

Faculty Senate Meeting  
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**Resolution to Celebrate of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Diversification  
of the East Carolina Campus**

Whereas, the original charter of East Carolina stated that the school educate "white men and women," in accordance with the "separate but equal" Plessy vs. Ferguson (1896) ruling of the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court ruled in the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka case that "separate but equal" provisions in public schools are unconstitutional in 1954; and

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly changed the charter of East Carolina College by dropping the term "white" in 1957, providing simply for the education of "men and women"; and

Whereas, African American teachers participated in off-campus East Carolina College summer enrichment programs from 1957 to 1960; and

Whereas, in the spring of 1961 the East Carolina College Board of Trustees changed the admission policy to accept all qualified students; and

Whereas, in the Summer of 1961 a group of African American teachers attended summer school courses on the main campus of East Carolina College, becoming the first African American students on campus at East Carolina; and

Whereas, today the East Carolina University community—including students, faculty, and staff—consists of people of many races and ethnicities; now therefore

Be it Resolved that, the Faculty of East Carolina University commemorates and celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the diversification of East Carolina College; and

Be it Further Resolved that, the Faculty of East Carolina University supports a sustained diverse and inclusive learning, living, and working environment.