Admissions and Retention Policies Committee
Minutes for May 6, 2002

In attendance: Mitchell, Duffy, Britt (ex officio), Tabrizi (ex officio), Cope, Tovey

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

The Committee Chair discussed the recent memorandum to the committee from Bob Morrison, Faculty Chair. The Committee addressed two questions raised by Morrison in the letter.

1. The University needs to explore the potential of students in their chosen major at ECU. Are students prepared to choose an alternative major when they are sophomores or juniors at ECU? Duffy asked if we should know more about the educational background of university-bound students. Britt pointed out that the admissions office looks at certain factors in the records of students who apply for admission which predict student success at the university level. These predictions are based on current students who are successful in their majors. Tabrizi pointed out that his virtual website, called School Connection, helps to prepare high school students for the environment and educational goals of the University. The website can be geared toward selected students and can invite student participation.

2. The University needs to explore how its students from eastern North Carolina can be competitive with students from the more populated regions of the state. The University’s Academic Transition Program (ATP) is one method by which regional students who are at greater risk can compete at the state wide level. For its future student enrollment, the University will look to our region as well as to other parts of the state which are growing in population and importance.

3. Committee members were in agreement that there should be a visible faculty presence on the Enrollment Management Committee. In fall 2002 Committee members will recommend to the Faculty Senate that two senators sit on the Enrollment Management Committee.