

Faculty Regent Report to Faculty Senate

October 2, 2023

Dear Senators,

Since our last meeting of Faculty Senate, the Board of Regents has not met. There is likely going to be a special meeting of the Board of Regents regarding a new appointment. The special meeting that will occur will likely be within the next three weeks, possibly by Zoom. The Board of Regents remains on schedule for having their fourth quarterly meeting of the year on Wednesday, November 15.

Expected Special Meeting: The Board of Regents received notification about one week ago from the Board Chair, President, and Regent Juan Castro that Governor Beshear has filled a vacancy on the ECU Board of Regents. Regent Juan Castro had been graciously continuing to serve in that role for the last several months and his service, perspective, and voice will be missed as he has just concluded his term of service on the Board. He has advised me that he will continue to be present and supportive of the students and at many university events. He loves the university and the mission. Now, given that an appointment has been made, the Board is obligated by statute to have a meeting which will include the administration of the oath of office for the new regent, and then to have an election for vice-chair, treasurer, and secretary of the Board. Once more details on the special meeting are provided and the Governor's Office or University Communications shares information on the new appointee, I'll be sure to pass along the details to the Senate and Faculty at-large. No other business is expected for that anticipated special meeting at this time; however, it is possible that something else may arise.

In addition to regular meetings, along with Senate Chair Kay, and Vice Chair Blair, we continue to meet with the Provost on topics raised by the Faculty Senate and shared to me directly or shared with Faculty Senate Executive Leadership. In addition to having Problem Solvers oriented meetings with the Provost, Staff Council Chair, Dr. Caelin Scott, has been helpful in re-establishing meetings between Faculty Senate and Staff Council leadership to further assist in our joint efforts in continually improving the university, including the welfare of the students and all employees. Our first meeting was a productive meeting, and we look forward to further conversations and recommendations from those meetings.

In closing, thank you for your service on Faculty Senate. I am appreciative of the comments, suggestions, and questions you provide that enable me to be a more effective faculty regent. Should you have comments, ideas, or concerns, you may reach out anytime to me by email (jason.marion@ecu.edu) or by phone (513-317-9508).

Sincerely,
Jason