

DR. COURTNEY T. HACKNEY
Director of the Coastal Biology Program
Professor of Biology

It is the recommendation of the Chair and Faculty of the Department of Biology, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, that Dr. Courtney T. Hackney be appointed as a tenured Professor of Biology and Director of the newly formed Coastal Biology Program, effective 2 January 2008.

Dr. Hackney earned his Ph.D. in Zoology from Mississippi State University (MSU), a Master of Science in Biology at Emory University, and a Bachelor's from the University of South Alabama. He also completed a year of postdoctoral work at MSU. He is currently a tenured Professor of Biology and Marine Ecology at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, where he has been since 1980. Some highlights of Dr. Hackney's teaching expertise include graduate level courses in Estuarine Biology, Coastal Ecosystems, and Wetlands of the United States. He has been major advisor to 20 successful graduate students and was a graduate committee member for 59 other students.

Dr. Hackney has an extensive scholarship record including 56 refereed published manuscripts, three books, eight book chapters, and one edited book. He has been principle investigator (sometimes with others) on grants and contracts totaling nearly \$4,000,000.00 throughout his career, with awards coming from such notable agencies as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

Dr. Hackney has served as Associate Editor for the journal *Estuaries* and as Technical Editor for the journal *Wetlands*. He has also served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Southeastern Section of the Ecological Society of America and as President and Vice-President of the Society of Wetland Scientists. He has been reappointed by three different governors to the North Carolina Resources Commission, and in 2004 was appointed as Chair of that Commission. Also in 2004 Dr. Hackney was appointed to the Environmental Advisory Board of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Throughout his career he has served on review panels for NSF, CalFed, and the EPA.

The Department of Biology voted overwhelmingly to extend tenure as a condition of employment for Dr. Hackney. He will bring the leadership and direction necessary for the development and continuation of our new flagship Coastal Biology Program.