EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

UNIT CODE SCREENING COMMITTEE

Meeting #3, March 7, 2000, held in Rawl 102, 3:30-4:45 pm

Regular members present were: Gene Hughes, Ralph Scott, John Stevens, and Mohammed Tabrizi.

Ex officio members present were: Bill Grossnickle, and Tinsley Yarbrough.

Also present were Myra Brown, Chair of the Faculty, and Paul Bell, member of the Faculty Council, of the School of Allied Health Sciences.

Agenda Item I. Approval of Academic Library Sciences Code:
The minutes of the previous meeting were used to make corrections and the revised code was approved as amended, recommendation to be forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without amendment.

Agenda Item III. School of Allied Health Sciences Code:
p.1 1.113ff It was suggested that the standard preamble labeled "Forward" and placed atop the signature page should be inserted in place of the current language (113-118) and that the last sentence be retained and placed elsewhere. (The current language creates in effect two preambles and the third sentence would have to be changed or deleted in any event).

1.134Delete "Major". There was lengthy discussion of the fact that the code nowhere states the departments of the unit. The School's representatives vigorously maintained that there was a compelling need to be able to change structures and programs rapidly without having to undergo a protracted code revision process that can last more that a year or two. The committee was sympathetic but maintained that the School might act as it deems best first and then process the code change as soon as possible thereafter, and that it might list the structure of the School on a separate attachment that could be updated and processed through the faculty senate code process more easily. The representatives expressed to the committee the unanimous opposition of their faculty to listing the names of the departments. It was suggested that Governance be consulted at the meeting of March 8 (results: see Addendum below) to see whether the sense of the committee was correct (that it is a requirement of the Faculty Manual to list the Departments: App. C-4 n.4; D-4 n.3; L-3 C.3.b; L-3 D.1) or whether the code should be allowed to stand as it is. But the committee did agree that whatever the outcome of this issue, the School could put the additional requirement in its code (p.1 1.134-36) that the
entire faculty approve changes in structure by a 2/3 vote. The question is only whether such changes can be made without revising the code, to which the committee objected.

1.156 delete "comments and"
1.168 Change "App. D-3 B" to "App. L-3 B"
1.189 Delete "Appendix D. Section IV. D." so that it may include duties from Apps. C, L and others.
1.312 Typo: "on" should be "one".

1.418 Typo: "Mary" should be "May".

1.475 Add "Permanent" before "Tenure"

1.636-7 Delete or clarify significantly. There are rather specific protections for tenured faculty before imposition of serious sanction contained in App. D VI-VII. This language is vague enough to conflict with App. D and a careful definition of "proposal for disciplinary actions" is needed. It would need to be made clear that no faculty may be sanctioned while under protection of tenure (which extends to the period of employment contract even for fixed-term and probationary faculty) by anyone but the Chancellor, and then not without due process and formal notification. Of special concern was that a recommendation from the Unit Personnel Committee might be viewed in a grievance as contributing to an "arbitrary application of disciplinary penalties" or a violation of due process (App. D-14 VI.A).

1.923 Typo: change "secrete" to "secret".
1.960 Typo: change "made" to "make".

Prof. Scott announced that Pat Pertalion reports the Theatre and Dance Code is in the mail and that he would call a meeting for early April to consider it. There being no further business, the committee adjourned.

Addendum: Ruling of the Governance Committee on the listing of department names in the codes of professional schools:
Governance ruled that the names of departments must be listed in unit codes as per appendix L.