

To: Faculty Senate
From: Malcolm P. Frisbie
Date: 4 May 2007
Re: Regent's Report

The Board of Regents met on 23 April 2007 for its regular quarterly meeting. In preparation for that meeting, Board committees met either earlier that day or on 20 April. Reports were received from several parties including the President, Chair of the Foundation, the Executive Director of Capital Planning and Facilities Management, and the Vice President for Financial Affairs. The President distributed to the University community on 24 April a summary of Board actions, which will not be repeated here. Several items may be of particular interest to the Faculty Senate, and those are noted below.

Action items included:

1. Council on Academic Affairs: curriculum and program items previously approved by the Senate, including
 - a. Suspension of the UWR for students entering Summer 2006 and after
 - b. Approval of doctoral program in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. The University will now seek approval of this program from the Council on Postsecondary Education.
 - c. Extension of the time limit for completing a master's degree program of more than 40 hours to 10 years (from 7 years)
 - d. Approval of a new policy to allow graduate students to declare academic bankruptcy for prior graduate work at Eastern and pursue graduate degrees in other programs
 - e. Approval of the revision to the University's policy on "incomplete" (I) grades
 - f. Approval of a variety of program suspensions, revisions, and additions, as presented from the Council on Academic Affairs
2. Human Resource Issues
 - a. Approval of modification of vacation leave policy, which adds a new step in the accrual schedule for employees (Employees now will step up in accrual at 5, 10 and 15 years, and will reach an increased maximum accrual per year (22 days, up from 20)
 - b. Approval of a University bereavement policy granting up to three days of paid bereavement leave
3. Honors
 - a. Approval of naming of the tennis courts near Martin Hall in honor of J. Thomas Higgins, former ECU Tennis Coach
 - b. Approval of honorary degrees for President Jimmy Carter, Nick Clooney, Lt. Gen. Robert Yerks, Craig Williams, and William S. Daugherty
4. Recognition: A resolution recognizing and honoring Dr. Pam Schломann for her 5 years of service as Faculty Regent

All action items were unanimously approved.

The Board will next meet on 11 June. Among other items, the Board will review the detailed operating budget that is being developed for 2007-2008.

Please feel free to contact me for further information about any of these items or to discuss topics of concern to you.

Respectfully submitted,

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