

Faculty Council Minutes – April 25, 2013

Members Present:

FEC: Ed Jernigan (Faculty President), Eddy Souffrant (President Elect), Judy Walker (Secretary), Michael Green (Past President), Jeff Shears (Health & Human Services), Margaret Morgan (Liberal Arts & Sciences), Susan Peters (Liberal Arts & Sciences), Heather McCullough (Library)

Faculty Reps: Casper Wiggins (Accounting), Dennis Ogburn (Anthropology), Susan Sell (Bioinformatics & Genomics), Jian Zhang (Biology), Xiuli He (Business Info. Sys. & Oper. Mgmt.), Tom Schmedake (Chemistry), Jim Bowen (Civil & Environmental Engineering), Richard Leeman (Communication Studies), Kok-Mun Ng (Counseling), Bruce Arrigo (Criminal Justice + Criminology), Ellen Sewell (Economics), Sandra Dika (Educational Leadership), Liz Miller (English), Keener Hughen (Finance), John Diemer (Geography & Earth Sciences), John Cox (Global, Intl., & Area Studies), Sonya Ramsey (History), Roy Fielding (Kinesiology), Yuanan Diao (Mathematics & Statistics), Jay Grymes (Music), Eddy Souffrant (Philosophy), Vasily Astratov (Physics & Optical Science), Beth Racine (Public Health Sciences), Kate Popejoy (Reading & Elementary Education), Susan McCarter (Social Work), JaneDiane Smith (Special Education & Child Dev.), Steven Stines (Theatre)

Ex-officio: Phil Dubois (Chancellor), Joan Lorden (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), Stanley Wilder (University Librarian), Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School), Daryl Kerr (Dean, College of Business), Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education), Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering), Nancy Fey-Yensan (Dean, College Health & Human Services), Banita Brown (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences), John Smail (Dean, University College)

Also Attending: Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs), Jay Raja (Academic Affairs), Tamara Johnson (Academic Affairs), Cindy Wolf Johnson (Academic Services), Susan Sell (Graduate School), Janet Daniel (OASES), Christopher Knauer (Registrar), Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center), Chuck Price (Information & Tech. Services), Melba Spooner (College of Education), Amanda Macon (College of Education), Alan Shoho (Chancellor's Office)

Members Absent:

FEC: Randy Haldeman (Arts + Architecture), Chandra Subramaniam (Business), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Computing & Informatics), Chance Lewis (Education), Ed Stokes (Engineering), Alan Freitag (Liberal Arts & Sciences),

Faculty Reps: Veronica Hilliard (Africana Studies), Mary Tuma (Art & Art History), Taghi Mostafavi (Computer Science), Kim Jones (Dance), Arindam Mukherjee (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Carlos Orozco (Engineering Technology & Construction Management), Carlos Coria (Languages & Culture Studies), Betty Ladner (Library), Rick Conboy (Management), Linda Swayne (Marketing), Nigel Zheng (Mechanical Engineering & Engr. Sci.), Paul Fitchett (Middle, Secondary & K-12 Educ.), James Walsh (Political Science & Public Admin.), Charlie Reeve (Psychology), Julia Marie Robinson (Dr. Rob) (Religious Studies), Jeff Balmer (School of Architecture), Lucille Travis (School of Nursing), Stephanie Moller (Sociology), Heather Lipford (Software & Information Systems)

Meeting was called to order by President Jernigan at 12:26 PM

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting of the Faculty Council

- McCullough moved and Fielding seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to Award Degrees

- The following motion was forwarded by the Faculty Executive Committee from Provost Lorden
I move that, consistent with the Board of Trustees' Resolution on May 5, 1980, the Faculty recommend to the Chancellor that appropriate degrees can be conferred on all candidates who have met the established requirements of the Faculty since December and that the degrees have an award date of May 2013.
- Morgan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Motion from the Faculty Employment Status Committee (FESC)

- The FESC moved to approve the newly rewritten draft of “Job Responsibilities and Essential Duties for Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty”. The draft was distributed to the Faculty Council with the meeting agenda.
- Souffrant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Proposal from the Faculty Research Grants Committee (FRGC)

- The FRGC moved that the Faculty Council adopt the following proposal - *Library Faculty be eligible to apply for FRG starting in the academic year 2013-2014 (FRG program year 2014-2015). Associate and Full Professors will be considered senior faculty; however, new library faculty Assistant Professors would not be eligible to resubmit their proposals in the Spring round as are first- and second-year assistant professors whose proposals were not funded during the fall competition. Rationale for this proposal was distributed with the meeting agenda.*
- The FEC recommended that the proposal be amended as follows: All full-time Faculty members with the title of Assistant Professor or higher whose job description includes professional expectations for research are eligible to apply.
- Popejoy seconded the motion with the FEC recommendation included.
- *Question:* Will the pool of money remain the same? Considering the current budget restraints the Provost indicated the pool would probably remain the same.
- The motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed revisions to University Professor Designation Policy and Procedure

- The FEC forwarded a request from the Provost that the Faculty Council adopt revisions made to the University Professor Designation Policy and Procedure, which was originally adopted by the FC in February 2012. A copy of the revised document was distributed with the meeting agenda. Popejoy seconded the motion.
- *Background:* This past year a committee chaired by Dr. Farahi used the original policy and procedures to review a nomination. The committee’s experience led them to suggest the document be amended. The new document separates policy and procedure and is responsive to the committee’s suggestions.
- The FC voted unanimously to adopt the revised document.

6. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Philip Dubois)

- Last Tuesday the Chancellor attended the City Council meeting to discuss light rail issues especially the plan to bury utilities along North Tryon (Rt. 29). The University’s property line will be pushed back about 60 feet.
 - Now that the issues are settled we can now address what the entrance will look like and what we will do to the property we own on North Tryon St. He showed a graphic what is being proposed for the entrances off of N. Tryon. The design mimics what is on University City Blvd. (Rt. 49) but on a smaller scale.
 - The Foundation owns the property along North Tryon from the Portal building currently under construction to almost to the University Hospital. We are going to start to plan for a hotel and conference center in that area.
 - We don’t yet have a price tag or timeline for these projects. A lot will depend on when CATS gets their construction done. Current proposed opening of the light rail is early 2017.
- Football scrimmage weekend went very well with a full house.

- Budget reexamination is continuing. The group involved in this project has expanded well beyond the Chancellor's cabinet.
- There is a house bill about guns on college campus, which passed by the judiciary committee. It would allow anyone with concealed gun license to bring the gun on campus but it must be kept locked in the car. A provision that would allow employees living on campus to have a gun but must be locked up was amended out of the bill. Chancellor Dubois and chancellors from other institutions heartily objected to this bill and have made their opinions known to President Ross.
- In the strategic initiative, which was passed earlier this year there was a section about reviewing of mission statements. Since UNC Charlotte's mission statement was revised just a few years ago and the University is not expanding our programs, Dubois recommended to the Board of Governors that we not revise our mission. The Board agrees, so he will go to state and ask that we not be required to revise the statement. Only stipulation the General Administration asks is that we make sure SACS approves the statement. Since SACS was just here and they did not have any comments about the mission statement, we assume they approve of it.
- The Chancellor distributed a copy of the governor's budget. What followed was a robust discussion of the document, which is only the beginning of the budgeting process. The Senate will issue their budget, then the house. It will then go to conference and finally the governor will sign it.

7. Report of the Provost (Dr. Joan Lorden)

- IT Master Plan
 - There is a web site - itmasterplan.uncc.edu – that has updated information about the master plan for the next five years.
 - The plan is being developed in phases. The first phase, assessment of what currently exists, has already taken place. We are in phase 2 which is benchmarking us with our peer institutions and the final phase 3 will analyze the data and identify the gaps and develop the five year plan.
- General Administration (GA) and Board of Governors (BoG) update
 - Fostering Student Success was passed by the GA and BoG. The regulations that were developed this year are now on President Ross' desk waiting for his signature. They will go into effect over the summer. The Faculty Academic Planning and Standards Committee will have to take action on them next year.
 - GA taskforces have started to meet. There are three of them.
 - General Education Group. Dr. Kim Harris and Provost Lorden will represent UNC Charlotte on this committee. It is a large group with a lot of faculty and has a rather substantial workload. Essentially they are to identify a small number of core competencies that would be common across all campuses. They also need to determine how to assess whether students are developing these core competencies.
 - The section size group will try to determine optimal section size for different levels and disciplines.
 - The e-learning group will look at the qualifications and preparation of faculty teaching online courses.
 - Re-examination of Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. They are trying to arrive at 30 credit hours that can be accepted as general education across all campus. UNC Charlotte already accepts most everything, but there are some disciplines at other institution are not satisfied with the agreement.

- Early College High School on Campus
 - In the past there was discussion with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) about having a K-8 school on campus.
 - The discussion has shifted and CMS is now interested in having a high school on campus. This would be associated the NC New Schools Project, originally a Gates Foundation Project. It was embraced by former Governor Easley and several other campuses in the state. They are also referred to as Middle Colleges or Early College High Schools. They are usually very specialized high schools. Our discussions have been focusing on developing a STEM High School.
 - As a result of these discussions New Schools Project is considering using UNC Charlotte as a hub for training K-12 teachers in STEM disciplines.
- The Provost presented two awards.
 - Departmental Teaching Award was presented to the Department of Communications.
 - Undergraduate Academic Advising Award was presented to the Office of Teacher Education, Advising, Licensure and Recruiting (TEAL-R) in the College of Education.
- The Provost expressed her thanks and appreciation to President Jernigan for his hard work and to those who served as Faculty Council Representatives.

8. Report of the President Elect (Dr. Eddy Souffrant)

- Election results are now available on the Faculty Governance Web site.
- Faculty Assembly Legislature Day was a success, but we still have to educate the new legislators about the important role UNC institutions play in the state's economy.
- Souffrant also thanked President Jernigan for his service this year and presented him with a plaque.

9. Report of the President (Dr. Ed Jernigan)

- Jernigan indicated reports from 21 standing committees are coming in and would be posted on the Faculty Governance site.
- He also thanked the Faculty Council Representatives and those who served on the Faculty Executive Committee for all their work.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Judy Walker, Faculty Secretary