

**Subject:** RE: ECU concerns

**Date:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 3:17:01 PM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** Ballard, Steve

**To:** Dorsey Marie

**CC:** Brinkley, Robert (RBrinkley@wcsr.com)

Dear Ms. Dorsey,

The naming and re-naming of university buildings is an important issue that has been studied by our board for the last 6 months. In November of this year, they passed a new policy which clarified how buildings could be re-named. I have made a recommendation to the board, as required in the policy and now they are considering different options for addressing the matter. The Board chair, Mr. Robert Brinkley of Charlotte, has spent considerable time on this issue and plans to meet and talk with numerous constituencies over the next two months. I have copied him on this message.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, reasonable people can disagree on how to deal with controversial names and historical precedents. I am certainly aware of the arguments on both sides of the question.

Regarding ECU, I believe there is much to be proud of. We have a new and unique Dental School which is gaining international attention because of its commitment to under-served, rural parts of the state. We have a first-rate Honors College which is attracting excellent students, a new Engineering College which will grow to 1000 undergraduates, and we are committed to building our health sciences division to 3500 students who will provide vital health care services across North Carolina. We are committed to a Millennial Campus which will partner with the private sector to increase jobs in the East and will serve the labor force needs of local industries. We are in a strong Athletic conference and we are competitive with the best programs in that conference. While we certainly respect your opinion, it is important to note that ECU continues to be a university on the rise.

Thank you for sharing your opinion with us.

Sincerely,

Steve Ballard

**From:** Dorsey Marie [mailto:dorsey6133@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2014 3:54 AM

**To:** Ballard, Steve

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You students need to do a protest on campus - Try

"Blue Lives Matter!" I wonder at this point what kind of education they are really getting. Shame shame on ECU. And shame on even considering renaming Aycock dorm. I am an alumnus and am now embarrassed by the utter nonsense going on at ECU. Have we not forgotten Halloween this year? I would like to hear from you, rather than just saying that you are thanking me for my thoughts. My ECU years were great between 1972-1976. I am here today supporting ECU. ECU no longer supports us.

Marie Dorsey

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