

**Faculty Senate Commendations for Chairs of the Faculty  
(1977-current)**

**Philip Adler (1976-1977)** No resolution.

**Henry Ferrell (1978-1979)**

79-33 April 24, 1979 (Presented by Robert Hursey)

Appreciation to Henry Ferrell for his 1978/79 services on the Faculty Senate  
*RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University  
extend to Professor Henry Ferrell its grateful appreciation for his expert services to the  
faculty and the University as Chairman of the Faculty for academic year 1978-79.*

**Thomas Johnson (1979-1982)**

82-50 April 20, 1982 (Presented by Henry Ferrell)

*IN APPRECIATION*

*WHEREAS, Professor Thomas Johnson has served the faculty of East  
Carolina University for three years as chair of the faculty; and*

*WHEREAS, he has rendered such services with energy, dedication,  
and commitment;*

*THEREFORE, the Faculty Senate of East Carolina University commends  
him for his efforts in behalf of progress of East Carolina University in general and the  
faculty of East Carolina University in particular; and that the Chancellor and Chairman  
of the Board of Trustees be notified of the sense of the Senate in its appreciation for  
Professor Johnson's services.*

**Caroline Ayers (1982-1983)** No resolution.

**James LeRoy Smith (1983-1985)** No resolution.

**Kenneth Wilson (1985-1987)** No resolution.

**Conner Atkeson (1987-1989)**

89-14 April 25, 1989 (Presented by Steve Thomas)

*Whereas, Conner Atkeson has faithfully served the faculty of East Carolina University for  
two productive years;*

*Whereas, he has ably guided the Faculty Senate through many challenging issues and  
debates; and*

*Whereas, He has evoked a high level of respect throughout the Senate and Senate  
Committees for his fair and prudent leadership, therefore, be it*

*Resolved, That the 1988-89 Faculty Senate extends its sincerest appreciation for his hard work and dedication as Chair of the Faculty at East Carolina University.*

**James Joyce (1989-1991)**

91-31 April 16, 1991 (Reported by Ken Wilson)

*Whereas, his work as Chair of the Faculty has reflected hard work, dedication, and insight tempered by a fine sense of humor; and*

*Whereas, under his leadership the faculty governance at East Carolina University has continued to grow and achieve the highest standards;*

*Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate commends James M. Joyce for his work as Chair of the Faculty.*

**John Moskop (1991-1993)**

93-28 September 14, 1993 (Reported by George Bailey)

**WHEREAS**, *Professor John Charles Moskop served as chair of East Carolina University's faculty during the 1991-92 and the 1992-93 terms, and*

**WHEREAS**, *during the 1991-92 and 1992-93 terms Professor Moskop personally attended or by other means participated in the business conducted during approximately three-hundred and fifty meetings of twenty-three committees, chaired two faculty convocations, seventeen Senate Officers' meetings, and nineteen Faculty Senate Meetings, and*

**WHEREAS**, *during the 1991-92 term, the Faculty Senate adopted forty-five resolutions, including the adoption of Appendix V, Appendix W, and Appendix X, a new Appendix D, resolutions on quadrennial unit evaluations, peer review, dropping courses, the Honors Committee, as well as Curriculum Committee reports too numerous to list, and*

**WHEREAS**, *during the 1992-93 term the Faculty Senate adopted thirty-nine resolutions, including the charge to the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee and revisions to four committee charges, the Teaching Excellence Awards, sections Three and Five of the **Undergraduate Catalog**, the **Faculty Senate Constitution** and **By-Laws**, Appendix L, numerous sections of the new Appendix D, as well as Curriculum Committee reports too numerous to list, and*

**WHEREAS**, *throughout the entirety of the proceedings sketched above, Professor Moskop met the demands of shared faculty governance with remarkable persistence, fairness, tolerance, good judgment, good will, and a truly amazing spirit of good humor,*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, *that we, the members of East Carolina University's Faculty Senate, hereby express our deep appreciation to Professor John Charles Moskop for his outstanding leadership and supererogatory service during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Patricia Anderson (1993-1995)**

95-48 December 5, 1995 (Presented by Brenda Killingsworth)

***WHEREAS**, Professor Patricia J. Anderson served as chair of East Carolina University's faculty during the 1993-94 and the 1994-95 terms, and*

***WHEREAS**, she took on the role of strengthening the line of communication amongst the thirty standing Faculty Senate committees and the administration, by establishing individual committee organizational meetings attended by both the Chair of the Faculty and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and*

***WHEREAS**, under her leadership in the Faculty Senate, revisions to essential University policies were made including eight appendices located in the ECU Faculty Manual, the Grade Appeals process, and policies and procedures for peer review instruction, and*

***WHEREAS**, she was instrumental in working with the Chancellor to renovate the Faculty Senate office to reflect more accurately the important role that faculty serve within the University, and*

***WHEREAS**, she was persistent, dedicated, and thorough with the overwhelming task of updating and revising the ECU Faculty Manual, and*

***WHEREAS**, she led the Faculty Senate meetings while demonstrating both insight and foresight into the key issues facing the general faculty, encouraging the sharing of diverse views, promoting shared faculty governance, and managing to complete even the longest of agendas within a remarkable timeframe.*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Patricia J. Anderson for her outstanding leadership, professionalism, and energetic efforts during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Donald Sexauer (1995-1998)**

98-22 April 21, 1998 (Reported by Brenda Killingsworth)

***WHEREAS**, Professor Don Sexauer has served with honor as Chair of the Faculty for the past three academic years; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Sexauer has dedicated his time and much effort to activities that benefit all faculty at East Carolina University, serving as a stalwart steward for upholding the principles of academic freedom and shared faculty governance; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Sexauer has cultivated an increased awareness of the issues important to the well-being of the university through the formation of the Faculty Senate website and featured articles in Pieces of Eight; and*

*WHEREAS, Under Professor Sexauer's leadership, an Annual Teaching Awards Ceremony has been established to showcase the teaching excellence at East Carolina University; and*

*WHEREAS, With Professor Sexauer's oversight, revisions to at least 7 appendices and 5 parts of the ECU Faculty Manual were successfully completed and revisions to at least ten unit codes of operation were approved; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Sexauer has shown leadership and foresight in the development of policies that affect all faculty, including Guidelines for Measuring Teaching Loads, Phased Retirement Policy, and Cumulative Review of Permanently Tenured Faculty; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Sexauer has increased communication among the Chairs of the Faculty across the UNC system.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professor Don Sexauer has served the faculty of East Carolina University extremely well during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty, setting high standards for future Chairs of the Faculty to remain vigilant on important matters relating to the welfare of faculty.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to Professor Don Sexauer's hard work and dedication to faculty, that faculty at East Carolina University may feel confident that their concerns and issues were well represented to interested parties, i.e. University Administration, Board of Trustees, UNC Faculty Assembly, and UNC General Administration.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Don Sexauer for his outstanding leadership, professionalism, and energetic efforts during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Brenda Killingsworth (1998-2000)**

00-26 September 5, 2000 (Presented by Mark Jones)

*WHEREAS, Professor Brenda Killingsworth has served with distinction as Chair of the Faculty for the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 academic years; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth has dedicated her time and much effort to activities that benefit all faculty at East Carolina University, serving as a stalwart steward for upholding the principles of academic freedom and shared faculty governance; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth has served and continues to serve as Chair of the SACS Self-Study Committee; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth presided over the faculty and was a leader during the adoption of the revised University Academic Retention Standards and the establishment of the new School of Computer Science and Communication; and*

*WHEREAS, during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 terms, the Faculty Senate adopted 68 resolutions, including revisions to Part I, Part V, Part VI, Appendix A, Appendix C, Appendix D (editorial), Appendix L, and Appendix Y of the ECU Faculty Manual, resolutions on the Policy for the Cumulative Review of Permanently Tenured Faculty, Quality Assurance Standards for undergraduate Courses Offered via Distance Education at ECU, Capital Funding and Faculty Salaries, as well as various Committee reports too numerous to list, and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth helped foster an atmosphere of trust and collegiality between the Faculty Senate and the administration of East Carolina University; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Killingsworth offered valuable input into administrative decisions at East Carolina University during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professor Brenda Killingsworth has served the faculty of East Carolina University extremely well during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty, setting high standards for future Chairs of the Faculty to remain vigilant on important matters relating to the welfare of faculty.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that due to Professor Brenda Killingsworth's hard work and dedication to faculty, faculty at East Carolina University feel confident that their concerns and issues were well represented to interested parties within the University Administration, ECU Board of Trustees, UNC Faculty Assembly, and UNC General Administration.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Brenda Killingsworth for her outstanding leadership, professionalism, and energetic efforts during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Robert C. Morrison (2000-2003)**

03-36 April 22, 2003 (Presented by Rick Niswander)

*Whereas, Robert C. Morrison has served the faculty well during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty from 2000-2003, and*

*Whereas, he participated in many committee discussions, which produced over 112 Faculty Senate resolutions, including changes to unit codes, University Academic Calendars, course curriculums and the ECU Faculty Manual, and*

*Whereas, he was instrumental in forming a Commission on Scholarship, with a goal to re-examine University scholarship, and*

*Whereas, he enhanced communications at Faculty Senate meetings by adding a monthly report from the Chair of the Faculty to keep faculty informed of issues being discussed among the Board of Trustees and other top administrators and by adding a "question period" to allow Senators an opportunity to ask questions of anyone present at a meeting.*

*Whereas, he was instrumental in re-organizing the Academic Committee structure, and*

*Whereas, he assisted in organizing the Max Ray Joyner Award and Oliver Max Gardner Award to accommodate concerns of both the faculty and administration, and*

*Whereas, he fairly represented the faculty on the Chancellor's Search Committee and Provost Search Committee, and*

*Whereas, during his tenure as Chair, has strived to resolve misunderstandings and misinterpretations among and between his peers and the administration, and*

*Whereas, he encourages the University community to question the usual way of doing things in order to grow and improve the University, and*

*Whereas, his work as Chair has reflected a sincere interest in the faculty and the ever-growing challenges of faculty governance and academic freedom, and*

*Whereas, under his leadership the relationship between faculty and administrators has improved and the faculty governance structure has grown stronger.*

*Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the members of the East Carolina University's Faculty Senate, hereby express our appreciation to Robert C. Morrison for his outstanding work as Chair of the Faculty and commend him for his leadership and dedication to the University.*

**Rick Niswander (2003-2004)**

04-28 October 12, 2004 (Presented by Dee Dee Glascoff)

*Whereas, Professor Rick Niswander has served with distinction as Chair of the Faculty for the 2003-2004 academic year; and*

*Whereas, Professor Niswander has dedicated his time and much effort to activities that benefit all faculty at East Carolina University, and*

*Whereas, Professor Niswander has cultivated an increased awareness of the issues important to the well-being of the university through open communication with the administration and increased awareness of faculty concerns to the Board of Trustees , and has been instrumental in the selection of a new Chancellor,*

*Whereas, Under Professor Niswander's leadership, several new colleges have been established at East Carolina University; and*

*Whereas, With Professor Niswander's oversight, revisions to at least 11 appendices and 3 parts of the ECU Faculty Manual were successfully completed and revisions to at least 9 unit codes of operation were approved; and*

*Whereas, Professor Niswander offered valuable input into administrative decisions at East Carolina University during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty; and*

*Whereas, Professor Niswander has shown leadership and foresight in the development of policies that affect all faculty.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Professor Rick Niswander has served the faculty of East Carolina University well during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty, setting high standards for future Chairs of the Faculty to remain vigilant on important matters relating to the welfare of faculty.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Rick Niswander for his outstanding leadership, professionalism, and energetic efforts during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Chairs in past 40 years (1965-2004)**

05-12 March 22, 2005 (Presented by Mark Sprague)

*Whereas, Professors Adler, Anderson, Atkeson, Ayers, Benjamin, Davis, Ellen, Ferrell, Finch, Johnson, Joyce, Killingsworth, McDaniel, Morrison, Moskop, Niswander, Poindexter, Price, Rosenfeld, Sexauer, Smith, Wilson, and Woodside have served with distinction as Chair of the Faculty from the 1965 through 2004 academic years; and*

*Whereas, These distinguished former chairs have dedicated their time and effort to activities that have benefited all faculty at East Carolina University, and who have led our efforts in that fragile balancing act called shared governance as we tried, in the words of Don Sexauer, "to solve problems and implement policies in a manner that benefits all constituencies of the university;" and*

*Whereas, Under these distinguished former chairs East Carolina University has moved from a regional teachers' college to the university we know today.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first meeting of the East Carolina University Faculty Senate, the 2004-2005 Faculty Senate thanks these distinguished former chairs for their leadership, professionalism and efforts on our behalf and on behalf of all the students and faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Catherine Rigsby (2004-2006)**

07-02 February 20, 2007 (Presented by Dee Dee Glascoff)

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby served with honor as Chair of the Faculty for the academic years of 2004-2005 and 2005-2006; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby has dedicated her time and much effort to activities that benefit all faculty of East Caroling University, upholding the principles of academic freedom and shared faculty governance; and*

*WHEREAS, with Professor Catherine Rigsby's oversight, revisions to at least 7 parts of the Faculty Manual were successfully implemented and changes to at least ten unit codes of operation were approved and implemented; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby helped to design and promoted the approval of more than 9 significant changes to Appendices A, C, D, and L of the Faculty Manual; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby assisted in gaining approval for more than 10 sets of recommended curriculum changes across the institution; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby promoted and gained approval for revised General Education Goals and Objectives; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby assisted in the approval of and implementation of the Serious Illness and Disability Policy; and*

*WHEREAS, Professor Catherine Rigsby was instrumental in the formation of the standing Academic University Environment Committee that oversees issues of environmental concerns for the entire campus community.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Professor Catherine Rigsby has served the faculty of East Carolina University extremely well during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty, setting high standards for future chairs of the Faculty to remain vigilant on important matters related to the welfare of the faculty.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Catherine Rigsby for her outstanding perseverance, professionalism, and energy devoted to serving the faculty throughout her tenure as Chair of the Faculty.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to Professor Catherine Rigsby's hard and work dedication to the University, faculty at East Carolina may feel confident that their concerns and issues were well represented to the ECU Community, including the University administration, Board of Trustees, UNC Faculty Assembly, and UNC General Administration.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Catherine Rigsby for her achievements and exemplary leadership during her tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.*

**Mark Taggart (2006-2008)** No resolution.

**Janice Tovey (2008-2009)** No resolution.

**Marianna Walker (2009-2012)**

12-54 April 17, 2012 (Presented by Mike Brown)

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has served as Chair of the Faculty from Fall 2009 through Spring 2012, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has devoted considerable time and energy to actions that benefit the entire faculty of East Carolina University, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has upheld the core principles of academic freedom and shared governance, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has directed the successful review and revision of the entire contents of the Faculty Manual, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has provided steady leadership during the development and implementation of extensive changes to administrative and academic policies to facilitate ECU's reaccreditation process, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has overseen the reorganization of existing and the creation of new Faculty Senate committees, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has offered skillful leadership during a severe budget crisis, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has contributed an evenhanded perspective during the continuing activities of the Program Prioritization Committee, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has integrated input from Faculty Senate committees and administrative committees, thus enhancing shared governance at ECU, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has admirably represented the faculty of the university at meetings with the university administration, the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Assembly, and other meetings with external and internal publics, and

WHEREAS, Professor Marianna Walker has efficaciously led the Faculty Senate through three full years of work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professor Marianna Walker is commended for her exemplary leadership as Chair of the Faculty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the members of East Carolina University's Faculty Senate, hereby express our deep appreciation to Professor Marianna Walker for her balance, professionalism, tireless leadership and supererogatory service during her tenure as Faculty Chair of East Carolina University.

**Mark Sprague (2012-2014)** No resolution.

**Andrew Morehead (2014-2015)**

15-79 September 8, 2015 (presented by Derek Maher)

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead served as Chair of the Faculty from Fall 2014 through Spring 2015, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead, during that time, invested extensive time and notable efforts to strengthen East Carolina University and advance its mission, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead has maintained fidelity to the foundational principles of shared governance and served to uphold them, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead has provided steady leadership through the establishment and commencement of work groups for the implementation of recommendations of the University Committee of Fiscal Sustainability, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead has provided skillful leadership during fiscally-challenging times and reorganizations of colleges and departments, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead has strived to encourage collaboration of faculty and administrators and worked to ensure that faculty voice was effectively represented in discussions impacting university culture, policies, and processes, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead expertly managed the sensitive and complex university conversation about the renaming of a dormitory, sensitively guiding diverse constituents to resolution, and

WHEREAS, Professor Andrew Morehead has been thoroughly engaged with all stakeholders and is to be commended for his admirable representation of the faculty of the university at meetings with the university administration, the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Assembly, and others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professor Andrew Morehead is commended for his excellent leadership as Chair of the Faculty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the members of East Carolina University's Faculty Senate, hereby express our deep appreciation to Professor Morehead for his tireless efforts to support shared governance and foster collaborative relationships among administrators, faculty members, and university stakeholders. His vision, intelligence, and willingness to invest significant personal energy and effort advanced the aims of the faculty and strengthened the university community during his tenure as Faculty Chair of East Carolina University.

**John Stiller (2015-2018)**

#18-28, April 24, 2018 (presented by Derek Maher)

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller has, as Chair of the ECU Faculty from 2015-2018, faithfully served three terms, analogous to only five other elected chairs out of thirty since 1965; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller has consistently fostered an atmosphere of trust and collegiality among and between peers, ensuring all points of view found a hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller has led the faculty in a manner that has been collaborative, optimistic, humble, cheerful, occasionally self-deprecating, and always with an eye to making a space for all opinions; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller advocated for the faculty voice and secured proper faculty participation in the recent search for ECU's new Chancellor; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller served on the search committees for the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, and the Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development and Engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller presided as Chair while facilitating the significant revision of Parts VI, VIII, IX, and XII of the ECU Faculty Manual, in particular spearheading the revision of Part XII concerning the grievance committee structure; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller provided stout leadership in addressing ongoing issues of gender and salary equity; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller provided strong faculty leadership as the university adopted significant new technologies, including Curriculog, Faculty 180, and Blue; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller promoted the development of the Ombudsman Office in an effort to promote the resolution of conflicts among ECU colleagues; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller, a former honoree of the ECU Scholar-Teacher Award in 2008, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award in 2010 and Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching Award in 2013 has worked to enhance teaching across campus while serving as Chair of the Faculty; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller supported the Staff Senate's effort to strengthen its parliamentary procedures and voice in the operation of the university and promoted communications between it and the Faculty Senate; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller assisted the College of Health and Human Performance in reconstituting their academic unit and governance procedures through the development of a provisional unit code and later individual departmental unit codes of operation; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor John Stiller effectively advocated for shared governance with the Board of Trustees, the Academic Council, Deans and Directors, and constituents across campus.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Professor John Stiller is commended by the Faculty Senate for his exceptional leadership of the faculty of East Carolina University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we, the members of East Carolina University's Faculty Senate, hereby express our profound respect and admiration for Professor John Stiller, that we recognize his significant contributions to improving the university at multiple levels, and that we express our gratitude for the efforts he has made on behalf of all parts of the university and its long tradition of shared governance.

**Jeff Popke (2018-2020)**

#20-51, September 1, 2020 (presented by John Stiller)

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke has served as Chair of the Faculty from Fall 2018 through Spring 2020, and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke has during this time represented the faculty with dedication and poise in his communication with the Faculty Senate and ECU's many stakeholders during these two challenging years at East Carolina University, and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke, as Chair of the Faculty, effectively provided outstanding leadership and essential responses on behalf of the faculty to campus and community constituents, and to the media, expressing the Senate's commitment to the struggle against racial inequalities as well as discrimination on the basis of age, sex, and gender, thus supporting the creation of an environment that supports diversity; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke advocated for increasing faculty representation on the Chancellor's Search Committee, which was crucial during three changes of leadership in the Chancellor position; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke, as Chair of the Faculty, demonstrated a heartfelt interest in the rights and welfare of the faculty by continuously advocating for shared governance, spearheading efforts to improve the status of fixed-term faculty

members and address the challenges they face by charging the Faculty Welfare, Faculty Governance, University Budget Committee, and the Research and Creative Activity Committees with investigating issues and providing recommendations for improvement; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke provided a respectful and valued voice representing the faculty when he, and the other Faculty Officers, issued a formal “Statement and Commitments in Response to Racism: A Call to Action”, which called for broad faculty support to promote changes and initiatives relating to racial justice and equity issues on campus, in the education of students, and to support diverse faculty representation; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke created the Calendar Implementation Taskforce to overcome the lack of faculty involvement in the formulation of the 8-week block schedules for the 2020-2021 academic year during the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke demonstrated his dedication to assist faculty by the creation of the Ad-Hoc Faculty Senate Taskforce on Instruction, which was charged to provide timely recommendations to faculty faced with the prospect of teaching in a hybrid format during the COVID pandemic in an 8-week block schedule; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke worked tirelessly to increase the efficiency of faculty personnel procedures by taking measures such as the creation of the Electronic PAD Workgroup; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jeff Popke has been thoroughly engaged with all stakeholders and is to be commended for his admirable representation of the faculty of the university at meetings with the university administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Faculty Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Professor Jeff Popke has served the faculty of East Carolina University well during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty, setting high standards for future Chairs of the Faculty to remain vigilant on important matters relating to the welfare of faculty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate commends Professor Jeff Popke for his outstanding leadership, professionalism, and communication during his tenure as Chair of the Faculty of East Carolina University.