Call to Order
The Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Delacy Stith, called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM. He welcomed and greeted all in attendance. Dr. Dixon was asked to explain the present Post Tenure Review (PTR) policy document. Dr. Dixon stated that this document incorporated the suggestions provided by Faculty Senate Executive Committee members and suggestions
provided by other senators. He also stated that the current draft has undergone extensive review during the summer by both the Administration and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Dr. Stith mentioned that the present policy reflects AAUP assertion that it is a faculty process. As a result of discussion of this document the members identified the following concerns:

a) The language needs to be modified in section A (vi) as “to take place no less frequently that every five years” is confusing

b) Section B (ii) should be modified to reflect that in cases in which a department does not have three (3) tenured faculty members, an outside member (or members) from the same school shall be appointed by the tenured faculty of the Department and School in consultation with the Dean.

The body agreed that additional time was needed to review the changes; the senators were asked to send their comments to Dr. Stith at sdstith@mail.ecsu.edu no later than September 25 to be included in the final version.

Dr Stith greeted Chancellor Gilchrist and Interim Vice Chancellor & Provost Ali Khan and invited the Chancellor to address the Faculty Senate. Dr. Gilchrist thanked the faulty for vetting the process and praised the executive committee and Dr. Stith for diligently working on PTR policy on behalf of the faculty. Dr. Gilchrist announced that the Faculty Senate chair, Dr. Stith will be given 50% release time from his teaching work load as he is serving on numerous committees for the University.

Dr. Gilchrist Stated that the forthcoming salary raises were designed to bring additional faculty to the 80th percentile. He went on to explain that some faculty members would get more than others depending on their present status.

Dr. Gilchrist also mentioned that we did not do as well as UNC Charlotte in receiving the GA dollars for recruitment.

Dr. Gilchrist stated that our present mission statement has to be rewritten in preparation for SACS and asked for faculty input by sending comments or suggestions to Ms. Gwendolyn Sanders by September 25. He also emphasized that we need to continue to promote diversity and pay attention to diverse issues, as it is extremely important now. He stressed that we continue to respect and value each other.

There were some questions from the floor concerning the status of previous resolutions passed by the Faculty Senate; rotation of chairs, increasing class size with enrollment expansion, plus/minus grading system etc. Dr. Gilchrist replied that resolutions are being considered and more professors and associate professors will be hired to. He asked the senators to send their suggestions for rotation of Chairs also.

Dr. Ali Khan followed Dr. Gilchrist and explained the time line and process of PTR policy approval. He urged all to send comments on the present document as soon as possible so that a draft would be ready to present to the Board of Trustees during their October meeting. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that the deadline for all comments would be due Wednesday prior to the Administrative Council meeting.
Dr. Stith thanked Drs. Gilchrist and Ali Khan for their participation and continued the meeting agenda.

**Evaluations**
Evaluations for department chairs and deans were discussed. It was stated that the scale used to evaluate deans was questionable. Also, the issue of evaluations of Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Associate or Assistant Vice Chancellors was raised. Dr. Stith asked for suggestions and as a result, a committee on evaluations was formed with Dr. Mary Hellmann volunteering to chair that committee to study various concerns.

**Assessment Committee Report**
Dr. Jeanne Marquitz presented her report on suggested Intellectual Contributions Index and asked the senators to comment in two weeks by September 30, 2008.

**Autonomous Committees**
Dr. Stith asked for nominations for vacant positions on various autonomous committees.

The meeting adjourned with an appeal to send comments on the Vision Statement, PTR Policy, faculty evaluation document, and the elections of departmental senators.

Respectfully Submitted,

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