

Volunteer Opportunities for members of the ECU Retired Faculty Association (RFA):

There are several requests and/or suggestions for volunteer support at East Carolina University by members of the Retired Faculty Association. These have been in discussion for several months and, as of this date, we have the following information on volunteer opportunities and the contact information for you for these offices on campus.

If you are interested, you may contact the persons directly. If you do so, please identify yourself as a member of the ECU Retired Faculty Association and that you are responding to the offer/request for volunteer support.

If you have any questions, you may also contact Dr. Austin Bunch of the ECU RFA at buncha@ecu.edu or by phone at 252.917.2293 (cell) or 252.756.8490 (home).

Office for Faculty Excellence

- Mentoring inexperienced faculty in research (OFE provides statistics and research consultant personnel). Mentoring by meeting to talk about research questions, discuss research designs, review drafts or other types of research-related mentoring. Faculty from the arts could mentor in creative activity venues.
- Mentoring inexperienced faculty in coping with professional questions and issues. Sometimes faculty just need someone to talk with – someone who is not going to be voting on their reappointment, etc.
- Mentoring inexperienced faculty in teaching – technology moves so fast, but there are issues related to building positive relationships, helping students grow as individuals.

Also helpful would be:

- Providing literature review or helping develop modules for faculty
- Proofreading papers being prepared for submission
- Observing classes as invited and providing feedback to the individual faculty member, not to the OFE or the department
- Participating in various ongoing Faculty Interest Groups (FIGs)

Contact Information:

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Office of Global Affairs (formerly International Affairs)

- Mentoring international students, particularly in academic interest areas.
- Assisting during new student arrival and orientation periods -- such as meeting and greeting new students, meeting students upon arrival at PGV or RDU.
- Hosting students in their home for a meal or for discussion

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Office of University Studies

- Assist undergraduate students with the development or thematic core selection of courses
- Mentoring as needed in career discussions

FYI – The Bachelor of Science in University Studies is designed for students who seek a course of study that is outside of the traditional “majors” approach to successful degree completion.

See <http://www.ecu.edu/bsus/> for a fuller description of this program.

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Honors College

- Review applications for Honors College. We receive many more apps than we have slots to fill. There is a review process that involves faculty from across campus as well as our external partners who assist. This activity typically occurs in late Fall.
- Interview EC Scholars finalists. Again, many more applications than slots. The interviews have traditionally occurred on a Sunday, we have called it Selection Sunday. We are contemplating a change in the day (maybe not Sunday) but the time will be around February 10.
- Attend/support Living Learning group events. These occur throughout the year and are open to Honors students. They may include a trip to a museum, a research center, or some type of academic focus activity which is typically accompanied by a fun activity (ball game, etc.). Generally an ECU Transit bus is the mode of transportation. We have gone to Charlotte, Durham, Washington, DC , Washington, NC, Charleston, SC, etc.

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