I. Call to Order
Senator Johnnie Eastwood welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Senator Eastwood explained that Senator Daughtry and Senator Pantelidis would not be present at meeting because they were attending the University Budget Task Force Meeting and that Senator Williams would be filling in for Senator Pantelidis as Secretary for today’s meeting.

II. Roll Call
A roll call was performed by Senator Mary Susan Williams

III. Approval of Minutes
Senator Mary Susan Williams reported that the minutes from the January 22, 2009 meeting were distributed to members via ECU Staff Official. The minutes of January 22, 2009 were approved as written.

IV. Treasurer’s Report
No report was given at meeting due to the absence of Senator Bristol, however Senator Bristol e-mailed financial positions for December 2008, January 2009 and February 2009 to senators on February 19, 2009.

V. Standing Committee Reports: See individual committee reports attached

VI. Old Business
A. Staff Senate By-Laws Discussion and Vote – Senator Johnnie Eastwood
a) Senator Eastwood initiated discussion and review regarding the proposed by-law changes. Items # 1-3 were discussed at January 22, 2009 meeting and were revisited at February meeting.

Item 1: Proposed changes were voted on and approved as written February 19, 2009.

Item 2: Discussion and suggestion:
1. Terms of office should parallel UNC Assembly Terms
2. Suggestion was made to table Item 2 for further discussion

b) Items # 4 – 11 were discussed.

Item 5:
1. Must have term limits for Executive Committee
2. Annual term limits for Executive Committee need to be more than a year for continuity purposes
3. Must have tenure on senate before being elected as a member of Executive Committee
4. Suggestion was made to extend term limits for Executive Committee
5. Terms for entire senate need to be discussed
6. Concern that extended term limits for Executive Committee would cause favoritism and cause EC to become stagnant

Item 6: No Comments

Item 6a: added due to duplication of item numbers
Suggestion was made to elect 3 senators to be delegates for UNC General Assembly

Item 7: No discussion

Item 8: No discussion

Item 9: No discussion

Item 10: Suggested wording change in item #4

Item 11: No discussion

c) A vote was taken on item # 1 and passed. It was decided by senate body that more discussion and revisions were needed on other items. Further discussion of proposed by-law changes were tabled until March meeting.

VII. New Business
A. Staff Senate Meeting Changes – Senator Eastwood explained that Senator Daughtry had proposed changes to the March and April Senate meetings. Senator Daughtry and Senator Pantelidis are serving on the University Budget Task Force which meets every Thursday
causing a conflict with Senate Meetings. Proposed changes were discussed 3 senators discussed conflicts with changing meeting dates.

B. State Health Plan Information – John Toller
Mr. Toller discussed that information regarding the NC State Health Plan would be a topic of discussion on the evening news on WRAL channel 5 – Raleigh Station. The state health plan is in a very critical situation which could possible cause an increase in premiums and a decrease in covered services. More information can be found at newsobserver.com.

VIII. Announcements:
B. Next Staff Senate Meeting will be held on March 19, 2009 from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, Willis Building.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm