

Chairs' Meeting
Harriot College of Arts and Sciences
East Carolina University

Minutes

3:00 PM, Thursday, February 8, 2007
Sparrow Conference Room, 1006 Bate Building

Call to Order and Welcome Dean White called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Absent: Heather Ries, Scott Wells, and Leslie Worley (HCAS), Rick Ericson (ECON), Ron Mitchelson (GEOG), Gail Ratcliff (MATH), John Sutherland (PHYS), and Kathleen Row (PSYCH).

Guests from Human Resources for this meeting were Nonie Garcia, Director of Classification and Compensation, and Ashley Worthington, Personnel Analyst. There was an information question and answer session centered on Career Banding.

Approval of Minutes The minutes of 1/18/07 were approved as distributed.

Announcements

- Any faculty wishing to attend the national meeting for inventors or innovators can apply to the Research office for trip expense funds.
- Research is looking for faculty who have been recipients of NIH grants to be on NIH review panels.
- The Graduate School has announced that the GA allocations for the upcoming year will be approximately the same as this year.
- ECU is instituting new processes for commencement. The Spring commencement will take place in the Ficklen Stadium at 10:00 am on May 5, 2007, rain or shine. Starting in May 2008 commencement will take place on Friday morning and all department/unit ceremonies which are not permitted to be called commencements, must take place after the ECU commencement exercise.
- PACE which so far has primarily been worked on at the system level may be receiving more attention at the campus level. The goal is to redirect resources from enabling functions to core functions.
- We are no longer required to request back every faculty position from Academic Affairs. Please continue those requests from the department to the Dean's office primarily for informational reasons.

Old Business

Chair search updates: the candidate of choice is planning a second visit to campus; Steve Culver reported that the last of three candidates in the Math search is on campus now; and the Biology search will have three candidates visiting campus in early March.

New Business

Scott Snyder spoke about the Provost's memo to the faculty regarding the publications database at ECU. Dr. Snyder is currently reviewing Sedona which may have some promise for the future. In the interim, he is creating an Excel spreadsheet for which he would like to solicit input from the chairs. If he creates a spreadsheet for use now, it should be able to be imported into Sedona.

Strong opposition was voiced to the proposal to eliminate the ECU summer schedule. Several others expressed similar opposition and requested that the Dean voice their concern to the Provost.

Also brought up was the issue of the proposal by President Bowles to transition to a trimester system. Discussion ensued which raised several logistical concerns with the system.

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Finally, one Chair asked to go on the record as commending Tina Moore, HCAS personnel assistant, for all her efforts in helping process the seemingly endless paperwork related to EPA hiring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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