Educational Policies and Planning Committee
Minutes of meeting 2-26-03

Members present: George Bailey, Bob Morrison, Rita Reaves, Bob Thompson, Karen Elberson, Rick Niswander, Michael Brown, Amy Carr-Richardson

Others in attendance: Provost William Swart; Lori Lee, Faculty Senate; Karla Hughes, Dean of Human Environmental Sciences and Interim Dean of Carolyn Freeze Baynes School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies

1) Minutes of the previous meeting (2/14/03) were approved without change.

2) Proposed Reorganization of the Division of Academic Affairs:

The following three actions were outlined within the proposal to reorganize the Division of Academic Affairs:

   Action 1: Form a new college consisting of the Carolyn Freeze Baynes School of Social Work and Criminal Justice Studies and the School of Human Environmental Sciences with a vestigial code to guide the process. [The vestigial code defines the new College of Human Sciences as a “professional college composed of five departments/schools: Child Development and Family Relations; Criminal Justice; Merchandising and Interior Design; Nutrition and Hospitality Management; and Social Work].

   Action 2: Form a new college consisting of the following code units: the Department of Computer Science and the School of Industry and Technology. If an engineering program is established at ECU, that program will be housed in this college as well, possibly, at that time, to be named the College of Technology, Engineering, and Computer Science.

   Action 3: Form a new college consisting of the following code units: the School of Music, the School of Art, the Department of Theatre and Dance, and the Department of Communication and Broadcasting.

All affected units have voted in favor of these actions.

The following criteria were used by the Provost in proposing the changes listed above:

Colleges meet the following criteria:
1. Eight academic degree programs at the undergraduate/graduate level
2. Seven hundred declared majors across all degree programs
3. Forty faculty FTE’s
4. No less than 25,000 student credit hours per academic year

Schools meet the following criteria:
1. One accredited baccalaureate or first professional degree
2. Two hundred declared majors across all degree programs
3. Twenty faculty FTE’s
4. No less than 5,000 student credit hours per academic year

Provost Swart provided an overview of the rationale behind the proposed changes, including how the reorganization would enable the university to achieve international prominence in the four stated areas of emphasis (the arts, human health, teacher preparation, and economic development), as well as to have stronger collaborations, marketing, and fundraising among units with similar goals and emphases.
Rita Reaves provided some background information about how the report written for SACS included strategies for balancing the maintenance/improvement of the quality of undergraduate instruction with the projected growth of ECU's student population. These strategies, which were developed by the Education and Research Committee, included the possibility of administrative changes to help with the issues of quality and growth.

Following further discussion, the committee voted to recommend in favor of the three actions outlined above.

3) Proposed renaming of the School of Health and Human Performance. The tenured faculty members of this unit had voted in favor of the proposal to change its name to a college. The committee voted in favor of recommending that the unit's name be changed to the College of Health and Human Performance.

The next meeting of EPPC is scheduled for March 14, 2003, at 1:00 p.m.

Amy Carr-Richardson, secretary