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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark Taggart, Chair
Faculty Senate

FROM: Steve Ballard
Chancellor

DATE: December 7, 2007

SUBJECT: November 6, 2007, Faculty Senate Resolutions 07-25, 07-26, and 07-27

I hereby approve the following resolutions adopted by the Faculty Senate on November 6, 2007:

07-25 Fall 2007 Graduation Roster, including honors program graduates, and

07-27 Curriculum matters contained in the minutes of the October 11, 2007, University Curriculum Committee meeting.

I hereby approve Resolution 07-26, Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI. relating to emeritus status, with the following amendment in language to Part VI. Section I.I.2.b:

“Upon the recommendation of the unit personnel committee, unit head, appropriate dean, and appropriate vice chancellor, **the chancellor** may grant the faculty retiree emeritus status (as defined in Appendix C.) which includes the items listed above under Section I.I.2.a. and, in addition, the following privileges:

- 1) Access to recreational facilities under the same conditions as active faculty.
- 2) Continuance of eligibility to march, wearing appropriate regalia, in University commencement exercised and other University formal processions, as active faculty.”

While Resolutions 07-28 and 07-29 do not require approval, I appreciate receiving the information.

Email copy:

- Faculty Officers
- Marilyn Sheerer, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
- Phyllis Horns, Interim Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
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November 8, 2007

Chancellor Steve Ballard
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Dear Dr. Ballard:

On November 6, 2007, the Faculty Senate adopted the following resolutions for your consideration.

07-25 Fall 2007 Graduation Roster, including honors program graduates.

07-26 Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI. relating to emeritus status.

07-27 Curriculum matters contained in the minutes of the October 11, 2007, University Curriculum Committee meeting.

The Faculty Senate also approved two additional resolutions not requiring action by you at this time.

07-28 Resolution on ECU SPA Employees

07-29 Resolution on James LeRoy Smith

Thank you for your consideration of the above mentioned resolutions.

Sincerely,

Mark Taggart
Chair of the Faculty

Attachment
copy via email

Faculty Officers
Marilyn Sheerer, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Phyllis Horns, Interim Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Deirdre Mageean, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007, MEETING

Faculty Senate Resolution #07-25

Approved by the Faculty Senate: November 6, 2007

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

Fall 2007 Graduation Roster, including honors program graduates.

Faculty Senate Resolution #07-26

Approved by the Faculty Senate: November 6, 2007

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part VI. relating to emeritus status, as follows:

Delete the following, noted by ~~strikethrough~~, in Part VI. Section I.I.1. because it does not relate to insurance and conflicts with text currently in Appendix C. Section I.D.4.

Part VI. Section I.I.1.

"I. Retirement

1. Insurance

~~Upon receiving written confirmation of intent to retire by a tenured faculty member with ten or more years of full-time service to East Carolina University, the unit head shall notify the unit personnel committee which, in turn, may recommend granting the retiree emeritus status. Its decision shall then be forwarded to the unit head and other appropriate administrative officers in the same manner as other personnel recommendations for their concurrence or nonconcurrence. All full-time employees of the university with a permanent appointment must participate in the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System with the exception that employees who hold faculty rank are eligible to choose between the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) or the Optional Retirement Program (ORP). When first employed or when given a permanent appointment, all employees should contact the department of Human Resources to be enrolled in the retirement system. Once the eligible employee has made a choice and enrolled in the system he or she selects, the decision will be irrevocable. It is not possible to change from one program to the other during employment in an eligible position. All members of TSERS or ORP will contribute 6 percent of their earnings, including summer session salaries. All retirement contributions to either TSERS or to ORP are tax sheltered from federal and state withholding taxes. For those who teach a regular nine-month school term and who are active members of TSERS, one year of creditable service is allowed for retirement purposes. The employee in TSERS should apply for retirement benefits at least thirty days but not more than ninety days prior to the effective date. Arrangements for retirement should be made at the university department of Human Resources. For those in ORP, individual guidance from the ORP representatives is always available. A few months before retirement age, the employee will receive information and specific figures for options in regard to retirement benefits from ORP."~~

Faculty Senate Resolution #07-26 (continued)

Add the following, noted in **bold print** to Part VI. Section I.2.b. to provide clarity.

Part VI. Section I.2.b.

"b. Upon the recommendation of the unit personnel committee, unit head, and appropriate dean, the appropriate vice chancellor may grant the faculty retiree emeritus status (**as defined in Appendix C.**) which includes the items listed above under Section I.1.2.a. and, in addition, the following privileges:

- 1) Access to recreational facilities under the same conditions as active faculty.
- 2) Continuance of eligibility to march, wearing appropriate regalia, in University commencement exercised and other University formal processions, as active faculty.

(Faculty Senate Resolution #98-25, October 1998)"

Faculty Senate Resolution #07-27

Approved by the Faculty Senate: November 6, 2007

Approved by the Chancellor: pending

Curriculum matters contained in the minutes of the October 11, 2007, University Curriculum Committee meeting (attached).

Faculty Senate Resolution #07-28

Approved by the Faculty Senate: November 6, 2007

Approved by the Chancellor: not applicable

Resolution on ECU SPA Employees that reads as follows:

Whereas, the University has adopted several new computer applications in the last several years (including CommonSpot, the PeopleAdmin system, Banner Student, Banner Finance, Banner HR, and Sedona).

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate expresses its sincere praise and appreciation for the diligent hard work put forth by ECU SPA employees to overcome the difficulties associated with each of these transitions.

Be It Further Resolved that the Faculty Senate recognizes that the University could not operate without these important members of the ECU team.

Faculty Senate Resolution #07-29

Approved by the Faculty Senate: November 6, 2007

Approved by the Chancellor: not applicable

Resolution on James LeRoy Smith that reads as follows:

- Whereas, James LeRoy Smith has been a champion of shared governance as a faculty member, Chair of the Faculty, Faculty Assembly representative, and in various administrative capacities; and
- Whereas, James LeRoy Smith has been a beacon of integrity, reasoned discourse, and receptiveness to faculty input and dialogue within our administration; and
- Whereas, James LeRoy Smith has been an anchor for ECU during periods of turbulence and transition; and
- Whereas, James LeRoy Smith's dedication to teaching is well known; and
- Whereas, throughout his career, his unflagging and tireless dedication to East Carolina University, the region of Eastern North Carolina and the people of this state have demonstrated James LeRoy Smith to be the personification of ECU's motto "*Servire*".

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the membership of the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University expresses its profound respect for and gratitude to Professor James LeRoy Smith, and wishes him well on his return to full-time teaching and research.

Disposition: Faculty Senate