

BOG reviews DeMarco case

Hearing scheduled
for Thursday

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The fight from tenured professor Sal DeMarco to keep his job has reached its climax on the decision-making academic ladder, ascending to the level of the Board of Governors.

Alan McSurely, attorney for DeMarco, submitted a petition to the board today contending the case's defense in hopes that the board will hear a grievance. It has until July 20 to provide a decision on whether to hear the case.

Another court case will be heard June 18, filed by ECU and heard by the Employment Security Commission (ESC). ECU terminated DeMarco for alleged misconduct in April and is now attempting to withhold an unemployment check, totaling \$258 weekly.

"It is a statutory law when ESC determines a person was dismissed due to misconduct connected with work, such a person would be disqualified from receiving benefits," said Ben Irons, university attorney.

The employer/employee has the right to appeal the referee's decision. DeMarco's lawyers are expected to subpoena Chancellor Richard Eakin.

According to DeMarco, rules were broken in March when a due process committee came to the conclusion that DeMarco "did not commit misconduct of such a nature as to indicate that he is unfit to continue as a member of the faculty and recommend that he be reinstated as a tenured faculty member."

"This university broke their own policy and they broke state and federal laws," DeMarco said. "Eakin can fool around with the faculty manual, but he's not getting away with violating the constitution."

In the meantime, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is questioning that a violation in due process has occurred in DeMarco's dismissal and is asking that ECU hold DeMarco in suspension with pay and give the due process committee a chance to respond to Eakin's rejection of their report.

Chancellor Eakin was unavailable for comment due to a trip to Raleigh.

Professors group
asks decision be
reconsidered

Eakin rejected
recommendation for
reinstatement

GREENVILLE (AP) — The American Association of University Professors is asking East Carolina University to reverse its decision to fire tenured Professor Sal DeMarco.

Chancellor Richard Eakin fired the speech-pathology professor in April, rejecting a faculty committee's recommendation to reinstate him.

DeMarco was fired for misconduct. He was accused of intimidating colleagues with threats and ridicule.

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DeMarco's dismissal was handled by Eakin and the ECU Board of Trustees, said C. Robert Kreiser, the AAUP's associate secretary.

"The DeMarco case raises a lot of serious issues about academic due process," Kreiser said in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C.

Kreiser said the faculty committee that recommended DeMarco's reinstatement should have been allowed to discuss its finding with Eakin before he made his decision. He also said DeMarco should have been given a chance to argue his case before the Board of Trustees.

ECU officials said university procedures were followed in both instances cited by Kreiser.

ECU is currently trying to block DeMarco, who has multiple sclerosis, from receiving a weekly \$258 unemployment check from the Employment Security Commission.

"I don't know where the mean-spiritedness ends. Where is the humanity? I just don't understand," DeMarco said.

University attorney Ben Irons said since DeMarco was fired for misconduct he is not entitled to unemployment benefits.

"It would be irresponsible for us not to contest his claim," Irons said.

The ESC has scheduled a hearing Thursday on the issue.

DeMarco is appealing his dismissal to the UNC Board of Governors.

As you walk across campus, you be surprised if you don't see a confused, panic-stricken freshman orientation student. Many newcomers are overwhelmed with the excitement of beginning a new journey in life.

Whether orientation has helped them adjust to new changes is the question.

Prior to orientation, participants received information regarding visitation, transportation, and living arrangements.

"ECU sent everything possible. They were excellent about sending information," said Tracey Funai, incoming freshman.

Most of the students surveyed agreed that ECU had adequately informed them about orientation; however, not all students felt that way.

"I had no clue where to go or what to bring," said Karen A. Price, also an incoming freshman.

All of the prior preparation could not prepare students for the unexpected.

"There were so many people. ECU could not have prepared me for that," said incoming freshman Amanda Duffy.

During orientation, campus maps, schedule books, and registration brochures were distributed to the student body.

"The schedule was the most helpful. It told me what to do, where to go, and what time to be there," Duffy said.

Participants took part in traditional exercises: group placement, seminar engagements, and social activities.



Many freshmen wonder where to go and what to bring during orientation sessions.

Photo by John Starnes

"I attended all of the activities. They were helpful because they told me about the classes at ECU," Duffy said.

The purpose of orientation is to supply information and reduce nervousness and/or unnecessary anxiety.

"Yes, orientation did reduce my anxiety. It let me see that I can get adjusted," said Tonya Custer.

Recognizing the significance of information distribution, students acknowledge the significance of attending orientation.

"The purpose of orientation is to help you with your schedule and familiarize you with campus. ECU fulfilled that purpose," Duffy said.

Of course, orientation isn't all work and no play.

Most students participated in and enjoyed group placement, seminar engagements, and social activities.

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Cutbacks result of Governor's programs

Smart Start, increased
teacher salaries included

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If someone asked Jim Plummer to make out a Christmas wish list for ECU, at its top would probably be \$1.2 million, the sum lost earlier in the month by a cutback in the UNC system.

Since Plummer became director of the budgeting in 1992, this is the largest cut he's seen.

"This is in a year when the state is projected to have an \$11.4 billion surplus," Plummer said.

Plummer said the funds were being cut to help fund the governor's \$150 million recommendation for programs such as Smart Start and salary increases for elementary and secondary school teachers.

For a cutback to occur it begins with the vanguard of the UNC-system Board of Governors in Raleigh tightening their belts and reducing the amount of money appropriated for each of the 16 schools in the UNC system. The agreed figure is sent, along with other state agencies requests, to the governor. The governor can decrease, increase or not alter the figure before passing it on to legislators.

After legislative reviews and modifies the governor's plan, they return it to the governor where he, in turn, can either sign or veto.

Upon agreement, money earmarked for the UNC school system is dispensed among each university where, at ECU, the chancellor and six vice chancellors in joint agreement decide where to disperse the funds, approximately \$185 million this year.

The \$1.2 million cutback will hit vehicle replacement hardest, with 34 vehicles and one garbage truck needing replaced, and utility expense reserves, approximately \$244,000 needed to curve inflationary increases.

"This proposed cut in the governor's budget would result in delaying the replacement of these vehicles at least for another year," Chancellor Richard Eakin said. If money is not restored by the General Assembly for their purchase, Eakin said, "we will not allow unsafe vehicles to be used."

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Chancellor Eakin
FILE PHOTO

No complaints received about parking congestion

Orientation students get
commuter privileges

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When many orientation students file onto campus they bring with them many cars, leaving many commuting students wondering where to park.

Parents and students who attend orientation are given the same parking privileges that those students who hold commuter and limited stickers are given. Orientation participants are able to park anywhere on campus with the exception of staff, private, handicapped and exceeding time in metered spaces. Drivers found parking in areas not designated for their use are ticketed just as students with commuter and limited stickers are.

Orientation participants have

been given this parking privilege since the first orientation at ECU.

"We normally have given freshmen student parking (while they attend orientation)," said Pat Gertz, Parking and Traffic Services.

Parents who accompany their children to orientation are given the same parking privileges. Parents are spoken to by employees of parking and traffic services and are advised to park on College Hill near Todd Dining Hall. At this location a shuttle is available to carry the participants to their destination on campus.

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"Once they (orientation participants) get to where they are going, they are pretty much there all the time," Gertz said.

But, orientation students are not spoken to by members of parking and traffic and therefore tend to park in the commuter lots on College Hill when lots surrounding the dorms are full.

Gertz said that parking and traffic services has not received any formal complaints from commuter or limited sticker holders concerning a lack of parking spaces during orientation periods.

Optional parking is available to commuters behind the student recreation center, Cotanche street, Minges Coliseum and west campus.

Gertz says that there have been no formal discussions or recommendations to move orientation parking to Minges Coliseum where participants could then be shuttled to their campus destination.

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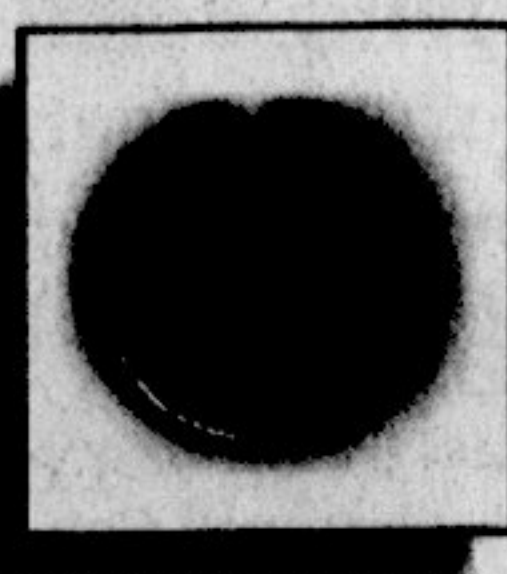
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3 Opinion



"The heat is on" in Austin!!

4 Lifestyle



Do away with pennies!

6 Sports



Ingram competes at NCAA championships

Online Survey

www.tec.ecu.edu
"Did you believe you would get a 4.0 GPA for the semester if your roommate committed suicide?"

Answer in next week's TEC