU catalog** is now the online catalog. The University Curriculum Committee will continue to meet through April 2007 to address curriculum matters. Please direct any questions to Professor Janice Neil, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee at cuc@ecu.edu.

12. The Chancellor will host a **Faculty Senate reception** in the Chancellor's residence on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Formal invitations will be forthcoming to all Faculty Senators, Alternates, past Chairs of the Faculty, and their guests.