

January 17th, 2003
Executive Committee of the Faculty Council
(Elected by the Faculty Council)
Annual Report to the Faculty Council

Elected Members: Alice Ammerman (Public Health, '05); Steve Bachenheimer (Medicine, '05); Charles Daye (Law, '04); Noelle Granger (Medicine, '03); Lloyd Kramer (History, '05; on leave for academic year); Margaret Leigh (Medicine, '05); Bobbi Owen (Dramatic Art, '04); Abigail Panter (Psychology, '03); Richard Pfaff (History, '03); Ross Simpson (Medicine, '03); Ronald Strauss (Dentistry, '04); Steve Weiss (Computer Science, alternate for Kramer); Jan Yopp (Journalism, '04). **Ex Officio Members:** Sue Estroff (Chair of the Faculty); Joseph Ferrell (Secretary of the Faculty).

Meetings: The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council (ECFC) meets twice monthly throughout the year. The Provost regularly attends alternate meetings. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Nancy Suttentfield has been another regular visitor. Other guests at ECFC meetings in the last year have included: representatives of the Faculty Committee on Athletics, Nancy Davis and Mike McFarland, various faculty committee chairs as needed, and various consultants visiting the campus. The ECFC also has regular meetings with Chancellor Moeser to discuss topics of importance to the faculty and to the chancellor.

Charge: The ECFC is charged in the Faculty Code to: (1) exercise the consultative powers delegated to the Faculty Council; (2) exercise the legislative powers of the Council when prompt action is required; (3) serve as an advisory committee for the Chair of the Faculty; (4) represent the Faculty Council and General Faculty in advising the University administration with respect to issues, such as planning, that the Committee deems important to the University's mission; (5) work with various officers and groups within the University toward the realization of goals set in actions of the Council; and (6) report to the Council on the status of implementation of resolutions of the Council.

Activities This Past Year: The ECFC last year devoted continuing attention to several major issues and initiatives, and has also advised the University administration on faculty concerns with respect to other matters, including those noted below under the three categories of the ECFC Long-Term Agenda. Of special concern were the perilous state of the University budget and uncertainties about the Legislature's and the Board of Governor's actions. Those concerns were justified when the BOG over rode the proposed campus tuition increase and added one of its own, while distributing most of the funds so generated on this campus to other campuses. There was ongoing discussion of various plans in process: the Academic Plan, the Parking Plan, the tuition plan. The committee debated and discussed the issues of: tiered parking permit prices; faculty contributions to staff salaries; town/gown relations; the advisability of development at "Carolina North;" enrollment growth and enrollment growth funding; the sorry state of faculty benefits; faculty roles in relation to the BOT; the respective roles and functions of ECFC and CAC; the nominations process; TA stipends; the meager wages of many staff; and, other topics as they arose. Much of the summer was taken up with the reading program controversy.

The Academy

- Review process for deans and other administrators
- The Academic Plan
- Faculty Code revision
- Review and reform of the Student Honor Court system
- College curriculum revision
- Student evaluation of teaching
- Honorary degrees
- The place of athletics in the University

The Campus as a Workplace

- Impact of state budget cuts
- Academic calendar
- Relations with the General Assembly
- Impact of construction on campus
- Carolina North
- Transportation issues
- Library budget and overhead costs
- Teaching assistant unionization and living wage
- Health insurance
- Child-care services and facilities
- State Personnel Act

Community and Diversity in our Social Community

- Race issues on campus
- Gender salary disparity
- Priority registration for student-athletes
- Town/gown relationships

The committee has in addition nominated numerous faculty to serve on administrative and faculty committees, and has provided invaluable advice to the Chair of the Faculty. While few of the issues and initiatives above have come to a conclusion, progress has been made in many, and efforts are ongoing in several.