

**East Carolina University
FACULTY SENATE
FULL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The sixth regular meeting of the 2013-2014 Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, in the Mendenhall Student Center.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Mark Sprague, Chair of the Faculty called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of [February 4, 2014](#) were approved as presented.

Agenda Item III. Special Order of the Day

A. Roll Call

Senators absent were: Professors Zoller (Art and Design), Levine, Apetz, Chen, and Fitzgerald (Medicine), Shinpaugh (Physics), White (Academic Deans Representative), and Taggart (Music/Faculty Assembly Delegate).

Alternates present were: Professors Stokes for Kulesher (Allied Health Sciences), Bauer for Henze (English), Dudley for Hernandez (History), Benson for Robinson (Mathematics), Smirnova for Francia (Political Science), Frank for Ding (Technology and Computer Science) and Li for Monroe (Technology and Computer Science).

B. Announcements

The Chancellor has approved the following resolutions from the February 4, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting:

14-08 Spring 2014 Snow Make-up Day Proposal.

14-17 Request for authorization to establish a New Distance Education Program – MAEd in [Elementary Education](#) in the College of Education; Request for authorization to establish a New Distance Education Program – MAEd in [Middle Grades Education](#) in the College of Education; Request for authorization to establish a New Distance Education Degree Program – [MA in Communication](#) (emphasis on Health Communication) in the School of Communication, and Request to offer an [Accelerated Second Degree BS Nursing option](#) in the College of Nursing.

The ECU Libraries, in collaboration with the Academic Libraries Committee, are conducting a needs assessment survey of faculty. Analysis of the results will help us target areas for improvement and plan future services. The 2014 results will be compared to the results of a similar survey conducted in 2011. The survey contains 20 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your participation is very important, and we appreciate your taking time to respond. You can access the survey at https://ecu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dj0fjCy1BwIRKYt. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jan Lewis, Interim Dean, Joyner Library, via email at lewisja@ecu.edu or phone at 252.328.2267 or Susan Simpson, Special Projects Librarian, Laupus Library, via email at simpsons@ecu.edu or phone at 252.744.2904.

The University Budget Committee is sponsoring a Campus Forum on Budget Matters on Thursday, March 6th from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in Bate 1028. The forum is envisioned as an opportunity to offer ideas and feedback on budget matters, pose questions to the committee, and engage in a conversation regarding budget principles and priorities. The University Committee on Fiscal Sustainability (UCFS) will be releasing the first draft of its recommendations after Spring Break. This forum will review how the university budget works and provide some context for thinking about the forthcoming UCFS

recommendations. It will also provide the opportunity for the campus community to ask questions about the process and to provide final feedback to members of the UCFS who will be present.

Correspondences concerning unit elections for 2014-2015 Faculty Senate representation were distributed to unit code administrators in January. In accordance with the *ECU Faculty Manual*, elections are to be held during the month of February. Please call the Faculty Senate office if you have any questions.

Academic Committee Chairs are reminded that Committee Annual Reports are due in the Faculty Senate office by May 1, 2014.

Faculty interested in periodically receiving issues of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* are asked to call the Faculty Senate office at 328-6537 and place their name on a list for distribution.

C. Steve Ballard, Chancellor
Chancellor Ballard stated ...

No questions were posed to Chancellor Ballard.

D. Ron Mitchelson, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies
Interim VC Mitchelson provided the following report.

School of the Coast Update

A draft of the proposal to create a School of the Coast at east Carolina University now exists and has already been distributed to affected units, including faculty and administration. The draft proposal has been submitted to the Chair of the Senate. There is a forum on this very topic scheduled for Wednesday (tomorrow), February 26, at 3:00 PM, in Flanagan Rm 265. We are all indebted to Dr. David Griffith for his leadership in developing the proposal and vetting it with all interested parties.

I'd like to remind everyone that the school concept is not surprisingly new and has been discussed for the past two years in accordance with the PPC recommendation of April 30, 2012 (Phase II, Number 3) to relocate centers and institutes from RGS and consider creation of a new School of the Coast. About the same time, Dr. Susan Avery, President and Executive Director of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, was commissioned by RGS to evaluate ECU's coastal enterprise. She strongly recommended creation of an integrating unit because ECU's coastal intellectual capacity is fragmented across departments, schools, colleges and even entities within the UNC System. Subsequent to that Academic Council appointed a faculty task force (Jamie Kruse, Tom Allen, Reide Corbett, Bob Edwards, David Griffith, Andy Keeler, Enrique Reyes, Brad Rogers, and Tracy Van Holt) to consider ECU's coastal structure and to recommend needed adjustments. Their recommendation, to create a school of the coast as a code unit, was received in December of 2012 with feedback received during winter 2013. That report was vetted widely, including on-line survey and forum. As you

might expect "as a code unit" received the greatest attention and the most divergent opinions. At that time, Academic Council, decided that the Institute for Coastal Science and Policy (ICSP) along with the PhD program in Coastal Resource Management (CRM) should undergo external review with an eye toward strengths, weaknesses, and the School concept. That review team was with us in early February and we are now in receipt of their review, date 02/18/2014. That external review team, while clearly stating some issues to be addressed (especially in terms of faculty governance), supports the process to plan for a School of the Coast. They see growth potential and a platform for improved governance.

I want to assure you that ECU will follow a systematic, transparent, and inclusive process in developing this proposal. David Griffith and AC are committed to no less. Ultimately, we will need approval by the UNC Board of Governors. We envision the following process:

1. Proposal is drafted for campus consideration. David Griffith has led that effort. The draft has been edited with several rounds of input. It has been endorsed by Academic Council.
2. We encourage review of this draft by all affected units. The draft has already been distributed widely. I've already seen some useful feedback. If you have not had opportunity to examine the draft and you'd like a copy, you may certainly contact David or me. The forum on 2/26 is devoted to discussion and comments on the proposal.
3. Review of proposal by the University Committee on Fiscal Sustainability.
4. Once edited to reflect common concerns, the proposal will be submitted to the EPPC. EPPC focus will be placed upon PHD program. EPPC will make a recommendation in their report to Senate.
5. The Senate will convey its recommendation to the Chancellor.
6. If appropriate, the Chancellor will submit recommendation for approval to the ECU Board of Trustees.
7. Finally, the request is submitted through UNC GA to the UNC BOG for final approval.

In sum, I believe that we have much to gain by creating a School of the Coast as currently being proposed, which is a rather simple aggregation of existing coastal assets spread across existing centers, institutes, departments and colleges. The benefits at the very least include: improved administrative efficiency (coordination), improved visibility, improved synergy and program (instructional, research, and outreach) development (collaboration), and heightened complementarity with our primary partner, the Coastal Studies Institute on Roanoke Island.

University Committee on Fiscal Sustainability (UCFS) Update

UCFS has completed the "discovery phase" of its work, after hearing reports from units across the campus. Since I last reported, we heard from Finance & Administration and the Division of Health Sciences. So now we are deep into developing recommendations for campus consideration. You received an invitation on February 19 to provide additional ideas on ways in which we might diversify our revenue streams or operate more efficiently. I hope you take that request seriously and invest some time in this process. I also hope that you go back to your units and encourage your colleagues to do the same. These continue to be tough times for higher education and we need all the creativity we can muster. Our target for delivering a

draft of recommendations is still mid-March. We'll receive feedback by survey and by forums on that draft.

Late last fall we invited the campus to share ideas by survey. Over 900 individuals took at least a portion of that survey, about 800 completed the entire survey. I am pleased to report that 52% of respondents (a little over 400) are faculty members. We asked about past experiences with the PPC process and any perceived changes that have been noticed since the PPC recommendations were made public (04/30/2012). For example, twenty five percent described outcomes associated with the PPC process as positive, 25% were neutral, 22% described them as negative, and 28% were unfamiliar with any outcomes. It was apparent from the commentary that we have not done a good job of communicating PPC results and actions. Having said that, last spring (2013) I did come before the Senate to describe PPC related actions taken in R&GS. When we asked the campus about ways to increase revenues, 51 percent indicated that they had ideas but only 89 shared them with comments. Most of the comments focused on increasing grants/contracts, increasing tuition, increasing fund-raising, increasing off-model educational programs, and other entrepreneurial activities. When we asked about efficiencies and cost-savings, almost two-thirds of the respondents (about 400 in this question) said that they had ideas and about 200 shared ideas through commentary. Only one person said that we should get rid of Mitchelson. Some of the themes generated by the ECU community and highlighted in the survey results:

1. possible centralization of some business/operational services,
2. possible consolidation of some academic units,
3. possible reduction in the number of divisions,
4. possible reduction in uses of paper, energy, and water,
5. possible creation and implementation of workforce and workload policies, and
6. possible reduction in the number of under-enrolled courses and programs.

As you might imagine, this type of work is very difficult and I'm so very appreciative of the investment being made by faculty, staff, and administrators. The quality of the work will be in direct proportion to the investments we make. So thank you for participating.

Strategic Planning Update

Good news! Our mission statement was approved by the UNC BOG last Friday. So we are free to become a national model for student success, public service, and regional transformation. The contributions that you and your colleagues make in the classrooms, the labs, with your research and with your outreach are central to achieving the mission. I am fully aware and appreciative for the sacrifices you make for our students, our region, and your disciplines.

Many of you participated in the forums and on-line surveys that sought feedback to the draft of our strategic plan. The University's Strategic Planning Committee (32 strong), co-chaired by Austin Bunch and Elaine Scott, has been hard at work incorporating those new ideas. Last week we brought the edited draft to the BOT. While they responded quite positively, they also expressed some concern for the breadth and size of the plan—perhaps we're planning too much. I must explain that a significant part of our volume is devoted to accomplishing the

tasks that are specified in *Our Time Our Future* (OTOF), which is the UNC System's strategic plan and it contains nearly 100 initiatives, most directed at every campus. The campus has provided well over 200 action items (associated with goals and objectives) and we all realize that narrowing down to a few essential projects, perhaps the School of the Coast (?), will be required to gain necessary focus.

Our next planning steps include forums with student groups—these are already scheduled. After that we will present the plan to external stake-holders for their consideration and feedback. We hope to have a modified draft in April with a target for final approval sometime in June or July.

Professor Powers (Sociology) asked how the forum on the School of the Coast was publicized and could an additional open forum be scheduled? **Interim VC Mitchelson responded.....**

Professor Jane Patton (Allied Health Sciences) asked about SACS accreditation and had it been approved yet. Provost Sheerer replied that ECU did receive affirmation however there was a report due in the Fall in reference to the monitoring of student learning outcomes.

Professor Rigsby (Geological Sciences) expressed her agreement that ECU had been a leader in the State with work on the coast. However she was disappointed with the vague proposal that David Griffith had put forward to the University community and stated that colleagues need a detailed analysis on the impact of this proposal on resources of other science disciplines. She also stated that both David and administration may want to look back at the policy on funding CRM and how resources were agreed upon a few years ago. She stated that faculty would like better governance documents before moving forward. General Administration certainly did not request a School of the Coast but suggested that ECU get started with the planning. Interim VC Mitchelson responded that there would not be a unit code but standard operating procedures for this new School was a must.

E. Mark Sprague, Chair of the Faculty

Professor Sprague provided the following remarks to the Faculty Senate.

It seems like we just had a Faculty Senate meeting earlier this month! Of course we did. It was our makeup January meeting that was rescheduled due to the snow. At our makeup meeting we passed Resolution #14-08, Spring 2014 Snow Makeup Days, which recommended using Reading Day, April 30, as a makeup day for the missed Wednesday classes; April 29 (the state holiday makeup day) for the missed Thursday classes instead of the previously scheduled Friday classes; and Good Friday, April 18, as a makeup day for the Friday classes originally scheduled for April 29. The resolution recommended that the Friday classes missed due to the snow and the classes missed on partial days have no scheduled makeup time, and it and suggested ways for instructors to make up for missed classes. This resolution was based on a previous resolution for making up missed class days. Chancellor Ballard initially approved our makeup day resolution, but there was an unforeseen complication: Good Friday is a state holiday for staff. If classes are in session ECU policy requires staff to work, but staff who work on a state holiday must be paid time and a half, money we do not have in our budget. In light of this new concern, I sent Chancellor Ballard an E-mail suggesting he rescind his approval of the makeup day on Good Friday and ask that we make up the material outside class, just as we will do for other missed classes. The Chancellor has rescinded his approval of the Good Friday makeup day. An official announcement of this decision is forthcoming.

We are not asking instructors to omit material scheduled for those class days, only to make up the material outside class. We have the ability to present online material or other relevant material outside our regularly scheduled classes. In light of this, I have asked the Calendar Committee to consider a new policy on making up missed classes. The original policy is based on the assumption that the General Administration (GA) required us to make up for missed classes to meet the minimum number of contact hours in the UNC Policy Manual. GA is now allowing the use of outside activities to make up for missed classes. We need to adjust our makeup policy to allow for this possibility.

The University Committee on Fiscal Sustainability (UCFS) is considering recommendations for its draft report, which will be released in mid-March. Let me tell you that the ECU budget is complex. Our fiscal problems are real, and they are not going away in the near future. There are no magic bullets out there to save all of us from the pinch.

The UCFS gave a survey for input last fall and received over 900 responses, more than half from faculty members. The committee has carefully considered the responses and comments gathered in the survey. The committee sent an E-mail message to the campus community on February 19 asking for more input and ideas. To date, I have seen two responses to this call. It is not too late, but send your input soon. The University Budget Committee is holding a Faculty Budget Forum on March 6 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Bate 1028. Please encourage your colleagues to participate. We will provide minutes of the forum to the UCFS so they can consider them when drafting their report.

At the February 4 Senate meeting Chancellor Ballard announced that Provost Sheerer will be stepping down in August. He would like to name an interim Provost by the end of the spring semester. He has asked for our thoughts about the choice. I believe that the Interim Provost will be a key person for implementing the recommendations of the UCFS. We need someone who listens to faculty advice and understands faculty issues. We need someone dedicated to academic quality. We need a leader who can build consensus while we work to preserve our university and move it forward.

There are two other items I would like to bring to your attention. The Committee on Committees is working on the slate of nominees for standing academic committees next year, and the number of volunteers is disturbingly low. Please consider volunteering, and recommend that your colleagues do the same. Our committees do most of the work of the Faculty Senate, and they would not function without you!

The Harriot College dean search is underway. The first of four candidates arrived on campus yesterday and is concluding her interview today. The other candidates will be on campus this Thursday and Friday, next Monday and Tuesday, and Thursday and Friday of next week. This is a very important position for the entire campus. I encourage you to attend the candidate presentations and provide feedback to the search committee.

I would like to thank you for all that you do to make ECU function. It always amazes me how faculty members are able to teach, do research, and find the time to participate in shared governance. You are essential to our university.

Professor Martinez (Foreign Languages and Literatures) asked when the University Committee on Fiscal Sustainability will hold open forums. Professor Sprague replied....

Professor Gibson (Business) stated that the online Faculty Committee Volunteer Form on One Stop was not working and should be if we wish for more faculty to volunteer. Professor Sprague replied that emails to himself or the Faculty Senate office were the way to volunteer at this time.

Professor Frank (Technology and Computer Science) expressed her concern with the lack of faculty volunteers and stated that since the University was having a hard time obtaining tenured and tenure-track faculty volunteers, maybe it was time to open committee membership up to fixed term faculty members who stand waiting and willing to serve. Professor Sprague replied that this was an idea being discussed among several standing committees.

F. Charles Boklage, UNC Faculty Assembly Delegate

Professor Boklage noted that the February 14, 2014 UNC Faculty Assembly meeting did not take place due to the snow.

Chair Catherine Rigsby was invited to update the Senators on other matters being handled by the UNC Faculty Assembly. Professor Rigsby stated that the April meeting would focus on student success. She also discussed the post tenure review policy, Comprehensive Articulation Authority which is the uniformity of transfer credits from community college, and

G. Election of Five Members to the Faculty Officers Nominating Committee

Following, *ECU Faculty Manual*, [Part II, Section II](#), pg. 8, the following faculty members were elected to the Faculty officers Nominating Committee: Professor Derek Maher (Philosophy and Religious Studies), Professor Shanan Gibson (Business), Professor John Cope (Psychology), Professor Rachel Roper (Medicine), and Professor Rebecca Powers (Sociology). The committee will meet soon to begin their work and provide a slate of Faculty Officer nominees to the Faculty Senate on April 22, 2014.

H. Question Period

Professor Jeff Popke (Geography, Planning and Environment) asked Interim VC Mitchelson about the Committee on Fiscal Sustainability and the themes being submitted thus far. He stated that he was aware of the suggestions to address underperforming academic programs and that savings would occur if eliminating faculty and staff, but with what other ways are being considered. Interim VC Mitchelson responded that there is a frequency of underperforming academic programs that would save us money, i.e. 160 1000- and 2000- courses with up to only 10 students in each course exhibits an area that we need to review.

Professor Charles Boklage (Medicine) asked, in reference to the discussion on the proposed School of the Coast, faculty governance issues and code unit status for the proposed school are expressed faculty concerns. How will Interim VC Mitchelson address these important matters. Interim VC Mitchelson stated that the proposed School of the Coast would be formed not as a code unit and faculty appointments would stay where they are.

Professor Puri Martinez (Foreign Languages and Literatures) expressed concerns about a published article highlighting Provost Sheerer's announcement to step down as Provost and linked to the front page of the ECU website (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/sheerer14.cfm>) offering the following quote: "I'm all for research and I'll support research whenever I can, but the bottom line is (students)

are buying classes when they come here," Sheerer said. "Back in Pennsylvania they raised me with a really tough work ethic. I think people can do more." Professor Martinez noted that the negative tone of the Provost's quoted comments calling students "customers of the university", stating that students are "buying classes" rather than recognizing that paying for a university education does much more than that, overlooks the fact that the State pays much of the tuition costs for students and research and intellectual centers that can foster public health and well-being and the comments insinuates that, by researching more instead of teaching more classes, faculty weren't doing/working as much. All of which have upset many faculty members and she was asked to obtain the Provost's comments on their concerns.

Provost Sheerer replied that she went back to the interviewer who wrote the larger interview and that she sees parents and students as customers looking for an University experience – which includes student affairs and faculty who do research, but if there are no classes offered the students suffer.

Professor Rachel Roper (Medicine) asked about the rate of sexual assault on campuses, i.e. 20% experience sexual assault their freshman year and if the Provost would an update on the campus security initiative at General Administration. Provost Sheerer noted that there will be definite recommendations that come out of these GA initiatives. For example, Title IX officer's duties are varied and need to be simplified and training is needed in all aspects of assault. Provost Sheerer noted that the GA's report is due mid-March and led by Chancellors from A&T and NC State and she would be happy to report to the Faculty Senate on this once the report is released.

Agenda Item IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the body at this time.

Agenda Item V. Report of Graduate Council

Professor Bob Thompson, Chair of the Graduate Council presented first curriculum matters acted on and recorded in the [December 4, 2013](#) and [January 15, 2014](#) Graduate Curriculum Committee meeting minutes, including items within the College of Allied Health Sciences, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, College of Nursing, Department of Public Health, and College of Health and Human Performance.

There was no discussion and the curriculum matters acted on and recorded in the Graduate Curriculum Committee meeting minutes of [December 4, 2013](#) and [January 15, 2014](#) were approved and will be forwarded to the Chancellor as formal faculty advice. **RESOLUTION #14-20**

Professor Thompson then presented curriculum and academic matters acted on and recorded in the [December 9, 2013](#), and [January 27, 2014](#) Graduate Council meeting minutes, including a student request for additional time extension, revised Nursing graduate faculty criteria, additional information on GRE/MAT/GMAT exception request, eligibility of Council ex-officio members to serve on GCEC, planning for assistantship budget allocation project and reports on Faculty Mentor Awards, continuity of operations within Graduate Admissions office, and charge to thesis/dissertation oversight committee.

Professor Rigsby (Geological Science) asked Professor Thompson to elaborate more on how the Best Practices and Guidelines recommendations would be included in the unit codes of operation, *ECU Faculty Manual*, and Graduate Council documents. **Professor Thompson replied...**

Professor Gibson (Business) clarified that the College of Business format was GMAT. Professor Thompson expressed thanks for the correction.

Following a brief discussion and the curriculum and academic matters acted on and recorded in the Graduate Council meeting minutes of [December 9, 2013](#) and [January 27, 2014](#) were approved and will be forwarded to the Chancellor as formal faculty advice. **RESOLUTION #14-21**

Agenda Item VI. Report of Committees

A. University Curriculum Committee

Professor Lori Flint (Education), Chair of the Committee presented curriculum and academic matters contained in the meeting minutes of [December 12, 2013](#), including curricular actions within the Department of Child Development and Family Relations, College of Nursing, Department of Mathematics, and Interdisciplinary Programs within the College of Arts and Sciences.

There was no discussion and the curriculum and academic matters contained in the University Curriculum Committee's meeting minutes of [December 12, 2013](#) were approved and will be forwarded to the Chancellor as formal faculty advice. **RESOLUTION #14-22**

B. Writing Across the Curriculum Committee

Professor Hector Garza (Theater and Dance), Chair of the Committee presented the curriculum and academic matters contained in the meeting minutes of [February 10, 2014](#) including approval of writing intensive (WI) designation for HMGT 4700 and removal of WI designation for HMGT 3990, 3991, 3992.

There was no discussion and the curriculum and academic matters contained in the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee's meeting minutes of [February 10, 2014](#) including approval of writing intensive (WI) designation for HMGT 4700 and removal of WI designation for HMGT 3990, 3991, 3992 were approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #14-23**

C. Foundations Curriculum and Instructional Effectiveness Committee, George Bailey

Professor George Bailey (Philosophy), Chair of the Committee presented curriculum matters included in the [February 3, 2014](#) meeting minutes, including approval for global diversity designation for ENGL 2050, ENGL 2760, ENGL 3720, FILM 3900, and FILM 3901 and domestic diversity designation for ENGL 2700, ENGL 2740, ENGL 4710, ENGL 4730, ENGL 4740, and FILM 4920. Professor Bailey noted that there was misinformation included in the meeting minutes that would be corrected, specifically that there were no courses approved at this time for foundations credit.

There was no discussion and the curriculum matters included in the Foundations Curriculum and Instructional Effectiveness Committee meeting minutes of [February 3, 2014](#), including approval for global diversity designation for ENGL 2050, ENGL 2760, ENGL 3720, FILM 3900, and FILM 3901 and domestic diversity designation for ENGL 2700, ENGL 2740, ENGL 4710, ENGL 4730, ENGL 4740, and FILM 4920 were approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #14-24**

D. Educational Policies and Planning Committee

Professor Ed Stellwag (Biology), Chair of the Committee first presented curriculum and academic program matters included in the [February 14, 2014](#) meeting minutes, including request for authorization to develop a [minor in Interior Design](#) within the Department of Interior Design and

Merchandising, request for authorization to plan a [Doctor of Public Health](#) (DrPH) with two concentrations 1) Public Health Administration and 2) Environmental and Occupational Health within the Department of Public Health in the School of Medicine, and a request for authorization to establish a [graduate certificate in Public Management and Leadership](#) within the Department of Political Science.

There was no discussion and the curriculum and academic program matters included in the Educational Policies and Planning Committee meeting minutes of [February 14, 2014](#), including request for authorization to develop a [minor in Interior Design](#) within the Department of Interior Design and Merchandising, request for authorization to plan a [Doctor of Public Health](#) (DrPH) with two concentrations 1) Public Health Administration and 2) Environmental and Occupational Health within the Department of Public Health in the School of Medicine, and a request for authorization to establish a [graduate certificate in Public Management and Leadership](#) within the Department of Political Science were approved as presented. **RESOLUTION #14-25**

Professor Stellwag then presented an update on committee activities relating to the [Bachelor of Science in University Studies](#), noting that a subcommittee had been formed to address each of the recommendations included in the Faculty Senate Resolution #13-55, noted below and that a full report will be presented to the Senate in March:

Faculty Senate Resolution #13-55, Approved by the Faculty Senate: April 16, 2013
Resolution on the Proposed Bachelor of Science University Studies Degree Programs

The Faculty Senate directs the Chair of the Faculty to charge the Educational Policies and Planning Committee (EPPC) to:

1. Create, in consultation with the University Curriculum Committee, a clear standard by which the Faculty Oversight Committee will be able to judge whether the proposed Bachelor of Science in University Studies (BSUS) thematic core has attempted to circumvent an existing major. The definition should take into consideration not only existing majors' major requirements but also existing majors' cognate requirements and (if applicable) foreign language requirements.
2. Define precisely what the Faculty Oversight Committee's authority and responsibility are.
3. Report to the Faculty Senate, at the first meeting of the Spring 2014 semester about the progress and implementation of the standard and authority and responsibility of the Oversight Committee.
4. Conduct a regular audit of a sample of BSUS degrees to ascertain whether the standard has been applied correctly and consistently, to recommend corrective action if the audit finds flaws or inconsistencies, and to report the audit results to the Faculty Senate at the first meeting of the spring semester of the year in which the audit is conducted.
5. The Faculty Oversight Committee should be a part of the academic program review.

Professor Stellwag then presented a report on [Transmittal Letter #86](#) relating to academic program planning and evaluation, noting that the Committee reviewed the [Transmittal Letter #86](#) dated August 27, 2013 from the University of North Carolina's Office of the Secretary relating to [changes](#) to the following items located in the *UNC Policy Manual* about academic program planning and evaluation:

- 400.1.1[R] *Regulations for Academic Program Planning and Evaluation* – Amended 08/26/13
- 400.1.1.1[G] *Guidelines for Academic Program Development* – Amended 08/26/13
- 700.4.1 – *Policy on Minimum Substantive and Procedural Standards for Student Disciplinary Proceedings* – Amended 08/23/13

Following the review, the Committee is reporting to the Faculty Senate that they did not see a need to propose any revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, [Part VI, Section VII](#) in order to conform with the

changes. There was no discussion and the Faculty Senate accepted the report as presented.

RESOLUTION #14-26

E. Libraries Committee

Professor Robert Campbell (Allied Health Sciences), Chair of the Committee presented a report on Faculty Librarian Work Group Charge and stated.....

Following a brief discussion, no formal action was taken at this time by the Faculty Senate.

Agenda Item VII. New Business

Resolution on Smoking in Stadium

Professor Nick Rupp (Economics) offered a resolution entitled "Smoking in Stadium" that read as follows:

Whereas, ECU's Mission statement includes the following: "promotes wellness" and "improves quality of life"; and

Whereas, prohibiting all smoking within Dowdy-Ficklen stadium would be consistent with the ECU Mission statement.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Faculty Senate requests the Chancellor and his administrative staff to review the smoking policies at the Dowdy-Ficklen stadium.

Professor Christensen (Biology) asked for a definition of "stadium". Professor Rupp replied that stadium refers to any place that you need a ticket to get around.

Professor White (Dental Medicine) asked about the baseball stadium, etc. Professor Rupp replied yes, to be more general we could broaden the resolution to include any ECU sporting venue. Professor White then offered a friendly amendment to substitute "Dowdy-Ficklen stadium" with "sports venues".

Whereas, ECU's Mission statement includes the following: "promotes wellness" and "improves quality of life"; and

Whereas, prohibiting all smoking within ~~Dowdy-Ficklen stadium~~ sports venues would be consistent with the ECU Mission statement.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Faculty Senate requests the Chancellor and his administrative staff to review the smoking policies at the ~~Dowdy-Ficklen stadium~~ sports venues.

Professor Dudley (History) asked if this would include practiced fields, etc. Professor Rupp stated that he had in mind to protect those from second hand smoke while attending a sporting event and not really address practice fields.

The motion to amend was approved. There being no further discussion, the resolution was approved and amended. **RESOLUTION #14-27**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl McFadden
Secretary of the Faculty
College of Education

Lori Lee
Faculty Senate