

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

FR: Ad Hoc New Senator Orientation Committee
Senators Robles, Ware, Randles

SUBJECT: Motion for a New Senator Orientation

DATE: January 24, 2005

Background

It is a matter of concern that the ECU Faculty Senate currently does not hold an orientation for its new members. Therefore, this Committee was formed to:

1. Study the feasibility of developing an orientation for new Faculty Senators, particularly to determine if benchmark institutions have such an orientation, its timing, content, and organization.
2. Develop a plan for the implementation of an orientation beginning with the cohort of Senators elected for the 2005-06 Academic Year. This plan should include such details as organization, timing, content, responsibilities, and resources needed.

Response

Results of the Committee's study of benchmark institution (attached as Orientation.doc) are mixed; however, most have some form of orientation activity. After considerable deliberation, the Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate institute a New Senator Orientation. Plans for a proposed ECU New Senator Orientation are also in the attached document.

Motion

That the ECU Faculty Senate implement a New Senator Orientation, effective with Senate elections in May 2005, organized and implemented for by an ad hoc Faculty Senate Orientation Committee composed of three appointed Senators and two members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.