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Administrators Get Realigned Reporting Responsibilities

To accommodate off-campus responsibilities and expectations during the spring semester, Chancellor Richard Eakin has temporarily restructured the reporting lines of several senior university officials.

Al Matthews, vice chancellor for student life; James Lanier, vice chancellor for institutional advancement; Robert Thompson, director of planning and institutional research; and Garrie Moore, director of Equal Opportunities Programs, will all report to Richard Brown, vice chancellor for administration and finance, as part of the interim restructuring.

While they will no longer report directly to the chancellor, they remain members of the chancellor's cabinet. Student Life and Institutional Advancement retain their divisional identities.

"The two most crucial tasks facing the university are securing legislative funding for the Science and Technology Building and ensuring that the fund-raising campaign for student scholarships has a successful start," Eakin said. "Both endeavors will require me to be away from campus frequently visiting with legislators and potential donors.

"It is vital that senior administrators have someone on the campus available to them on a full-time basis," Eakin said. "My schedule will be exceptionally unpredictable over the coming months."

Vice Chancellor Brown said, "I will do my best to provide support and assistance as needed to these operations during this time."

The university has contracted with Eva Klein Associates, a higher-education consulting firm, to conduct a study of the university's organization and recommend improvements, Eakin said.

The current changes are temporary pending the results of that study, he said. *– John Durham*

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***MODEL ON VIEW** – Members of the state Advisory Budget Commission listen to Bruce Flye (Facilities Services) explain the features of the proposed Science and Technology Building, using the model in the foreground. The commission, made up of legislators chaired by N.C. Senator Aaron Plyler (at left), visited ECU January 11, where they toured Flanagan Building, whose current inhabitants will occupy the Science and Technology facility. The proposed building will cost an estimated $59 million to plan, build and equip.*

Staff Forum Convenes, Elects Leaders

Staff members from all campus divisions, elected by ballot votes of the non-teaching work force in December, gathered in Mendenhall January 12 for the initial meeting of the ECU Staff Forum.

Representatives chose leaders for the 1999-2000 biennium who will serve on the Forum's Executive Committee. Willie Lee (University Printing and Graphics) was elected Forum chairperson. Margarete Boyd (University Housing Services) was elected vice-chair, and Ann Furlough (Medicine) was elected secretary.

The new Forum is intended to serve as a representative body of employees to promote communication between staff and administration.

Other Forum members are:

Academic Affairs: Connie Blake, Rhonda Brown, Karen Collier, Louise McNamee and Anne Tillman; alternate members—Belinda Patterson and Angel Savage.

Administration and Finance: Daniel Bishop, Janice Bowen, Douglas Caldwell, Robert Cooley, Sherrilyn Johnson, Phillip Lewis, Verna Taft and Deborah Tyndall; alternates—Donnie Tenney and Gayle Baker.

Athletics: Mark Hessert.

Chancellor's Staff: Cathy Marraccini; alternate—Renee Jarvis.

Health Sciences: Marvin Alligood, Gail Brown, Neva Elks, Karen Frye, Dana Hill, Joyce Karr, Nancy Leggett, Diane Paramore, Anita Proctor, Melissa Rhodes, Catherine Spruill and Marvin Whitehurst; alternates—Susie Keene and Barbara Daly.

Institutional Advancement: Tammy Garris; alternate—David Batts.

Research and Graduate Studies: Christine Jones; alternate—Andrea Harrell.

Student Life: Michele Myers; alternates—Lester McKenzie and Jacqueline Jackson.

At its next monthly meeting, set for February 11 at 3:30 P.M. in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room, the Forum will complete committee assignments. Forum committees include Communications, Compensation and Benefits, Diversity, Personnel Policies, and Recognition and Rewards. Ad hoc committees will be formed as needed.

Interested staff members are invited to attend Forum meetings. *– F. R.*