I. Academic Affairs

A. Approval of Minutes from May 5th, 2006 Meeting

B. Division Update
   1. Budget Matters
   2. Salary Matters
   3. Program Development Matters

C. Academic Affairs/Student Life Collaboration
   1. Retention and Graduation Rates

II. Student Life

No Items to Report
Minutes of the
Meeting of the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee
East Carolina University Board of Trustees
May 5, 2006
Harvey Hall, Murphy Center

Members present: Bruce Austin, Steve Ballard, William Bodenhamer Jr., David Brody, Joel Butler, John Durham, Robert Greczyn, Robbie Hill, Cole Jones, Michael Kelly, Robert Lucas, Garrie Moore, Stephen Showfety, James LeRoy Smith, Mark Tipton, and David Redwine

David Brody and Margaret Ward were absent.

Academic Affairs
At 10:05, Mr. Showfety asked Provost Smith to make a presentation out of the normal order of business.

Dr. Smith announced that the Succeed Sooner graduates and their parents were present and introduced Dr. Dorothy Muller who directs this suite of accelerated degree programs designed to recruit outstanding students. The two primary Succeed options are the Degree in 3 and the MD in 7. Dr. Muller shared some student success stories and reported that the first Degree in 3 graduate, Brittany Griffin, actually finished magna cum laude in December. Dr. Muller presented certificates to 15 Degree in 3 students. Two completed their degrees in less than three years. All of them are graduating with distinction. Dr. Muller thanked the Trustees for allowing her to share the Succeed Sooner students’ accomplishments with them and congratulated their parents as well. Mr. Showfety congratulated the Succeed Sooner graduates on their accomplishments and said that he is glad they are Pirates.

As a senior member of the committee, Mr. Greczyn convened the Academic Affairs and Student Life committee in Mr. Brody’s absence. Mr. Greczyn verified that the action item would be the conferral of degrees. He asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the last Academic Affairs and Student Life committee meeting. All were in favor.

Dr. Smith noted the motion for conferral of degrees to 2639 undergraduates and 1177 graduate students, for a total of 3816 persons eligible to graduate. Mr. Greczyn asked for a motion for the conferral of degrees. All were in favor.

Dr. Smith reported on the nearly 200 faculty positions that have been allocated in the last two years. He referred to the spreadsheet that summarizes how the permanent operating money and the one-time money from reallocation were allocated.

Dr. Smith reported on the development of degree programs under the five-year plan for General Administration.
Mr. Hill asked Dr. Smith about retention rates for transfer students from community colleges. Dr. Smith said that we retain these students at a rate of about 80%.

Mr. Greczyn asked Dr. Smith about the potential for raising standards in hopes of improving retention rates and graduating students in a shorter period of time. Dr. Smith responded that work on the strategic plan for retention is underway and that it could be shared with the Trustees in the future.

**Student Life**
Dr. Moore did not have a formal report from Student Life, but he took a moment to express his appreciation to Chancellor Ballard and the Trustees for his tenure here at ECU. Mr. Greczyn and Mr. Showfety thanked Dr. Moore for his service to East Carolina University.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Jordan