

East Carolina University | Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee Meeting | February 19, 2015 Agenda

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- III. Research and Graduate Studies
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- IV. Academic Affairs
 - A. Millennial Campus Proposal Ted Morris
 - B. Petition for Political Activity
- V. Student Affairs
 - A. Student Rights and Responsibilities Response Virginia Hardy
 - B. Greek Life Review Virginia Hardy

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Minutes of the Meeting of the University Affairs Committee East Carolina University Board of Trustees

November 20, 2014 Mendenhall Student Center – Great Room 3

Board Members Attending: Deborah Davis (chair), Robert Brinkley, Carol Mabe, Danny Scott and Michael King. Brinkley.

Academic Affairs

Degree Explorer – Clint Bailey presented the new program "Degree Explorer" which is a website developed as the primary source of information when current and potential students are looking as degree programs. This initiative is a strategic approach to leveraging online resources. There has been collaboration across the entire campus to ensure that the site is user-friendly, up to date and that the current curriculum can be tied to career opportunities. Clint went on to say that the purpose of Degree Explorer isn't only to present options, but to also promote degree programs. Some suggestions for further development included adding more information about career options associated with certain degrees, salary information, personal stories from those careers and collaborative on-campus opportunities.

Collegiate Learning Assessment – Ron Mitchelson presented several indicators on collegiate learning assessments. One example is the UNC Pilot Project, which includes App State, ECU, Fayetteville State, UNC Pembroke, and Western Carolina. This assessment, which is compentency-based, tracks students as Freshmen thru their Senior year. The assessment has 2 parts: a real world situation that requires a purposeful written response and 25 short answer questions. Dr. Mitchelson also mentioned the "Educate to Career" program and the "Social the Mobility Index" both of which look at the demographics of who is coming in, the cost of attendance, and what percentage got jobs upon graduation.

Student Affairs

Marketing Plan for Student Code of Conduct – VC Hardy presented the marketing plan for the recently approved student code of conduct. This plan will communicate the changes to the code of conduct thru both traditional means and thru more contemporary avenues, like social media. The plan also outlines the process for both minor and major infractions in a manner that is well understood.

Housing Update – Dr. Hardy reported that there are only 8 people left in temporary housing; 3 of those are choosing to stay in the lounge at Garrett Hall, the others will get dorm rooms in January.

Current Climate – Dr. Hardy gave the board an overview of the issues facing students thus far this year. The climate on campus is much different this year; more instances of drugs on campus, crime and property damage. The committee had a very engaging discussion on suggestions for how to address these issues and support our students better. This item will definitely be on a future agenda.

<u>Research and Graduate Studies</u> – because of time constraints, the presentation on centers and institutes will be first on the agenda for the February meeting.

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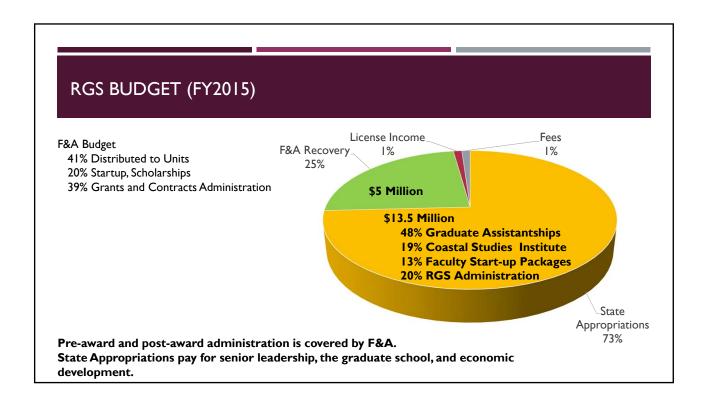
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS MID-YEAR UPDATE FY 15

		End	d of Year Totals	Mid-Year			
		FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	% of FY14 Total	% of FY14 Mid-Year
Duamanala	Number	775	646	707	326	46%	98%
Proposals	Amount	\$210,404,531	\$162,462,243	\$178,757,101	\$72,848,792	41%	88%
Awards	Number	466	389	426	212	50%	93%
Awarus	Amount	\$45,047,940	\$35,790,081	\$43,145,767	\$17,736,857	41%*	81%*
Expenditures	Amount	\$29,085,987	\$37,439,037	\$34,686,709	\$18,406,678	53%	NA

^{*} Excludes \$5M AHEC

CHANGING NC AGENCY F&A RATES

MICHAEL R. VAN SCOTT, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RGS (INTERIM)



UNC - DENR MASTER AGREEMENT

Facilities and Administrative Costs Recovery: Task Orders shall include total project costs including facilities and administrative costs, also referred to as indirect cost or overhead, at a rate of 15% of total direct costs.. DENR will include those facilities and administrative costs in its reimbursement to UNC unless the Funding Source has the authority to limit or disallow facilities and administrative costs.

NC SENATE BILL 744,

NER FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

SECTION 14.2. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall negotiate indirect cost waivers with every constituent institution of The University of North Carolina performing State-funded research for the Center or the respective Departments. The waivers shall provide that the Center or the Departments pay facilities and administrative costs at a rate no greater than the lowest rate paid by any other State agency, department, or commission for research at that constituent institution.

FY14 STATE SUMMARY

		TC	OTAL COSTS	DI	RECT COSTS		F&A	F&A RATE
NC DENR		\$	116,910	\$	102,084	\$	14,826	15%
NC DHHS		\$	4,751,610	\$	4,661,409	\$	90,201	2%
NC STATE *		\$	99,172	\$	95,240	\$	3,932	4%
UNC CHAPEL HILL *		\$	145,163	\$	122,568	\$	22,595	18%
UNC GA *		\$	458,602	\$	425,095	\$	33,507	8%
NC COMMERCE		\$	120,735	\$	107,364	\$	13,371	12%
DEPT PUBLIC INSTRUCT		\$	674,033	\$	613,507	\$	60,526	10%
	TOTAL	\$	6,366,225	\$	6,127,267	\$	238,958	4%
						s	1,593,089	26%
* Subs where prime awa	rd is state	e fun	ding.			s	2,910,452	47.5%

RESPONSES

- Seek clarification from UNCGA on federal flow-through funds
- Advocate with UNCGA for ECU to negotiate rates directly
- Advocate with UNCGA to distinguish between grants and contract, and mandate at least minimal F&A recovery on contracts
- Ensure that contracts with low F&A rates include funds for faculty and student support
- Negotiate fixed-price contracts when allowed
- Advocate for unrecovered F&A to meet any program match requirements under costreimbursement agreements
- Monitor the national dialogue re: F&A recovery under the new Uniform Guidance
- Monitor federal agency dialogue re: F&A on pass through funds.

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East Carolina University

Request to establish the

East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus

February 4, 2015

Opportunity

With its rich tradition of educational innovation, strong work ethic and principles, and established and emerging economic clusters, eastern North Carolina is well positioned to host a culture of innovation that mobilizes the skills, knowledge and abilities of a new creative class. However, the loss of young people from eastern North Carolina's rural counties is widespread, accelerating and often reaching crisis proportions. For the many wanting to stay in the region, the need is for quality jobs, a creative culture, entrepreneurial opportunities and a more intentional education system that better supports their employment goals.¹

East Carolina University (ECU) is committed to maximizing student success, serving the public, and leading regional transformation. Stemming the loss of creative talent is critical to transforming eastern North Carolina's economy and communities and remains a top priority for ECU. As a near-term strategy, ECU is partnering with community colleges to retain transitioning service members and veterans in North Carolina through training and civilian employment. Longer term, ECU is engaged with regional parents, students, educators, and employers to build clearer pathways connecting education with employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. ECU is aggressively preparing STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design, and Mathematics) graduates with the skills, knowledge and abilities to innovatively solve real-world problems. These graduates are in high demand by regional employers and also help attract new employers to the region. The University is increasing research funding and strengthening its research infrastructure to fuel new discoveries and innovations that result in new jobs and investment within targeted economic clusters such as health care, advanced manufacturing (e.g., pharmaceuticals), and the military. Finally, ECU is engaging its expertise and capabilities to address pressing regional challenges and build healthier. more livable and vibrant communities. In short, ECU is working to grow, attract and retain the technically-skilled, creative talent needed to transform the region.

East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus

¹ Reimagine Rural: Transforming North Carolina's Rural Communities Through Youth Engagement. Rural Partners Forum, NC Rural Center, 2011.



Background and Authority

North Carolina General Statute 116-198 Article 21B: The Centennial Campus, the Horace Williams Campus, and the Millennial Campuses Financing Act outlines the process for seeking the Millennial Campus designation. To this end, the Board of Governors may act "on recommendation made by the President of The University of North Carolina after consultation by the President with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of a constituent institution, to designate real property held by, or to be acquired by, a constituent institution as a "Millennial Campus" of the institution. That designation shall be based on an express finding by the Board of Governors that the institution desiring to create a "Millennial Campus" has the administrative and fiscal capability to create and maintain such a campus and provided further, that the Board of Governors has found that the creation of the constituent institution's "Millennial Campus" will enhance the institution's research, teaching, and service missions as well as enhance the economic development of the region served by the institution.

Action

A new complementary urban model is emerging, giving rise to what are called "innovation districts." The Brookings Institution defines these as geographic areas where leading-edge anchor institutions and companies cluster and connect with start-ups, business incubators and accelerators.² These areas are physically compact, transit-accessible, technically-wired, and offer mixed-use housing, office, and retail spaces. Innovation districts have the unique potential to spur productive, inclusive and sustainable economic development. At a time of sluggish growth, they provide a strong foundation for the creation and expansion of firms and jobs by helping companies, entrepreneurs, universities, researchers, and investors — across sectors and across disciplines — to collocate, co-invent and co-produce new discoveries for the market. In the United States, innovation districts are emerging near anchor institutions in the downtowns and midtowns of cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cambridge, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Diego.³

Such districts are not exclusive to large cities but also occur in smaller university towns like Madison, Wisconsin (UW) or Athens, Georgia (UGA). Similarly, East Carolina University is Greenville's anchor institution. The University's proposed Millennial Campus will be known as the *East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus* (ECRIC). Along with Vidant Medical Center and other key regional partners, the ECRIC will drive creation of Greenville's planned Arts & Innovation District (District).⁴ The ECRIC and District will accelerate and expand collaborative research, teaching, and service to enhance economic and community development for both Greenville and the region. As a designated North Carolina Millennial Campus, the ECRIC will be given authority on the use of revenue and the issuance of debt to allow quicker development and foster public-private partnerships. These flexibilities and

² "Anchor institutions" are defined to be research universities and research-oriented medical hospitals with extensive R&D.

³ The Rise of Innovation Districts: A New Geography of Innovation in America. Bruce Katz and Julie Wagner, The Brookings Institution, 2014.

⁴ The Dickinson Avenue Corridor Study, Greenville, NC; 11.21.2014; Ayers Saint Gross, Brian Wishneff & Associates, and Partners for Economic Solutions



efficiencies will ensure the ECRIC will serve as both the place and the means to align and engage ECU's resources with education, corporate, government, military, and other community partners. The resulting public-private partnerships will produce innovations in education, science, technology and the arts that address local challenges while equipping the region with a magnet to attract talent and investment. East Carolina University is the best-positioned institution to catalyze a culture of innovation and service that grows, attracts, and retains the next great creative class within the eastern region of North Carolina.

Commitments

ECU is committed to maximizing student success, serving the public, and transforming the region through leadership and service. We pursue our mission with deep respect for our partners, efficiency in our operations, and accountability for the resources entrusted to us.⁵ The proposed ECRIC clearly aligns with our values of leadership and engagement; scholarship; discovery and innovation; diversity and service. Furthermore, as we act upon these values with our partners in this proposed place, we will:

Leverage Our Place

Tackling regional challenges that address state and national issues

Target Research to Regional Needs
Facilitating and coordinating interdisciplinary research

Fuse Intellectual Disciplines

Pursuing opportunities where disciplines and economic clusters collide

Engage for the Public Good

Championing mutually-beneficial research, outreach and engagement

Propel Student Achievement

Providing graduates with tested skills and proven leadership

Embrace Creative Risk-Taking

Fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and small business creation

Transform Communities

Enhancing the capacity and vitality of local and regional communities

East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus

⁵ Beyond Tomorrow: Our Commitment to the Future. ECU's Strategic Plan 2014-19



Impacts

The ECRIC is the place where we will collocate, collaborate, and create with shared vision. Ultimately, the ECRIC will align and leverages the expertise and resources of ECU through public-private partnerships to

- Start, grow and recruit jobs and new enterprises;
- Create a knowledgeable, skilled and adaptable labor-force;
- Fuel knowledge transfer, innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Develop regional leadership;
- Target scholarship and service for distressed communities; and
- Position the region as a magnet for talent, creativity, and investment.

Spaces

To maximize the potential and impact of the ECRIC, ECU has strategically identified five areas of property for the millennial designation including the: 1) Warehouse District properties; 2) Uptown Area properties; 3) Health Science Campus; 4) Stratford Arms and Blount Field Area properties; and 5) the Coastal Studies Institute properties (Manteo, NC).

Warehouse District Campus Properties

ECU's Warehouse District properties (Figure 1, page 5) encompass 22.3 acres (8.8 undeveloped) and represent converging opportunities to restore and reuse valuable historic properties, revitalize the Greenville Center City area, and develop highly-productive collaborative research, innovation, commercialization, and economic development spaces connecting ECU's Health Science and Main campuses. Specifically, ECU's Warehouse District includes three buildings (the American Tobacco Company Storage Warehouse #2, the Export Leaf Factory ("Haynie Building"), and the Prichard-Hughes Warehouse) designated as historically significant within the Greenville Tobacco Warehouse National Register Historic District. To facilitate the preservation and redevelopment of these valuable facilities through planned public-private partnerships, ECU sought and received eligibility certification for the North Carolina Historic Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit for each of these three buildings.

Through collaborative planning with the City of Greenville⁶, renovation of the Haynie Building is envisioned to be a vital first step in anchoring this key historic district and creating a highly visible front door to the proposed ECRIC (Figure 2, page 5). This initial investment is expected to create subsequent urban development within Zone 4 (Figure 3, page 6) of the envisioned Dickinson Avenue Arts & Innovation District (Figure 4, page 6). The new 10th Street Connector locating in this area will be a major east-west roadway linking ECU's Health Science and Main campuses and bringing significant traffic to this community epicenter.

⁶ The Dickinson Avenue Corridor Study, Greenville, NC; 11.21.2014; Ayers Saint Gross, Brian Wishneff & Associates, and Partners for Economic Solutions.

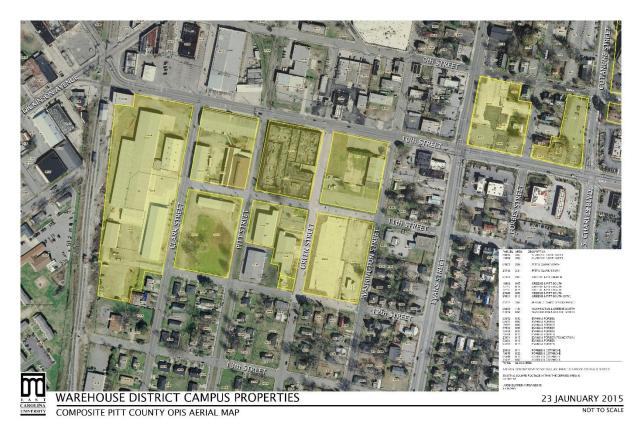


Figure 1: Warehouse District Campus Properties

ACTION AREA

HAYNIE BUILDING

LEVERAGING HISTORIC ASSETS

- 1 Haynie Building
- 2 Ficklen / UNX Warehouse
- 3 Dickinson Commercial Buildings
- 4 Cupola

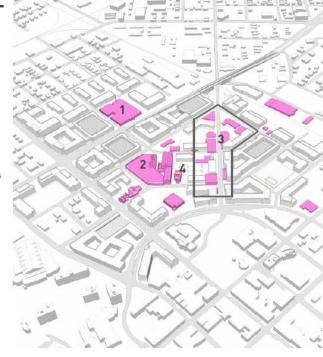


Figure 2: Haynie Building and the Dickinson Corridor

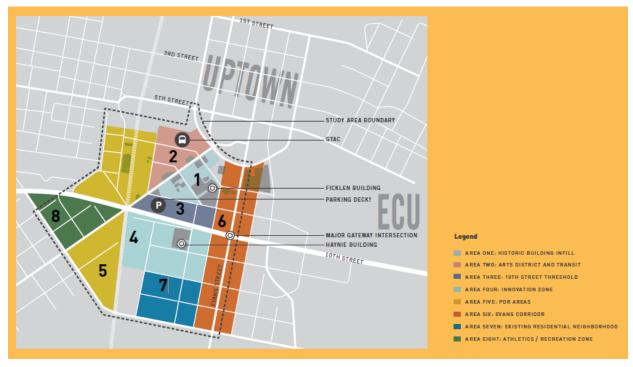


Figure 3: ECU-Greenville Integrated Plan for Arts & Innovation District

STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES



THE STUDY AREA: THE DICKINSON AVENUE CORRIDOR

The study area encompasses approximately 200-acres of largely postindustrial land bisected by Dickinson Avenue – a historic city gateway lined with early to mid-20th Century commercial storefronts. Although much of the area is blighted and underdeveloped, it features several significant historic structures including the Ficklen, Cupola and Haynie buildings along with a number of smaller but distinctive brick warehouses and commercial buildings.

For planning purposes, it is critical to articulate a large study area into distinct sub-areas defined by physical features, infrastructure or ownership patterns. The decision team identified 8 sub-areas which are described on the following pages.

Figure 4: ECU Millennial Space would border "Uptown Greenville" to the east and south



Creative and technology driven industries most likely to be found in Innovation Districts include: high-value, research-oriented sectors such as applied sciences and the burgeoning "app economy"; highly creative fields such as industrial design, graphic arts, media and architecture; and highly specialized, small batch manufacturing. ECU and its education partners along with city, county and regional economic development partners envision renovation and repurposing of the Haynie Building (70,000+ sq ft) into Greenville's innovation hub for cutting edge education, workforce development, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and economic development. This hub will provide much needed next-generation "maker spaces" to support the design, production and sale of creative goods and services within the district; support advanced manufacturers throughout the region; and ultimately sustain an innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Uptown Area Campus Properties



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NOT TO SCALE

Figure 5: ECU's properties on the eastern flank of the Uptown District

ECU's Uptown properties (Figure 5, above) comprise 19.04 acres (including 14 acres of surface parking) bordering the east side of Uptown Greenville, bridging the main campus with the Uptown area and the (Tar) river front. When combined with ECU's Warehouse District holdings, these properties comprise a significant portion of Greenville's Uptown/center city area and position ECU to join a select group of the nation's campuses leading revitalization in an urban core. ECU's comprehensive master plan considers as

⁷ The Rise of Innovation Districts: A New Geography of Innovation in America. Bruce Katz and Julie Wagner, The Brookings Institution, 2014.



possibilities for this area a Visual and Performing Arts Center, Hotel and Conference Center, and/or Alumni Center among the innovative options for this property. Ongoing public-private partnership discussions include these options within the context of advanced mixed-used development on these and other Uptown properties to fully capitalize on the potential of Greenville's riverfront. Such development on the east side of Uptown, in conjunction with development of the warehouse district on the south side would likely generate significant visitor traffic between these two destination areas thus benefitting all of the Uptown district.

Health Sciences Campus



Figure 6: ECU's Health Science Campus Properties

A major component of ECU's mission is to improve the health of eastern North Carolina (and beyond) and we have developed superior programs in all dimensions of understanding human health and delivering services to a dispersed, rural population. ECU's Health Sciences Campus (HSC)(Figure 6, above) is home to the Brody School of Medicine; Colleges of Allied Health and Nursing, and the School of Dental Medicine; as well as centers and institutes of concentrated, multi-disciplinary expertise addressing the region's most pressing health care issues and disparities, e.g., the East Carolina Obesity and Diabetes Institute. The HSC is immediately adjacent to its long-time partner, Vidant Medical Center, to the south and the new Durham VA Medical Center facility (Greenville Health Care Center) located to the north across 5th street. Together, ECU, Vidant and the VA offer significant opportunities for patient-centered clinical research, discovery and innovation with industry, government, military and community partners.



Stratford Arms and Blount Fields Area Campus Properties

These properties (Figure 7, below) are immediately proximate to ECU's athletic and human performance complex and represent one of Greenville's most strategically located pieces of real estate. Encompassing 72.85 total acres, including 32.8 undeveloped acres, this property represents longer term opportunities through public-private partnership for a live/work/play community; similar in some respects to NC State's Centennial Campus, Raleigh's North Hills, and Durham's West Village and American Tobacco District.



Figure 7: Charles Boulevard properties (including former Stratford Arms and Blount sports fields) across from ECU's intercollegiate athletics complex

UNC Coastal Studies Institute, Manteo NC

Targeting research to regional needs and engaging for the public good while fueling regional transformation, the UNC Coastal Studies Institute (CSI) was built and is managed by ECU. The 83,791-square-foot, \$32.6M Leed Certified facility (Figure 8, page 10) on Roanoke Island is an inter-university partnership conducting research, educational and community outreach programs. North Carolina's, marine-related activities are important to the State's economy, both in traditional sectors like recreation and tourism, fisheries, hazard resilience, and marine heritage, and in emerging areas like ocean energy and marine biotechnology. UNC System faculty members are leaders in areas such as marine biotechnology, ocean energy, coastal sustainability, marine aquaculture, climate change and marine ecosystem health. Currently the UNC Coastal Studies Institute (CSI) collaborates with additional, external partners including the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the federal government's Hurricane Sandy Task Force, state coastal planning



agencies and other entities to analyze needs and develop plans for coastal restoration, The millennial designation will foster more of these mutually-beneficial partnerships and resulting impacts emanating from this critically located regional installation. Whether it's surveying shipwrecks off the coast of Ocracoke, developing and testing new ocean energy technologies, or deploying real-time coastal monitoring buoys, CSI researchers and partners are working to improve the lives of people who live, work and visit the coast.



Figure 8: Coastal Studies Institute Camus Properties

Conclusion

The rise of millennial campuses as innovation districts aligns with the disruptive dynamics of our era and represents a clear path forward for cities and metropolitan areas, as well as metro/rural serving universities such as ECU. The concept has been widely and successfully used by our sister institutions NC State, UNCCH, UNCC, A&T/UNCG, ASU, UNCW and WCU. The proposed ECRIC will be a major step towards building a stronger, more sustainable and more inclusive economy for eastern North Carolina in the early decades of this young century. East Carolina University requests the support and approval of its Board of Trustees to seek millennial campus designation and establish the East Carolina Research and Innovation Campus.

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Petition from Professor Calvin Mercer

Per the attached documents, Dr. George Bailey, Compartment of Philosophy and Religious Studies approval of Dr. Calvin Mercer's petition to run for office of Mayor of Greenville, NC.	, has recommended
I approve Dr. Mercer's petition. I do not approve Dr. Mercer's petition.	
Wies yours	1/21/15
Dr. William Downs, Dean	Date '
Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences	
I approve Dr. Mercer's petition. I do not approve Dr. Mercer's petition.	
Salde Mother	2/2/2015
Dr. Ron Mitchelson	Date
Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic	
Affairs and Provost	
I approve Dr. Mercer's petition. I do not approve Dr. Mercer's petition.	
Dullard	2/2/15
Dr. Steve Ballard	Date
Chancellor	



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TO: Dean Downs, Interim Provost Mitchelson, Chancellor Ballard, Members of the East Carolina Board of Trustees

DATE: January 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Petition from Professor Mercer

Professor Mercer petitions for permission to run for and hold the public office of Mayor of Greenville beginning July 7, 2015 and, if elected, ending December 2017.

As the enclosed materials document, during his years of public service as an elected member of Greenville's City Council, Professors Mercer's productivity as an East Carolina University faculty member in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies in teaching, research and service not only did not decrease, but in fact increased significantly.

I recommend approval of Professor Mercer's petition to run for and hold the public office of Mayor of Greenville.

Sincerely,

Dr. George Bailey

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January 6, 2015

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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is my "Petition Regarding Political Activity." Please review, sign, and pass to the next appropriate official as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Calvin Mercer

PETITION REGARDING POLITICAL ACTIVITY (Full-Time ECU Employees)

FROM:	Name: Calvin Mercer Institution: East Carolina University Position held: Professor of Religious Studies (faculty appointment located in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department); Director of the Religious Studies Program						
TO:	Board of Trustees East Carolina University Office of the Chancellor Greenville, NC 27858-4353						
SUBJECT:	Request for review of proposed political candidacy or officeholding						
Α.	In accordance with the University of North Carolina policy regarding political activities of its employees, this petition concerns:						
(x)	My intention to campaign for election to a full-time or major part-time political office						
	Title of office: Mayor, Greenville, NC City Council. As I requested and was given approval by the ECU Board of Trustees four years ago and two years ago, I am again requesting approval for this option. The position is part-time. Primary or general election date: 11/3/15 Period of proposed campaign activity: 7/15/15-11/3/15						
(×)	My intention to occupy a full-time or major part-time political office, either elective or appointive						
	Title of office: Mayor, Greenville, NC City Council. As I requested and was given approval by the ECU Board of Trustees four years ago and two years ago, I am again requesting approval for this option. The position is part-time.						
	Term of office: 12/15-12/17						
	Period of employment affected: $7/15-12/17$ (summers will be affected only if I am employed by the university during the summers)						
В.	With respect to my candidacy for election to political office, I request permission:						
(×)	To maintain my full-time University employment while campaigning; in support of my request I have provided/attached:						
	 A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A) 						
	 An explanation of proposed campaign activity, demonstrating how such activity will be limited to available personal time, so as not to interfere with the satisfactory performance of full-time employment responsibilities (Attachment B) 						
	 The written concurrence of my supervisors and the Chancellor in the conclusion that engagement in campaign activities will not interfere with the satisfactory performance of my full- time employment responsibilities 						
()	If my request to maintain full-time employment is denied, to take a partial leave of absence, with corresponding reduction in pay, for the period; in support						

of my request I have provided/attached:

- 1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
- 2. An explanation of proposed campaign activity (Attached B)
- Identification of those employment responsibilities that I propose not to meet, consistent with such a partial leave of absence, and calculation of percentage reduction in employment time (Attachment C)
- 4. Assurances by my supervisors and the Chancellor that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to ensure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.
- () If my request to maintain full-time employment or to be granted a partial leave is denied, to take a full leave of absence, without pay, for the period _____; in support of my request I have provided/attached:
 - 1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
 - 2. Assurances by my supervisors and the Chancellor that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to ensure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.
- C. With respect to my occupancy of a full-time public office:
- () I request permission to be granted a full leave of absence, without pay, as distinguished from resigning my University employment; I understand that the maximum period of such leave allowed by University policy is two years; in support of my request, I have provided/attached:
 - 1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
 - 2. Assurances by my supervisors and the Chancellor that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to assure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.
- D. With respect to my occupancy of a major part-time office, I request permission:
- (x) To maintain my full-time University employment while holding office; in support of my request I have provided/attached:
 - 1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
 - An explanation of the time requirements associated with holding the public office, demonstrating how such activity will be limited to available personal time, so as not to interfere with the satisfactory performance of my full-time employment responsibilities (Attachment D)

- 3. The written concurrence of my supervisors and the Chancellor in the conclusion that the time requirements associated with holding the public office will not interfere with the satisfactory performance of my full-time employment responsibilities.
- () If my request to maintain full-time employment is denied, to take a partial leave of absence, with corresponding reduction in pay, for the period of officeholding; in support of my request I have provided/attached:
 - 1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A)
 - 2. An explanation of the time requirements associated with holding the public office (Attachment D)
 - 3. Identification of those employment responsibilities that I propose not to meet, consistent with such a partial leave of absence, and calculation of percentage reduction in employment time (Attachment C)
 - 4. Assurances by my supervisors and the Chancellor that granting such a leave is practicable and that alternative arrangements can be made to ensure performance by others of the employment responsibilities for which I otherwise would be responsible.
- () If my request to maintain full-time employment or to be granted a partial leave is denied, to take a full leave of absence, without pay, for the period ______in support of my request I have provided/attached:
 - 1. A detailed account of my anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment (Attachment A).
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By signing below, Petitioner acknowledges and agrees that this document is a public document, subject to disclosure pursuant to Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

1/6/15

Signature of Petitioner

Date submitted

PETITION ATTACHMENT A

Detailed account of anticipated normal employment responsibilities during the affected period of employment; the information to be provided presupposes a standard eight-hour work day and a forty-hour work week and requires a demonstration of how that amount of employment time is accounted for and scheduled; the petitioner may supplement this form with a narrative account that further explains employment obligations and time commitments.

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Name	of Petitioner	Employ	ment period affo	ected	
1.	Non-faculty employ day and forty-hour		loyees who regu	ılarly follow a standard	l eight-hour
	Length of required v	work day:	88	(number o	of hours)
	Hours of work, fron	n (a.m.) to	(p.m.))	
	Days of week to wh	ich scheduled worl	c applies:		
2.	Faculty employees (schedule of eight-ho			necessarily follow stand	lard
	<u>Duties</u>			<u>Hours per week</u> (average)	% of total
	Teaching (classroom,	laboratory, etc.)		4.5	9
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	Counseling students			3	6
	Other instructional re	sponsibilities			
				2	4
	Evaluating student po	erformance		 	
	Research and writing			25	50

	Hours/week			
Totals:	50	100		
Other (specify)				
Current professional development	·			
Administrative service	2.5	5		
Institutional Committee service		20		

While this information is roughly accurate for most semesters, the percentages of time devoted to teaching, research, and administrative service vary somewhat from semester to semester, depending on the amount of release time provided for research and for my administrative duties related to interdisciplinary programs in Harriot College. Release time is provided for tenure and tenure-track professors who do research, with those doing the most research receiving the most release time.

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Weekday

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Program

1-2:30 pm: Administrative and service duties, meetings

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Duties to be eliminated or reduced	<u>Hours per week</u> (average)
Totals	hours/week
Percentage reduction in weekly employment time:	

Note:

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MEMORANDUM

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Chair, University Affairs Committee

ECU Board of Trustees

FROM:

Virginia D. Hardy, PhD

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

DATE:December 12, 2014

SUBJECT:

Questions regarding the Report on the Student Disciplinary Procedures at East

Carolina University

The letter addressed to Mr. Joyner raised three particular concerns regarding the recommendations in the Report on the Student Disciplinary Procedures at East Carolina University ("Report"). In sum, (1) the recommended "ban" on cross-examination; (2) the lack of a required standard of review for hearings regarding "minor infractions"; and (3) the recommendation students be prohibited from having contact with witnesses unless authorized to do so by the University. In response to each of these points, I have explained how the revised Student Code of Conduct answers the question.

1. Are students or their advocates allowed to cross-examine complainants and witnesses? If not how are they supposed to defend themselves from false or misleading or simply erroneous statements?

Students or their advocates are allowed to cross-examine complainants, witnesses or respondents indirectly, by posing questions to the hearing panel Chair. While the Student Code of Conduct does not contain a provision specifically addressing this principle, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities revised its hearing procedures, consistent with the best practice recommendations regarding sexual assault cases. In practice, both parties question the other through the hearing panel Chair. As stated in Section 5.4.4.1, "A Student Case Presenter (a trained Student Conduct Board member) will outline the basic facts of the case gathered by the University. The Respondent and Complainant will be afforded an opportunity to speak to the panel. The panel will also have an opportunity to ask questions of all involved." This is compromise approach allows for consistency of process regardless of whether a student has an advocate who would perform the cross examination. Students can point out any false, misleading, or erroneous statements to the Panel and request that Panel seek clarification on those points. The Panel can then assess the credibility of the responses of all parties, without the risk of intimidating either a Complainant or a Respondent. This is consistent with UNC system policy, which notes that the student conduct systems at its constituent institutions should "remain non-adversarial; reflect community values, university policies, and Board of Governors standards; and provide for the respect and consideration of all participants."

2. Do our students at least the get benefit of the preponderance of evidence standard no matter what they are charged with or how serious it is? Because if they don't, doesn't that mean there's no presumption of innocence?

Yes, students get the "benefit of the preponderance of evidence standard no matter what they are charged with or how serious it is. The conduct system reviewed in the Report established, consistent with UNC System policy requirements, that the standard of proof be "preponderance of the evidence". This provision was not revised when the Code of Conduct was modified to adopting the more stream-lined hearing process suggested by the Report. Section 5.1.3 states:

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Because the Conduct system emphasizes student education, growth and development, it is distinguishable from criminal or civil legal proceedings. Therefore, the standard of "more likely than not" (preponderance of the evidence) is sufficient to assess responsibility and assign developmentally appropriate educational and/or disciplinary sanctions. With respect to the "presumption of innocence", all Respondents have the right to an objective and impartial evaluation of the complaints, and to present and respond to information presented regarding her/his conduct, as outlined in section 4.1.

3. If a witness in a disciplinary hearing is someone's roommate are they allowed to talk to him or her before the hearing?

Yes. Provided that the University has not issued an administrative no-contact ban to the Respondent with respect to a particular witness as outlined in section 3.1 (to preserve the safety and well-being of the ECU community), and the conversation between a Respondent and the witness is not intended to "coach[], intimidat[e], retailiat[e] against, or otherwise influenc[e]" a participant in the conduct process as prohibited in Section 2.14, roommates are not prevented from speaking even if the roommate is a witness in a disciplinary hearing. The recommendation on page 8 of the Report is one against "witness tampering," and the Code of Conduct was not revised based on this particular recommendation. Instead, the Committee charged with suggesting revision based on the Report's recommendations believed that section 2.14, "Hindering the University Conduct Process," adequately addressed this concern. In addition, all participants in the conduct process are reminded that the University does not tolerate retaliation, as outlined in section 5.2.2.

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