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December 12, 2012

Chancellor Steve Ballard
East Carolina University
Spilman Building

Dear Dr. Ballard,

On December 4, 2012, the Faculty Senate adopted the following resolutions for your consideration. For your convenience, the resolutions are provided as an electronic link and/or attachment.

- ✓ 12-103 Formal faculty advice on the curriculum and academic matters contained in the October 17, 2012 Graduate Curriculum Committee meeting minutes.
- ✓ 12-104 Curriculum and academic matters contained in the October 25, 2012 University Curriculum Committee meeting minutes.
- ✓ 12-105 Curriculum matters included in the November 12, 2012 Writing Across the Curriculum Committee meeting minutes.
- ✓ 12-107 Request Calendar Committee to split the University academic calendars into two (beginning with 2014/15 calendars) with a University academic calendar containing faculty-approved academic dates and a University student application/processing deadline calendar containing student deadlines determined after academic calendars are established and approved by the Chancellor.
- ✓ 12-109 Curriculum and academic program matters included in the November 9, 2012 Educational Policies and Planning Committee meeting minutes, including the Department of Computer Science unit academic program review.

There were also four resolutions that do not require action from you at this time.

- 12-102 Resolution Concerning Minimum Education Competencies (attachment 1).
- 12-106 Resolution on Continuing the Option of Faculty Tenure, Rank and Status for Librarians at East Carolina University (attachment 2).
- 12-108 Redesigned General Guidelines for Writing and Revising A Unit Code of Operation in accordance with the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part IV, Section I. Academic Code Units and Section II. Unit Codes (attachment 3).

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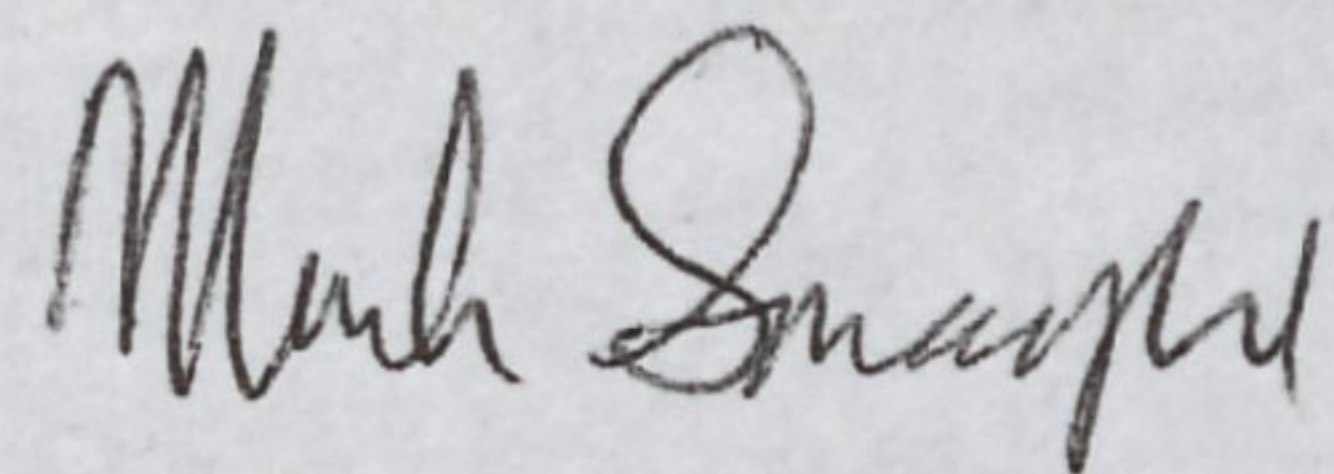
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Meeting Dates (attachment 4).

In addition, there were editorial revisions made to several standing University academic committees to reflect new text locations within the *ECU Faculty Manual*, including: Agenda Committee, Faculty Governance Committee, and Unit Code Screening Committee (attachment 5).

Thank you for your consideration of the above mentioned resolutions.

Sincerely,



Mark Sprague
Chair of the Faculty

attachments

copy via email

Faculty Officers

Marilyn Sheerer, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Resolution Concerning Minimum General Education Competencies

Whereas, the ability to transfer core courses across the UNC system campuses is a goal of the UNC General Administration; and

Whereas, a set of minimal competencies for UNC campus General Education programs could facilitate this goal;

Whereas, the General Education programs currently in place on UNC campus vary in detail, but contain many common core competencies, including critical thinking and quantitative analysis, scientific inquiry, communication skills, historical and social perspective, and human expression and creativity; and

Whereas, UNC does not receive accreditation as a system, but each institution must independently meet the SACS Standards for Accreditation; and

Whereas, any transferred credit must meet transfer-level quality SACS accreditation standards and the evaluation of transfer quality can only be made by the faculty; and

Whereas, UNC Policy 400.1 states that "Campuses shall continue to have the lead role in identifying academic program needs and in formulating proposals to meet those needs," and "In these processes, faculty expertise is essential for sound academic decision making at the campus and system levels;"

Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the ECU Faculty Senate supports the Faculty Advisory Council's recommendation for the formation of a state-wide General Education Council charged to undertake a comprehensive review of existing General Education programs across all sixteen UNC undergraduate degree-awarding institutions, provided that this new General Education Council is made up of full-time UNC faculty members (at least one from each campus), appointed jointly by President Ross and the UNC Faculty Assembly; and

Be It Further Resolved That the General Education Council's review will form the basis for any system-wide effort to determine a set of common General Education competencies that will strengthen and streamline learning outcomes across the system; and

Be It Further Resolved That as per UNC Policy 400.1 any General Education Program common competences must be approved on each campus by the appropriate faculty curriculum-approval processes and the faculty on each campus (while ensuring that any approved common competencies are met) shall continue to exercise control over both the specific content of their General Education courses and the format of their General Education program; and

Be It Further Resolved That, Faculty engagement be structured in such a manner so as to ensure that SACS and individual program accreditation standards are met, and

Be It Further Resolved That, any General Education Program common competences complement and not restrict the varied missions of the constituent campuses of the UNC system; and

Be It Further Resolved That, in addition to normal campus-based General Education assessments, any common system-wide General Educational competencies must be evaluated and assessed periodically by an interdisciplinary group of faculty using appropriate shared governance structures and procedures; and

Be It Further Resolved That, at such time as UNC minimum core competencies are established, a system-level Equivalency website shall be created and maintained to ensure the campus-to-campus transfer process as seamless and transparent as possible; and

Be It Further Resolved That, once established, this Equivalency website shall be expanded to include courses from the NC Community College system (as they are approved by disciplinary faculty committees as per the CAA)

Faculty Senate Resolution #12-106

Approved by the Faculty Senate: December 4, 2012

Approved by the Chancellor: not applicable

Resolution on Continuing the Option of Faculty Tenure, Rank and Status for Librarians at East Carolina University, that reads as follows:

- Whereas,** East Carolina University Librarians have faculty tenure, rank and status because they perform faculty functions, and like faculty in other academic units are required to publish original research, teach in classrooms, public contact points, and off campus venues, serve on university and system-wide UNC committees in order to obtain tenure; and
- Whereas,** East Carolina University Librarians perform a teaching and research role in that they instruct students formally and informally and assist faculty in their scholarly pursuits, and are also involved in research in a number of academic disciplines; and
- Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status help East Carolina University librarians do their job in the same way as it helps other professors, and as permanent members of the university community they are more vested in the institution and better able to ensure the free availability of information and ideas, no matter how controversial, so that teachers may freely teach and students may freely learn; and
- Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status help East Carolina librarians realize that they are major stakeholders in university's goals and objectives and thus can take the long view into consideration making our community and region stronger because of that stake; and
- Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status help East Carolina University librarians realize their full independence and duty to pursue research into neglected areas, and to develop collections in subjects that are unpopular at the moment; and
- Whereas,** Intellectual Freedom is a core value of the academy and faculty tenure, rank and status is a traditional way of preserving this value; and
- Whereas,** faculty tenure, rank and status enable women and men of ability to earn a living in the Academy.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate supports librarians at East Carolina University having the option of continued employment in positions that have faculty tenure, rank and status.

General Guidelines for Writing and Revising A Unit Code of Operation
<https://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/committee/uc/newguidelines.pdf>

Unit codes should be developed and revised according to the *ECU Faculty Manual, Part IV, Section I. Academic Code Units and Section II. Unit Codes*. In an effort to make the process easier, below are links to templates for use by academic units. As of October 17, 2012, all unit codes submitted to the Committee must conform to the Committee's revised templates. A unit code that does not conform will be returned to its unit.

Unit codes may include additional relevant sections as long as they conform in the same relative order as the Unit Code of Operation Format. Academic units must submit clean copies of its code documents to the Committee. A unit may choose to submit explanatory documents along with its code (such as a table of changes) but this is not required.

Faculty are encouraged to contact Professor Patricia Anderson, Chair of the Unit Code Screening Committee with any questions or concerns as they go through the drafting process.

Unit Code of Operation Format

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| <p align="center">Review and approval of new and revised unit codes involve the <u>Unit Code Screening Committee</u></p> <p><i>Note: The code revision cycle is 5 years as noted in the ECU Faculty Manual, Part IV, section II.F</i></p> <p align="center"><u>Memo</u> requesting approval of a new or revised unit code of operation</p> <p align="center"><u>Cover/Signature Page</u> for a new or revised unit code of operation</p> | <p align="center">Review and approval of provisional unit codes involve the <u>Educational Policies and Planning Committee</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Memo</u> requesting approval of a provisional unit code of operation</p> <p align="center"><u>Cover/Signature Page</u> for a provisional unit code of operation</p> |
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A **PDF electronic copy** of all information should be sent to the appropriate committee via the Faculty Senate office at faculty senate@ecu.edu. In addition, **15 printed copies** of the memo, cover/signature page, and new, revised or provisional unit code should be forwarded to the appropriate committee via the Faculty Senate office (140 Rawl Annex, 109 mail stop). The appropriate committee will meet on the following days during the academic year and submission of materials must be received at least ONE WEEK prior to the scheduled committee meeting. Upon receipt, the appropriate committee chairperson will acknowledge whether there is room on the committee agenda for the code screening or whether the screening must be postponed to a later meeting.

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| <p><u>Unit Code Screening Committee</u> 3:30-5:30 pm December 5, 2012 January 16, 2013 February 20, 2013 March 20, 2013 April 17, 2013</p> | <p><u>Educational Policies and Planning Committee</u> 1:00-2:30 pm December 7, 2012 January 18, 2012 February 8, 2013 March 8, 2013 April 12, 2013</p> |
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Faculty Senate Resolution #12-110

Approved by the Faculty Senate: December 4, 2012

Approved by the Chancellor: not applicable

2013-2014 Faculty Senate and Agenda Committee Meeting Dates, as follows:

| Agenda Committee will meet: | Faculty Senate will meet: |
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| August 27, 2013 | September 10, 2013 |
| September 24, 2013 | October 1, 2013 |
| October 15, 2013 | November 5, 2013 |
| November 19, 2013 | December 3, 2013 |
| January 14, 2014 | January 28, 2014 |
| February 11, 2014 | February 25, 2014 |
| March 4, 2014 | March 18, 2014 |
| April 1, 2014 | April 15, 2014 |
| | April 22, 2014 (14/15 organizational mtg.) |

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Attached is a memorandum addressed to Chancellor Ballard detailing the Faculty Senate resolutions approved during the December 4, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. The original correspondence will be hand-delivered to Chancellor Ballard this afternoon.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need anything from us. Thank you.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 4, 2012, MEETING

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