ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Administrative Council Meeting July 28, 1992

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Calendar Events

September 11, 1992 - 9:30 a.m. Board of Governors Meeting, General Administration Building, Chapel Hill

September 22, 1992 - 1:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting, General Administration Building, Chapel Hill

Note: No Administrative Council Meeting in August

The Administrative Council met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 1992, in the General Administration Building.

Chancellors in Attendance

All chancellors were present except Chancellor Oxendine.

Information Reports

President Spangler expressed his thanks to the chancellors for their work with members of the General Assembly in its consideration of the proposed bond referendum saying, "What you did ... gives us a tremendous leg-up in March." He also thanked Vice President Robinson for his efforts in the General Assembly and for his success in many areas. Vice President Robinson gave a detailed report of the actions and the concerns of the General Assembly. He discussed three major issues that require attention by the chancellors because of great concern expressed by members of the General Assembly: (1) student fees, (2) graduation rates and teaching loads of faculty members, and (3) tuition for out-of-state students.

He noted, with respect to fees, that the Board of Governors was required to conduct an indepth study of fees during the coming months and that no increase in student fees, other than those to service bonded indebtedness for approved construction projects, could be made until after the study was completed sometime after April 1, 1993. With respect to graduation rates, the Board of Governors must present a plan to improve those rates by February 1993.

With respect to out-of-state students and the concern of the legislature, Vice President Robinson stated that we must do a better job of informing the General Assembly members of the value of out-of-state students to the University's program and to the state.

Vice President Robinson noted a number of accomplishments, including favorable action on several capital budget items, and a return to the schedule adopted earlier for returning a larger percentage of overhead receipts to the University.

The members of the Administrative Council discussed at length the problems associated with the reduction in funds budgeted for salaries based on forced savings attributable to retirements throughout the 1992-93 fiscal year.

Vice President Robinson encouraged the chancellors to visit with local delegations to hear from them their concerns about the universities, and to encourage their trustees to continue their contacts with members of the legislature.

After a short break, Vice President Memory discussed the University's research report and noted continued progress throughout the University in securing research grants. He noted that Debra Stewart, dean of the Graduate School at North Carolina State, would be serving on a federal committee to evaluate the quality of Ph.D. programs throughout the country.

Vice President Joyner reviewed the changes in the budget in detail.

Vice President Joyner noted that the chancellors' budget flexibility reports would be due soon and urged special care in their preparation since these are the first.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

C. D. Spangler, Jr.