

Executive Committee Report November 5, 2001

The Executive Committee met at 3:30 on October 22, 2001. In addition to developing an agenda for today's meeting, we reviewed the action taken by the Faculty Senate at the last meeting.

In regard to the salary adjustment motion, the administration is working on implementing the motion as expediently as possible. Senator Marsden expressed the need to carefully review salaries to ensure errors are not made. Faculty, to whom the adjustment applies, should be receiving information on new contracts before the end of the semester.

We reviewed the motion to accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Workload. The first recommendation was that the current policy be widely circulated since many seemed unaware of its existence. This was done via a letter sent to all faculty. In the second recommendation, the Ad Hoc Committee supported the need for flexibility, at the Department level, in distribution of faculty workloads. Dr. Marsden will have this added to the Faculty handbook. Additionally, Provost Marsden was asked to encourage deans and chairs to utilize this procedure, as appropriate. The last two recommendations were for additional study on the role of technology and the policy on advising. The Provost has recently established a Task Force on the Future of the On-line Curriculum at ECU. The charge of this group includes analysis of all distant technologies, including cost. As there appears to be major overlap in concerns, the Executive Committee decided to wait for the Task Force's report before taking any action. Their report is due by March 1, 2002. Upon further review, the concerns of the Committee about advising appears to have been addressed by changes already made for undeclared advising. No action will be taken at this time.

The Senate's Rules and Internal Procedures have not been distributed to new members. The Rules will be posted on the Senate's Web page. Members will be notified when this is accomplished. The Internal Procedures will be distributed shortly. We apologize for the delay.

The Executive Committee also discussed establishing a policy for the Senate to conduct regularly scheduled evaluations of the President. While recognizing that the Board of Regents has ultimate responsibility for evaluating the President, the Committee noted the potential value for faculty to have opportunity to give feedback to the President his/her performance. The Executive Committee will be exploring this further with the likelihood of bringing a related motion to the Senate floor at sometime in the future.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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