

Faculty Council

Minutes of February 13, 2020 Meeting

Voting Members Present

(Ex Officio): Joel Avrin (President); Debra Smith (Secretary); Charles Bodkin (FEC, COB); Jay Wu (FEC, COE); Susan McCarter (FEC, CHHS); Beth Whitaker (FEC, CLAS); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs); Jennifer Troyer (COB Interim Dean); Min Shin (On behalf of CCI Dean); Teresa Petty (COED Interim Dean); Nancy Gutierrez (CLAS Dean); Tom Reynolds (Graduate School Dean); Anne Moore (Library Dean); John Smail (UCOL Dean)

(Unit Representatives): Debra Smith (AFRS); Dennis Ogburn (ANTH); Cory Brouwer (BINF); Melanie Harris (BIOL); Ram Kumar (BISOM); Jay Troutman (CHEM); Melody Dixon-Brown (COMM); Zbyszek Ras (ITCS); Jack Culbreth (CSLG); Sam DeWitt (CJUS); Doug Hague (DTSC); Sukumar Kamalasadana (ETCM); Weimin Wang (ECGR); Yilei Zhang (FINN); Craig Allan (GYES); Amal Khoury (GIAS); David Boyd (LACS); Karen Ford-Eickhoff (MGMT); Charles Bodkin (MKTG); Shaoyu Li (MATH); Warren DiBiase (MDSK); Florence Okoro (SON); Ben Stickels (PAS); Lisa Rasmussen (PHIL); Tsing-Hua Her (PHYS); James Douglas (POLS); Amy Canevello (PSYC); Lauren Wallace (PHS); Anne Cash (REEL); Kent Brintnall (RELS); Phil Rutledge (SOCY); Tonya Frevert (ITIS); Shawnee Wakeman (SPED); David Fillmore (THEA); Amy Colombo (WRDS)

Voting Members Absent

(Ex Officio): Gretchen Alterowitz (FEC, COAA); Mohamed Shehab (FEC, CCI); Drew Polly (FEC, COED); Jen Hartman (FEC, CLAS); James Tabor (FEC, CLAS); Ryan Harris (FEC, LIB); Rick Tankersley (Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development); Kevin Bailey (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs); Brook Muller (COAA Dean); Robert Johnson (COE Dean); Catrine Tudor-Locke (CHHS Dean)

(Unit Representatives): Paul Tanyi (ACCT); John Hukka (AERO); Kelly Carlson-Reddig (SOA); Bonnie Noble (ARTS); Brett Tempest (CEGR); Tamara Williams (DANC); Ellen Sewell (ECON); Ayesha Sadaf (EDLD); Bryn Chancellor (ENGL); Dan Dupre (HIST); Jeff Barto (KNES); Katie Howell (LIB); Regina Vrikkis (MEES); Stephan Hobbs (MSCI); Shawn Smith (MUSC); Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Ertunga Ozelkan (SEEM)

Also Present (but Not Voting)

Leslie Zenk (Academic Affairs); Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs); Cathy Blat (College of Engineering); Jody Cebina (Distance Education); Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management); Todd Steck (Faculty Ombuds); Beth Rugg (ITS); Jesh Humphrey (Legal Affairs); Sam Sears (Legal Affairs); Jon Reece (Registrar)

(Attendance chart attached)

The meeting began at 1:00 P.M.

Faculty President Avrin announced a slight agenda reorder. The Report of the Chancellor will move up from agenda item #6 to agenda item #1.

1. **Report of the Chancellor.** Chancellor Dubois gave the following report:
 - Let's talk enrollment and the consequences for our budget. The shooting has impacted our enrollment numbers. Enrollment in the Graduate School has been well and has offset some of the loss. There has also been a decline in transfer students from community colleges likely do to the economy. We will not be at our high of enrollment in Fall 2018. Budget funding is based on actual enrollment. We will not have a budget reduction this year, as it is based on enrollment from 2018. We will have a reduction in tuition collection. I have asked for a three-year window to get our enrollment back to our norm.
 - When we built the current Belk Plaza, we only built half of the plaza. It may be about \$2 million to finish Belk Plaza. A design jury and advisory committee will send call to architecture teams for memorial. There are faculty, staff, deans, and students on that advisory committee.
 - There will be an on campus memorial at 2:00 P.M. on April 30th. At 5:40 P.M. there will be a bell ringing.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Faculty Council.** No discussion ensued. Ford-Eickhoff moved to approve the minutes. Allan seconded the motion. The minutes for the January 9, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. **Request to Award Degree in Memoriam to Aleksi Kinnunen.** Allan moved to approve the request. Dixon seconded the motion. The request to award a degree in memoriam to Aleksi Kinnunen was approved unanimously.

4. **Request to Award Degree in Memoriam to Parth Patel.** Ford-Eickhoff moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded. The request to award a degree in memoriam to Parth Patel was approved unanimously.

5. **Proposed Changes to Procedures for Resolving Faculty Grievances.** Avrin indicated that Faculty Ombuds Todd Steck was present to answer any questions. No questions were raised. Hague moved to approve the requested changes. Allan seconded the motion. The motion to approve the requested revisions to the Procedures for Resolving Faculty Grievances and advance to the Board of Trustees was approved unanimously.

6. **Proposed Changes to Faculty Council Consent Calendar.** Whitaker moved to approve. Hague seconded the motion. The motion to approve the requested revisions to the Standing Rules of the Faculty Council were approved unanimously.

7. **Report of the Provost.** Provost Lorden provided the following report:

- The Belk College of Business did an excellent job with the Barnhardt Seminar on Ethics and the World of Business.
- Pulitzer Prize-winning science writer and journalist Elizabeth Kolbert is coming on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. She will be a terrific speaker for the TIAA Lecture.
- I sent a thank you note to the Faculty. We had 90% participation with early alerts. Hopefully we will also get on-time submission of grades too.
- B.S. in Data Science, M.S. in Computer Engineering are working their way through the process. Being reviewed by the UNC System and might be approved by the end of the academic year. I'm hopeful.
- The decline in transfer students is fairly significant. We need to continue to look at how to make transition into our programs by transfer students as smooth as possible.
- Next week is the student success summit. In trying to get students into a major, we need to find any barriers to entry. We need to study and find best methods to get students into and then through their areas of study. We have made a lot of progress, and need to find ways to keep that movement going.
- We hired Aimee Hawkins, our Director of Communications, about a year ago. She has given thought to how to get the word out on the good work faculty are doing. We will be putting together a podcast. We will produce better stories about the work of our faculty. Trying to translate some of what we do for the public. To build an academic reputation, we need to let students and the public know what we are doing.

8. **Report of the President.** Faculty President Joel Avrin said he agreed with the Provost that it is important we disseminate to the public the many great contributions our faculty have made to the region.

9. **New Business.** None.

Dixon moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Matthew Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant

(Attendance chart attached)

Unit/Title	Representative	Present (Initial)	Alternate	Present (Initial)
Faculty Executive Committee Members (ex-officio)				
Faculty President	Joel Avrin	X	n/a	
Past President	-		n/a	
Secretary	Debra Smith	X	n/a	
Arts + Architecture	Gretchen Alterowitz		Angela Rajagopalan	
Business	Charles Bodkin	X	Chandra Subramaniam	
Computing & Informatics	Mohamed Shehab		Srinivas Akella	
Education	Drew Polly		Dawson Hancock	
Engineering	Jay Wu	X	Sukumar Kamalasan	
Health & Human Services	Susan McCarter	X	Travis Hales	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Jen Hartman		Jen Munroe	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Beth Whitaker	X	Dale Grote	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	James Tabor		<i>vacant</i>	
Library	Ryan Harris		Katie Howell	
Chancellors and Deans (ex-officio)				
Chancellor	Phil Dubois	X		
Provost and Vice Chancellor for AA	Joan Lorden	X		
Vice Chancellor for Research & Econ Dev	Rick Tankersley			
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Kevin Bailey			
Dean, College of Arts + Architecture	Brook Muller			
Dean, College of Business	Jennifer Troyer	X		
Dean, College of Computing & Informatics	Fatma Mili		Min Shin	X
Dean, College of Education	Teresa Petty	X		
Dean, College of Engineering	Robert Johnson			
Dean, College of Health & Human Svcs.	Catrine Tudor-Locke			
Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	Nancy Gutierrez	X		
Dean, Graduate School	Tom Reynolds	X		
Dean, Library	Anne Moore	X		
Dean, University College	John Smail	X		
Academic Unit Representatives				
Accountancy	Paul Tanyi		Marcia Watson	
Aerospace Studies	John Hukka		Bret Peters	
Africana Studies	Debra Smith	X	Veronica Robinson	
Anthropology	Dennis Ogburn	X	Catherine Fuentes	
Architecture	Kelly Carlson-Reddig		<i>vacant</i>	
Art & Art History	Bonnie Noble		Eldred Hudson	
Bioinformatics & Genomics	Cory Brouwer	X	Robert Reid	
Biological Sciences	Melanie Harris	X	Matt Parrow	
Business Info. Systems & Oper. Mgmt.	Ram Kumar	X	Kexin Zhao	
Chemistry	Jay Troutman	X	Jordan Poler	

Civil & Environmental Engineering	Brett Tempest		Srinivas Pulugurtha	
Communication Studies	Melody Dixon-Brown	X	Craig Paddock	
Computer Science	Zbyszek Ras	X	Taghi Mostafavi	
Counseling	Phyllis Post		Jack Culbreth	X
Criminal Justice + Criminology	Sam Dewitt	X	Bruce Arrigo	
Dance	Tamara Williams		Marissa Nesbit	
Data Science	Doug Hague	X		
Economics	Ellen Sewell		Paul Gaggl	
Educational Leadership	Ayesha Sadaf		Carl Westine	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Sukumar Kamalasan	X	Robert Cox	
Engineering Tech. & Construction Mgmt.	Weimin Wang	X	Jake Smithwick	
English	Bryn Chancellor		Alan Rauch	
Finance	Yilei Zhang	X	Kiplan Womack	
Geography & Earth Sciences	Craig Allan	X	Larianne Collins	
Global, International & Area Studies	Amal Khoury	X	Harry Chernotsky	
History	Dan Dupre		Peter Thorsheim	
Kinesiology	Jeff Barto		David Verrill	
Languages & Culture Studies	David Boyd	X	Anastasia Korolova	
Library	Katie Howell		Jeff McAdams	
Management	Karen Ford-Eickhoff	X	Torsten Pieper	
Marketing	Nima Jalali		Charles Bodkin	X
Mathematics & Statistics	Qingning Zhou		Shaoyu Li	X
Mechanical Engineering & Engr. Sci.	Regina Vrikkis		Nigel Zheng	
Middle, Secondary & K-12 Education	Warren DiBiase	X	Greg Wiggan	
Military Science	Stephan Hobbs		Marcus Craig	
Music	Shawn Smith		Jeremy Marks	
Nursing	Kelly Powers		Florence Okoro	X
Performing Arts Services	Ben Stickels	X	Rick Moll	
Philosophy	Lisa Rasmussen	X	Eddy Souffrant	
Physics & Optical Science	Tsing-Hua Her	X	Shunji Egusa	
Political Science & Public Admin.	James Douglas	X	Joshua Miller	
Psychology	Andrew Case		Amy Canevello	X
Public Health Sciences	Lauren Wallace	X	Lorenzo Hopper	
Reading & Elementary Education	Maryann Mraz		Anne Cash	X
Religious Studies	Kent Brintnall	X	William Sherman	
Social Work	Suzanne Boyd		Shanti Kulkarni	
Sociology	Webster Murray		Philip Rutledge	X
Software & Information Systems	Tonya Frevert	X	Dale-Marie Wilson	
Special Education & Child Development	Kelly Anderson		Shawnee Wakeman	X
Systems Engineering & Engr. Mgmt.	Ertunga Ozelkan		Gary Teng	
Theatre	David Fillmore	X	Mark Pizzato	
Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies	Amy Colombo	X	Justin Cary	