

To: Faculty Senate
From: Malcolm P. Frisbie
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Re: Regent's Report

8 September 2007, Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Board of Regents met on 8 September 2007 for its regular quarterly meeting. In preparation for that meeting, Board committees met either earlier that day. Reports were received from several parties including the President, the Executive Director of Capital Planning and Facilities Management, and the Vice President for Financial Affairs. Several items of information and several actions taken by the Board may be of particular interest to the Faculty Senate, and those are noted below.

Informational items

- The University's unrestricted fund balance grew by about \$2 million last year and now is approximately \$4.4 million
- Year-end reporting of capital campaign activity reveals that ECU's capital campaign grew in a number of significant indicators, including, number of donors from the senior class, number of alumni donors, total alumni gifts, number of faculty/staff donors, and total faculty/staff donations.
- The Board received a draft of its business plan, "20K2020". The draft will be submitted to CPE, as was asked of the other state institutions. ECU, with facilitation from Dr. Charles F. Haywood, who carried out the recent study of ECU's economic impact on the region and the commonwealth, will continue to revise the business plan
- The Board received an update on capital projects that are currently underway: the New Science Building, Clay Hall renovations, Business & Technology Phase II, Intramural Field renovations, Gibson roof, Dizney roof, and the Manchester Center
- The Board received a report on the condition of Blanton House. It did not act on the report so as to be able to study those recommendations
- The Board received a draft of the Promotion and Tenure policy modifications that were passed by the Senate last year. The Board deferred action on that proposal so that several issues of implementation can be addressed. The Board expects to receive the proposal as an action item at its January meeting.

Action Items

- The Board approved a proposal to name the skills area of the Department of Criminal Justice Training the Robert C. Stone Building, honoring the first commissioner of the then Bureau of Criminal Justice Training. Dr. Stone was instrumental in establishing the College of Justice and Safety and in bringing the Department to ECU.
- The Board approved the nomination of Ray Ochs as Faculty Emeritus.
- The Board passed several items from Academic Affairs including the removal of the residency requirement for baccalaureate and associate degrees and creation of a new major in Comparative Humanities.
- The Board approved several modifications to the University's six-year capital projects plan. Under state policy, any project of \$600,000 or more must be part of the state biennial budget, even if funding for the project comes from sources other than the state. In preparation for getting several projects inserted into the state budget, the Board moved to place those projects into its own 6-year plan. Those project include: several modifications and creations of new facilities to be undertaken by Aramark at several locations on campus, an addition to Stratton Building (25,000 ft², \$5 million) to be undertaken with Program of Distinction funds, and construction of an Early Childhood Center (14,000 ft², \$3.3 million). The Early Childhood Center was placed in the plan in two places – as a stand alone center and as part of the College of Education construction project. The university has not yet received the report being prepared by Bright Horizons, the consultant studying the childcare needs of the University. Placing the Center in two places in the 6-yr plan will leave us some flexibility in responding to the recommendations in that report.

All action items were unanimously approved.

The Board will next meet on 12 October to review proposals submitted by executive search firms. The next quarterly meeting of the Board will occur in January 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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