COMMITTEE: Admissions & Retention Policies

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2018

PERSON PRESIDING: Jay Newhard

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gregory Lapicki, Guglielmo Fucci, Daniel Shouse, Jay Newhard, Beth Thompson, and Kaye Dotson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Fletcher, Jayne Geissler, Amy Frank, and Amber Thomas

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Derek Maher

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the February meeting

Discussion:

Action Taken: Fletcher moved that the minutes of the February meeting be approved by the committee and Fucci seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Assigned additional duties to:

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Agenda Item: Discussion of the Proposal on Residency Requirements

Discussion: Derek Maher presented to the committee a proposal on revising ECU’s residency requirement. The current policy requires the following: In order to obtain a degree from ECU a student needs to complete at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree at ECU and at least 50% of the total hours required in the major must be completed through enrollment in ECU. The revised proposal would allow department Chairs and Deans, or their designees, to grant a waiver to the 50% requirement to students whose academic record shows that they have completed courses at another institution that are equivalent in rigor to courses taught at ECU. This proposal has been put forward in order to allow non-traditional students to finish their degree and, hence, to increase the number of college graduates in North Carolina. The committee asked questions about the proposal to Dr. Maher. Members of the committee voiced their concerns that, with the new proposal, it would not be simple to safeguard the integrity of the ECU degree. In addition, a number of committee members were concerned that reviewing waivers for residency requirements would add more work to already overworked Chairs and Deans. The committee then discussed a few different proposals that would
streamline the granting of waivers by, for instance, creating a chart of course equivalencies across different institutions.

**Action Taken:** The committee will continue discussing the topic at a later meeting.

**Assigned additional duties to:**

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**Agenda Item:** Discussion Regarding Applicants Who May Require Special Considerations or Exceptions to Policies.

**Discussion:** John Fletcher submitted to the committee an amended draft of a policy for applicants who may require special consideration or exceptions to policies. The committee recommended a few editorial changes.

**Action Taken:** John Fletcher moved that the presented draft, with the recommended editorial changes, be approved by the committee, and Jay Newhard seconded. The proposal was unanimously approved.

**Assigned additional duties to:**

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The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

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**NEXT MEETING:** April 2, 2018

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**