Educational Policies and Planning Committee
Minutes of 11-16-98

The meeting was called to order at 1:10, by the chair. The minutes of the Sept. 26 and the Oct. 26 were accepted with spelling corrections.

1. New Programs: Discussion of the request for permission to plan a major in environmental technology, in the School of Industry and Technology. After discussion of possible duplication of offerings, and relationship to other departments, the committee noted in favor of the request.

2. The chair discussed a misunderstanding with regard to committee reports to the Faculty Senate. The charge to the committee is such that the committee reports to the Faculty Senate about actions it takes on both undergraduate and graduate programs. The Faculty Senate is not required to act on graduate program reports, but could pass ad hoc motions if it so desired.

3. Budget: Bob Thompson was in Raleigh, and so was not available to explain the calculation of the new Doc. II budget.

Chancellor Eakin is willing to accept greater EPP committee input on budgetary matters, so the committee needs to decide how to structure such input, and how to get and disseminate budgetary information. At the next meeting, the committee needs to choose one to the following options:

a. Form a budgetary subcommittee that an administrative representative can meet with several times per year.

b. Direct the chair or the chair's representative to go to administrative budgetary meetings during the year.

c. Request that an administrative representative meet with the full committee several times per year to discuss the evolution of budgetary priorities.

The committee adjourned at 2:20 PM.

David P. Lawrence, secretary