OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Administrative Council Meeting December 1, 1987

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DATE December 2, 1987

Calendar Items

Friday, January 8, 9:30 a.m., Board of Governors meeting, General Administration Building, Chapel Hill

Tuesday, January 26, 1:30 p.m., Administrative Council meeting, General Administration Building, Chapel Hill

Action Items

Vice President Joyner pointed out that requests for capital improvements were due in the President's office December 1. He asked that those campuses that had not yet submitted requests do so right away.

Mr. Joyner said matters that needed to be considered by the Committee on Budget and Finance prior to the January meeting of the Board of Governors should be received in the President's office by December 15.

Mr. Joyner pointed out that there are more than 30 study committees or study commissions of the General Assembly, many of which are dealing with matters that relate to higher education. He asked that Chancellors make a special effort to keep the President's office closely informed of requested appearances by faculty and staff members before those committees or commissions.

Other Matters Discussed

1. The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Carson, talked with the Chancellors about the philosophy of the Board in adopting policies that pertain to all the campuses. He pointed out that in the past the Board had felt some system-wide policies were needed in the area of tenure and in the area of intercollegiate athletics. Recently the Board had concluded that system-wide policies would also be helpful in the area of drugs. Mr. Carson then called on Mr. Whichard, Chairman of the Committee on Drug Policy, to review the current recommendations of the committee.

Mr. Whichard described the work of the committee and explained the way in which faculty members, students and others had been involved in developing a draft policy. Special attention was devoted to the suggestions that had been made by the Faculty Assembly. The draft policy that will be considered by the

committee in December and by the full Board in January was distributed to the Chancellors, and their comments were solicited.

Vice President Carroll distributed to the Chancellors an outline of the new criteria for accreditation adopted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He said procedures for evaluating institutional effectiveness should be in place well before any visit by a SACS team. Dr. Carroll urged that Chancellors and other executives of our institutions become more fully involved in the activities of SACS.

Some Chancellors raised the question of whether SACS was becoming too much involved in details. Chancellor Fretwell, Chairman of the Commission on Post-Secondary Accreditation (COPA), said COPA was interested in the general question of how much detail regional accrediting agencies should require of institutions. He suggested that concerns about the Southern Association might be addressed through COPA. He also pointed out that questions had been raised as to whether the Secretary of Education was becoming too heavily involved in accreditation. A number of Chancellors pointed out that the Southern Association had to insist upon a certain level of prescriptiveness in order to avoid abuses.

- 3. Vice President Dawson reviewed the 1987 enrollment report. He pointed out that the number of graduates of North Carolina high schools in 1988 is expected to be about five percent higher than in 1987. This fact will have implications for admissions officers.
- 4. Vice President Joyner called attention to the recent Administrative Memorandum that the President had sent out on vending. He pointed out that the number of reports had been reduced to one a year but that the definition of vending had been greatly broadened.
- 5. Mr. Joyner discussed the possible approaches that the Governor and the General Assembly might take to budgetary matters in 1988.
- 6. The President pointed out that this was the last meeting of the Administrative Council for Chancellor Lyons, who was leaving Fayetteville State for a year in Washington, and for Mr. Kennedy, who was retiring December 31 as Secretary of the University. They were given a round of applause.

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