

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT Administrative Council Meeting
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Calendar Items

- March 1 - 3:00 p.m. Legislative hearing in support of the University's supplemental budget submission.
- March 6 - 8:30 a.m. Legislative committee hearing on proposed tuition increases.
- March 16 - 9:30 a.m. Board of Governors meeting on the campus of Pembroke State University. (The meeting scheduled for March 9 has been postponed until March 16.)
- March 27 - 1:30 p.m. Administrative Council.

Items Discussed

Dr. Stedman reviewed plans for the conference, to be held on March 7, of the various organizations concerned with education of the handicapped. He pointed out that the University's productivity of special educators has risen markedly in the past three years; thirteen campuses now have programs in special education or are developing them.

Chancellor Ferguson reported on the visit of the Committee on University Governance to his campus.

Vice-President Carroll reported that committees of the Faculty Assembly are studying two proposals of special interest to the Chancellors. One of these would request the Board of Governors to require that any tenured faculty member who comes up for promotion and is not given it should be supplied with written reasons for his rejection. The other proposal is that a questionnaire be submitted to faculty members asking for their opinions on the extent to which the faculty is influential on the campus.

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Mr. Robinson reviewed a proposal, emanating from the Governor's office, to amend the law so that persons serving on state boards and commissions would be eligible for service also on the Board of Governors or on institutional boards.

Mr. Robinson also reported on meetings of campus representatives to develop policies for those employees who are neither faculty members nor subject to the State Personnel Act. Any proposals developed by this group are to be submitted to the Chancellors for their comments.

Vice-President Joyner thanked the Chancellors for the substantial help they have given in answering the many questions raised by members of the legislative committees considering the University's budget requests.

Vice-President Joyner distributed copies of the supplemental budget request and discussed a number of the items included in it.

Chancellor Brewer expressed concern about the possible loss of federal money, particularly money to support the nursing capitation grants; he felt the state needed to be prepared to tap reserves if the federal funds were reduced.

Mr. McMillan reviewed a number of bills that affect the University. Among those discussed were:

- a bill that, in its original form, would have given the Department of Administration the right to select campus architects and award construction contracts.
- the amended "open meetings law"; this bill has passed the House and is now in a Senate committee.
- a bill, introduced by Representative Greenwood, to require a study designed to show why so many North Carolinians drop out of school and why the state's college-going rate is so low.
- a bill designed to give faculty members longevity pay.
- a bill dealing with the age of retirement for tenured faculty members.
- a bill to raise the debt ceiling of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority.
- bills growing out of the work of the old "Crawford Committee" to restrict use of overhead receipts, to restrict use of lapsed salary money and to prohibit institutions from filling vacant positions.

Mr. McMillan also discussed developments concerning elections to the Board of Governors. He said the House and Senate committees had now "closed their receipt of names." The committees are to bring their nominations to the House and Senate in joint session on March 28, and the election is to take place on March 29.

Dr. King reviewed recent legislative developments concerning aid to private institutions.

The President stated that Mr. Hyde, Secretary of Transportation, had asked whether the institutions could dispense with the help of the state highway patrol at athletic events. Most of the Chancellors expressed alarm at this proposal.

Chancellors of institutions visited by Dr. Mary Berry, Mr. David Tatel and other officials from HEW reported on the visits.



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