COMMITTEE: Faculty Welfare

MEETING DATE: November 14, 2002 3:00 pm

PERSON PRESIDING: Tracy Carpenter-Aeby

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Lunsford, David Lawrence, Paul Spence, John Bradley and Seema Modi

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Miller, Sudesh Kataria, Rick Niswander

OTHER: Bob Morrison and Lori Lee

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Parking Resolution

Discussion: Rick Niswander brought a motion based on the request from the Faculty Senate for a resolution on the Parking Proposal. Debate included discussion on the charge of the committee, which does not include staff welfare. Although the committee wanted to be sensitive to the needs of staff at ECU, the charge of the committee does not include those issues. The committee also concluded that the calculation of oversell should not include the parking passes given to emeritus faculty. After several modifications, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas parking operations at East Carolina University must be self-sufficient, and

Whereas the current proposal has been created based on certain assumptions among these being:
1. An oversell ratio in Zones A and B of approximately 1.1
2. The anticipation of no changes in the parking fees for a four-year period
3. Spaces reserved for those with disabilities will not change from the current plan in terms of quantity and location.
4. Enforcement practices adequate to ensure operational objectives.
5. Transportation enhancements necessary to support an increase in remote parking.
6. Faculty and staff have a preference when permits are issued in Zones A and B.

Therefore let it be resolved that

The Faculty Senate is in general agreement with the plan proposed at the November 5 Faculty Senate meeting.

And, that such agreement is based on the assumptions presented in that plan, some of which are enumerated above.

And, that the Faculty Senate requests that the plan be modified in the following respects:

1. Provide Emeritus faculty with a free Zone B permit in a manner similar to current practice.

2. Given the stated goal of providing readily available parking, explicitly provide that:
   a. the oversell ratio in Zone A and B will not exceed a ratio of 1.1, and
   b. parking fees will remain constant over a 4 year period, and
c. Zone A lots east of Founders Drive and surrounding Jenkins not be opened to other University registered vehicles until 7 pm and that all other Zone A and all Zone B lots not be opened until 5 pm, and

d. the three Zone B lots at 10th Street and College Hill not be opened until 7 pm.

And, that the Senior Associate Vice Chancellor responsible for Campus Operations provide an annual report concerning Parking and Traffic matters, including parking lot shuttle services, to the Faculty Senate at their January meeting.

Action Taken: The passed resolution was forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

Agenda Item: Fixed Term Faculty Issues

Discussion: Dr. Brett Hursey from the English Department presented his views on the state of affairs in the English department relative to fixed term faculty. Dr. Hursey reported that morale is very low in the English department due to the unfair treatment of fixed term faculty. The faculty welfare committee discussed the fact that under the faculty senate bylaws, fixed term faculty are not supposed to be on any faculty senate committees, and therefore they do not have the same opportunity for representation. Discussion focused on the creation of a new faculty senate committee that would address fixed term faculty issues. Tracy Carpenter-Aeby and Rick Niswander volunteered to work on a draft recommendation to the Faculty Senate for consideration at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Action Taken: None. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 12th at 3:00 p.m.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Fixed Term Faculty Issues
Health Insurance Costs for Faculty and Staff
Research Leaves
Tuition Reduction for Faculty Dependents
Access to Exercise Facilities for Faculty