EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
1997-1998 FACULTY SENATE

The second regular meeting of the 1997/1998 Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 2:10 in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Room.

FULL AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

   14 October 1997

III. Special Order of the Day

   A. Roll Call
   B. Announcements
   C. Vice Chancellor's Report
   D. Approval of Fall 1997 Graduation Roster

IV. Unfinished Business

V. Report of Committees

   A. Committee on Committees, Mark Taggart
      Second Reading of a Revision to the Research/Creative Activity Policies Committee charge (attachment 1).

   B. Faculty Computer Committee, Wayne Godwin
      Model Computer Use Policies (attachment 2, available from the Faculty Senate office, by calling ext. 6537).

   C. Faculty Governance Committee, Patricia Anderson
      1. Revision to the ECU Faculty Manual, Part VI. Section I.D. Leaves of Absence (attachment 3).
      2. Revised Description of Faculty Entitled to Participate in Both the DECAD and Administrator Survey (attachment 4).

   D. University Curriculum Committee, James Smith
      Curriculum matters contained in the minutes of the 23 October 1997, Committee Meeting
      (Copies of these minutes have been distributed to all units and are available on the Faculty Senate web page.)

VI. New Business

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Attachment 1.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Second Reading of a Revision to the Research/Creative Activity Policies Committee Charge
Increase the committee membership to 8 faculty members with the charge reading as follows:

"2. Membership:

8 faculty members. Ex-officio member (with vote): The Chair of the Faculty. Ex-officio members (without vote but with all other parliamentary privileges): The Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, the Vice Chancellor for Research/Dean of the Graduate School, and the Director of Sponsored Programs, or their appointed representatives.

Each member shall have demonstrated accomplishment in scholarship, research, or creative activity, as evidenced by data submitted for each person nominated by the Committee on Committees or from the floor of the Faculty Senate."

Please call the Faculty Senate office at ext. 6537 for a copy of attachment 2., Model Computer Use Policies.

Attachment 3.

FACULTY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Revision to the ECU Faculty Manual, Part VI. Section I.D. Leaves of Absence (page VI-4)

Revise this section to read as follows:

"D. Leaves of Absence
Leaves of absence for one or more semesters without salary may be arranged with faculty members for the purpose of advanced study, research, or public service without prejudice to future promotions in rank, provided the period of absence is reasonable and does not work undue hardship upon the university. Requests for leave of absence must be made in writing and accompany the personnel recommendation form. Leaves of absence without compensation are subject to Appendix D. Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures of ECU, Section II.C.3. Extensions of the Probationary Term and normally should be for not more than two academic years or occur more often than once in three years. For faculty members who do not have tenure, a period of leave would not count as a part of the probationary period. It is impossible to judge the individual's readiness for tenure while he or she is on leave. Thus, the tenure decision will be postponed for a period equal to the length of the leave. Leaves are often granted under circumstances that place an ethical obligation on the recipient of such leaves to return. If the leave is accepted under an agreement to return, this agreement should be honored. Even when there is no obligation to return, the faculty member on leave should observe the same rules regarding adequate notice of resignation as found in Appendix D, Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures of ECU. The returning faculty member's pay will begin in the semester in which he or she returns to work. The contract between faculty members on leave and the university will be renewed. Raises and promotions awarded during the period of leave will be placed into effect at that time. While on leave, the faculty member will have the opportunity to maintain group life, health, and total disability insurance consistent with the policies of the university. It should be noted that if the health insurance is not continued while on leave of absence, the employee and dependents will be subject to a
preexisting clause for any medical condition, whether diagnosed or not, for one year upon their re-enrollment in the plan."

Attachment 4.

FACULTY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Revised Description of Faculty Entitled to Participate in Both the DECAD and Administrator Survey

Faculty Members participating in the DECAD and Administrator Survey must:

1. hold rank as professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, or faculty title,
2. be employed currently,
3. hold full-time appointment, and
4. have been employed at ECU for at least one year.