COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance Committee

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2011

PERSON PRESIDING: George Bailey

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Catherine Rigsby, George Bailey, Gene Hughes, David Siegel, Charles Boklage, Mark Taggart, Christine Zoller

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sheila Bunch, Marilyn Sheerer, Phyllis Horns, Deirdre Mageean, Marianna Walker, Mark Sprague

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Ingalls, Puri Martinez, Donna Payne, Lori Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Minutes of 9/14
Action Taken: minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: External Activities for Pay (Appendix I)
Discussion: The Committee recommends that external activities for pay and conflict of interest forms will be referred to in Part VI (General Personnel Policies) of the ECU Faculty Manual. It was discussed that these policies will be made into a PRR in the University Policy Manual. Numerous committees are investigating these matters and they will report to the Academic Council.
Action Taken: This committee will provide formal advice on this policy.

Agenda Item: Vetting of Policies, Regulations, and Rules
Discussion: The Vetting regulation was discussed. The vetting process of Vetting of Administrative Statements of Policy in matters relating to Faculty was discussed.
Action Taken: A stand-alone document describing the faculty role in the vetting process will need to be included in the Faculty Manual. CoF Walker will discuss the process with the University attorney in order to seek further clarification on the relationship between the Faculty Manual and the University Policy Manual. The discussion will seek clarification on the PRR vetting process in relationship to administrative PRRs.

Agenda Item: Conduct Policy. The committee examined the subcommittee draft of conduct policy.
Discussion: The draft Statement on Professional Ethics was discussed. The scope of the first statement was discussed; should it be descriptive or prescriptive? The initial statement: “The East Carolina University faculty accepts the following Statement on Professional Ethics from the American Association of University Professors” be revised to “The East Carolina University faculty expects the following Statement on Professional Ethics from the American Association of University Professors.”
Revise statement 3 to read: “As members of the university committee…” A process to investigate complaints of hostile behavior may need to be implemented. Should language in Part III (Annual evaluations) of Appendix C concerning professional conduct be included?

Action Taken: A motion to change the language in Appendix C, Part III was approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Mark Taggart, Secretary