

## FACULTY SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23, 2010

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. **Speaking privileges** have been granted to Donna Payne, Virginia Hardy, Chris Stansbury, Jolene Jernigan, members of the EPA Personnel Policies Committee, and members of all standing academic committees reporting today.
3. The **Scholar-Teacher Awards and Symposium** will be on Thursday, April 1, 2010 in Mendenhall Student Center Great Room. The awards program will be for recipients and their guests. The Symposium, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. will consist of two concurrent sessions of 15 minute presentations provided by the recipients and poster displays. All faculty and students are invited to participate in the symposium.
4. The **Board of Trustees** will meet in full session on Friday, February 26, 2010, beginning at 8:30 am in the Heart Institute. An agenda is available online at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/bot/ScheAgen.cfm>.
5. Due to overwhelming interest in recent proposed changes to the **Serious Illness and Disability Leave for Faculty Policy**, the next two Faculty Open Forums (schedule noted below) will include discussion on this topic. It is critical that faculty attend one or both open forums in order to gather as much faculty feedback on this policy.
  - Wednesday, February 24, 2010**, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Health Sciences Building, room 1345 (West campus)
  - Wednesday, March 3, 2010**, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Bate Building, room 1026 (East campus)
6. Faculty members are reminded that April 1 Chancellor Ballard will call for candidates for the prestigious **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>
7. A preliminary **call for nominations** for the *Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award, East Carolina Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award and Robert L. Jones Teaching Award* will be distributed soon to all academic unit heads. Nomination materials will be due September 1 and portfolios due November 1. Information on the different award nominating procedures are available at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/aa/academicawards.cfm>
8. For nearly 18 months, the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center has worked tirelessly to bring a **Campus Kitchen** to East Carolina University. We officially open the Campus Kitchen at East Carolina University (CKECU) tomorrow, Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to celebrate with us at Sweethearts at Todd Dining Hall, where we will "cut the ribbon"-- opening the first Campus Kitchen in the UNC system. Once open, CKECU will offer student-powered hunger relief! Using surplus food from campus dining halls, student volunteers will prepare and deliver nutritious meals to those in need through partnerships with the Ronald McDonald House and Little Willie Center. Meals are planned by a Serv-Safe certified student leadership team under the supervision of the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center and Aramark, and delivered to adults and children at partnering locations at no cost. Please direct any questions to Susan Pearce at [pearces@ecu.edu](mailto:pearces@ecu.edu).
9. **University Awards Day**, scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in Hendrix Theatre with the recipients of the following awards and honors being recognized: Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award, Robert L. Jones Award for Outstanding Teaching (Alumni Association), University Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Teaching, Max Ray Joyner Award for Faculty Service through Continuing Education, ECU Scholar-Teacher Awards, Centennial Awards for Excellence, Achievement for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity, Service Society Induction. A reception will follow in the Mendenhall Student Center Lobby. All faculty are invited to attend.

## **Faculty Senate Meeting**

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The Department of Sociology is very concerned about the proposed changes to the "Serious Illness and Disability Leave for Faculty Policy". There are a number of issues in the proposed changes that we believe as concerned social scientists require further research and serious consideration. As ECU is becoming a more diverse community, illness, disability, and maternity leaves affect different populations differently, a fact to which our policies should be sensitive. Before accepting these changes, we urge the ECU Administration to task the Faculty Welfare Committee with determining the needs for these specific changes in policy, the impacts on all those directly affected by these changes, and the documented benefits to the ECU university community.