

UNC TOMORROW FORUMS

ECU-UNC TOMORROW FORUM: Tuesday October 30th, 2 pm, location TBA

Mark your calendars!

It is important that ECU Faculty listen and be heard. Faculty ownership of the curriculum is essential to excellent education of our students. Please attend and speak up!

Excerpted from a message dated October 20, 2007 from NC-AAUP President Cat Warren to members from the NC-AAUP (highlights added):

As forums are held across the state as part of the UNC Tomorrow initiative, 200 to 300 community members and leaders are showing up to tell the commission what the UNC system needs to be doing for the future of North Carolina. One of the professors on the Scholars Council, UNC-G Prof. Keith Debbage, recently wrote this in the Greensboro News-Record:

"President Bowles would like the UNC system to become more demand-driven and more attuned to the needs of the state's rapidly changing economy. He wants it to listen better to its customers and to reach a broader slice of the state's population. He also has made it clear that addressing the state's economic development needs will be a central objective for the system."

Erskine Bowles [full text of memo on next page] notes that UNC cannot move forward with any plan without faculty "understanding, support and ownership of the process."

I think ownership of the process is critical -- faculty need to both listen carefully and speak clearly. . . . I hope that a number of you will consider attending a locally scheduled forum. . . . This is about the future of public higher education in North Carolina; UNC faculty need to be central to this initiative.

Visit the UNC Tomorrow web site (<http://www.nctomorrow.org/>) for more details - including summaries input received at the various campus forums.



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TO: The Chancellors
FROM: Erskine Bowles *EIBB*
RE: UNC Tomorrow Faculty Listening Forums

Chancellors:

Based on recent feedback we have received from faculty across the University, as well as from some of you, the University of North Carolina Tomorrow team and I have concluded that we should hold a series of faculty-focused listening forums over the next few weeks. Our faculty are absolutely essential to the long-term success of this initiative, and we cannot move forward without their understanding, support, and ownership of the process.

It is also important to me personally that our Scholars Council spend time sharing with the faculty what we all have heard from the people of North Carolina during our community listening forums, and in turn offer them the opportunity to share their own thoughts and suggestions about what we have heard. At each of these faculty forums, members of the Scholars Council will make short presentations to their faculty peers before inviting open comment.

We have attached a listening forum schedule for your information and use. Please help us make your faculty aware of this important opportunity and encourage them to attend a forum scheduled on your campus or in your region. We both need and value their input.