

Faculty Council

Minutes of October 19, 2017 Meeting

Voting Members Present

(Ex Officio): Rich Leeman (President); Lisa Merriweather (Secretary); Alice Tseng (FEC, COB); Ann Gonzalez (FEC, CLAS); Betty Ladner (FEC, LIB); Joan Lorden (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs); Kevin Bailey (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs); Ken Lambla (COAA Dean); Steve Ott (COB Dean); Fatma Mili (CCI Dean); Robert Johnson (COE Dean); Nancy Fey-Yensan (CHHS Dean); Nancy Gutierrez (CLAS Dean); Tom Reynolds (Graduate School Dean); Anne Moore (Library Dean); John Smail (UCOL Dean)

(Unit Representatives): David Kerr (ACCT); Elise Berman (ANTH); Zhongjie Lin (SOA); Lisa Homann (ARTS); Rebekah Rogers (BINF); Bao-Hua Song (BIOL); Kexin Zhao (BISOM); John Risley (CHEM); Kimberly Warren (CEGR); Sayde Brais (COMM); Erik Saule (ITCS); Matt Phillips (CJUS); Gretchen Alterowitz (DANC); Ellen Sewell (ECON); Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell (EDLD); Babak Parkhideh (ECGR); Greg Wickliff (ENGL); Yilei Zhang (FINN); John Diemer (GYES); Amal Houry (GIAS); Erika Edwards (HIST); David Verrill (KNES); Jose Manuel Batista (LACS); Karen Ford-Eickhoff (MGMT); Charles Bodkin (MKTG); Gabor Heteyi (MATH); Paul Fitchett (MDSK); Jonathan Govias (MUSC); Kelly Powers (SON); Phillip McReynolds (PHIL); Tsing-Hua Her (PHYS); Jason Windett (POLS); Alyssa McGonagle (PSYC); Andrew Harver (PHS); Tracy Rock (REEL); Sean McCloud (RELS); Diana Rowan (SOWK); Murray Webster (SOCY); Celine Latulipe (ITIS); Kristen Beach (SPED); Gary Teng (SEEM); Robin Witt (THEA)

Voting Members Absent

(Ex Officio): Delia Neil (FEC, COAA); Cynthia Gibas (FEC, CCI); Charles Wood (FEC, COED); Yesim Sireli (FEC, COE); Mike Turner (FEC, CHHS); Joel Avrin (FEC, CLAS); Justin Conrad (FEC, CLAS); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Bob Wilhelm (Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development); Ellen McIntyre (COED Dean)

(Unit Representatives): John Hukka (AERO); Veronica Robinson (AFRS); Pam Lassiter (CSLG); Jake Smithwick (ETCM); Amanda Binder (LIB); Terence Fagan (MEES); Stephan Hobbs (MSCI)

Also Present (but Not Voting)

Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs); Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Garvey Pyke (CTL); Heather McCullough (CTL); Rick Tankersley (CLAS Associate Dean); Jody Cebina (Distance Education); Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management); Christine Haynes (Graduate Council Chair); Malin Pereira (Honors College); Beth Rugg (ITS); Janet Daniel (OASES); Christopher Knauer (Registrar)

(Attendance chart attached)

- 1. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Faculty Council.** Last meeting mentioned the accolades UNC Wilmington was earning for its service towards its students that are military veterans. It was asked what UNC Wilmington was doing differently from UNC Charlotte. Risley found and would like added to the minutes that UNC Wilmington has an Office of Military Affairs that reports directly to the Chancellor. Risley made a motion to accept minutes with addition and Smail seconded the motion. The minutes for the September 21, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.
- 2. Request to revise Graduate Course Load Policy.** Johnna Watson provided context for the proposed revisions. The policy revisions have been vetted and approved by the Graduate Council. For the most part only the definition of half-time enrollment has changed. It now is required that it be exactly half (or more than half) of full-time enrollment. Half of 9 hours is 4.5 hours or more; we cannot round up from 3 hours as we were previously doing. This request comes as a seconded motion from the FEC. Any discussion? Vote on the motion – The request to revise the Graduate Course Load Policy was approved unanimously.
- 3. Request to revise Baccalaureate Degree Requirements.** Leeman explained the request. Instead of requiring the last 25% (last 30 hours), now it would require at least 25% of the hours and the last substantive hours. Comes as a seconded motion from the FEC. Any discussion? Call for vote – The request to revise the Baccalaureate Degree Requirements was approved unanimously.
- 4. Request to revise Add/Drop Period.** Leeman explained the request. Instead of the eighth calendar day, it will be the sixth business day. The reason for the change is that often in Spring the eighth calendar day lands on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Q: If school is closed for weather is it still considered a business day? Knauer answered: No, we can push the add/drop period back a day. Comes as a seconded motion from the FEC. Vote – The request to revise Add/Drop Period was approved unanimously.
- 5. Presentation by Graduate Student Funding Task Force (Johnna Watson and Rick Tankersley).** The co-chairs of the Graduate Student Funding Task Force, Johnna Watson and Rick Tankersley, presented what the task force is working on. Graduate education at UNC Charlotte has grown steadily over the past decade both doctoral and non-doctoral. Because of the growth it is timely to find ways to adequately fund graduate students and sustain that funding. GASP (Graduate Assistant Support Program) was implemented in 2005 and has greatly helped. The amount of money that supports doctoral students has not kept up with the amount of growth. A new task force was formed to examine the state of graduate student funding at UNC Charlotte. The Graduate Student Funding Task Force has been appointed to examine the state of graduate student funding at UNC Charlotte and make recommendations on two critical aspects of graduate student support: 1)

Securing sustainable and scalable funding for graduate students, and 2) Making effective and efficient use of internal and extramural resources. Campus forums are being held to help us gather information from you. We will be sending the dates of these forums out to you all [[Flyer](#)]. Q: How do we compare to our peer institutions. A: We are lagging a little behind. One thing the task force is looking into is what should be the base level of funding. Q: Is the task force looking into how these assistantships are assigned, to the student or to the college? A: We are. The task force is looking into how do we lower barriers and incentivize.

6. Implementation Recommendations for MWF Schedule. McCloud said everyone he has talked to in the Department of Religious Studies strongly supported these recommendations. Service learning, in addition to clinical and laboratories. Leeman: I will entertain a motion to endorse the memorandum. McCloud made such a motion and Risley seconded. Call to vote – The Implementation Recommendations for MWF Schedule was endorsed unanimously.

7. Report of the Chancellor. The Chancellor is not attending today's meeting.

8. Report of the Provost.

- Provost thanked everyone for their comments on MWF classes. Our goal now is to go forward in the best way we possibly can, since the Chancellor has made the decision. Please remember there was a time when we were on the MWF schedule. I understand there is time and effort on your part to adjust. Thank you for understanding. We will have meetings to see how we can work out various issues that arise from this schedule. We will do what we can to make it as flexible and accommodate you.
- Project Mosaic is ending. The program ran many workshops. When the director stepped down, it gave us an opportunity to see if this is the best use of these funds and how best to support the social sciences. The money has not been assigned to other things; we are still trying to find out how to serve them the best. About a million dollars have been invested since the beginning of the Project Mosaic program. Berman stated Project Mosaic was frustrating as it was mostly supporting quantitative research only, which is not focus of all social sciences.
- There is national interest in the topic of transfer students. Part of the strategic plan is to increase the number of baccalaureate degree holders in the state. There is a big meeting at NC State next week and we will have a delegation of people at that meeting. We met with leadership at CPCC recently. They are recognizing that they need to do more on their end too.
- The Chancellor has talked about our work with CMS schools. The lab school – a requirement by the State legislature – to be up and running by 2019. Would be nice if the requirement

came with checking account, but it did not. A school close to campus might be helpful. Middle schools may be helpful to get students thinking about college early. We are close to having a proposal to show you in possibly Spring semester.

- We have DegreeWorks for undergraduates now. The next step is to use it, as it is intended, to prepare student plans for graduation. CAPP was abandoned because they found it unreliable. We need to make sure the information we put into DegreeWorks is accurate.

9. Report of the President.

- MWF schedule is one thing I have been working on. We will work towards finding ways to make it as flexible as possible. Also important is moving to a 3 day parking pass. 2 days does not make sense if you have MWF schedule. Lorden declared that she has met with the Chancellor and we will be taking this up with Parking Services.
- Free Speech – will be in new business.

10. New Business.

- Leeman shared draft policy Free Speech and Free Expression within the University of North Carolina, which addresses House Bill 527. Leeman said he has received some feedback about the tone of Section II. Not sure I can do much about this. Two aspects we should look into: 1) Section V, Item H – talks about being able to regulate public speech. Important to ask for clarification on this. As classrooms are part of our official duties. 2) The other aspect to look into is Neutrality. The ‘reporting officer’ section is more controversial than a neutrality section (Section III). Is that the neutrality they are talking about or something else? Is there other things our delegation should be paying attention to? Faculty Assembly is focused on disruptions and interruptions. I want to get a better definition of (1) being regulated as we pursue our duties and (2) definition of neutrality. Smail asked what is considered enough for freshman orientation. Leeman said the House Bill passed in June 30, became law on July 31 and the final policy is due in September 2018. There are a number of service learning courses on social justice and that needs to continue.
- Merriweather will talk about the annual review process at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

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	Rich Leeman	X	n/a	
Past President	-		n/a	
Secretary	Lisa Merriweather	X	n/a	
Arts + Architecture	Delia Neil		Angela Rajagopalan	
Business	Alice Tseng	X	Chandra Subramaniam	
Computing & Informatics	Cynthia Gibas		Jing Yang	
Education	Charles Wood		<i>vacant</i>	
Engineering	Yesim Sireli		Gary Teng	
Health & Human Services	Mike Turner		Andrew Harver	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Ann Gonzalez	X	vacant	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Joel Avrin		vacant	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Justin Conrad		Concepcion de Godev	
Library	Betty Ladner	X	Somaly Kim Wu	
Chancellors and Deans (ex-officio)				
Chancellor	Phil Dubois			
Provost and Vice Chancellor for AA	Joan Lorden	X		
Vice Chancellor for Research & Econ Dev	Bob Wilhelm			
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Kevin Bailey	X		
Dean, College of Arts + Architecture	Ken Lambla	X		
Dean, College of Business	Steve Ott	X		
Dean, College of Computing & Informatics	Fatma Mili	X		
Dean, College of Education	Ellen McIntyre		Dawson Hancock	
Dean, College of Engineering	Robert Johnson	X	Ron Smelser	
Dean, College of Health & Human Services	Nancy Fey-Yensan	X		
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	David Kerr	X	Marcia Watson	
Aerospace Studies	John Hukka		Stephen (Blake) Evans	
Africana Studies	Veronica Robinson		Akin Ogundiran	
Anthropology	Elise Berman	X	Gregory Starrett	
Architecture	Zhongjie Lin	X	Chris Beorkrem	
Art & Art History	Lisa Homann	X	Bonnie Noble	
Bioinformatics & Genomics	Rebekah Rogers	X	Mindy Shi	
Biological Sciences	Jian Zhang		Bao-Hua Song	X
Business Info. Systems & Oper. Mgmt.	Kexin Zhao	X	Ram Kumar	
Chemistry	John Risley	X	Joanna Krueger	

Civil & Environmental Engineering	Kimberly Warren	X	Milind Khire	
Communication Studies	Sayde Brais	X	Robin Rothberg	
Computer Science	Erik Saule	X	Taghi Mostafavi	
Counseling	Pam Lassiter		Lyndon Abrams	
Criminal Justice + Criminology	Matt Phillips	X	John Stogner	
Dance	Gretchen Alterowitz	X	Kim Jones	
Economics	Ellen Sewell	X	Paul Gaggl	
Educational Leadership	Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell	X	Rebecca Shore	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Sukumar Kamalasadana		Babak Parkhideh	X
Engineering Tech. & Construction Mgmt.	Jake Smithwick		Nan Byars	
English	Greg Wickliff	X	Ron Lunsford	
Finance	Yilei Zhang	X	Kiplan Womack	
Geography & Earth Sciences	John Diemer	X	Sara Gagne	
Global, International & Area Studies	Amal Houry	X	Harry Chernotsky	
History	Erika Edwards	X	Maren Ehlers	
Kinesiology	Roy Fielding		David Verrill	X
Languages & Culture Studies	Jose Manuel Batista	X	Jordan Bledsoe	
Library	Amanda Binder		Nicole Spoor	
Management	Karen Ford-Eickhoff	X	Ed Jernigan	
Marketing	Charles Bodkin	X	Nima Jalali	
Mathematics & Statistics	Gabor Heteyi	X	Kevin McGoff	
Mechanical Engineering & Engr. Science	Terence Fagan		Praveen Ramaprabhu	
Middle, Secondary & K-12 Education	Heather Coffey		Paul Fitchett	X
Military Science	Stephan Hobbs		Marcus Craig	
Music	Jonathan Govias	X	Fred Spano	
Nursing	Willie Mae Abel		Kelly Powers	X
Philosophy	Phillip McReynolds	X	Michael Kelly	
Physics & Optical Science	Tsing-Hua Her	X	Yildirim Aktas	
Political Science & Public Administration	Jason Windett	X	Jim Walsh	
Psychology	Alyssa McGonagle	X	Jane Gaultney	
Public Health Sciences	Andrew Harver	X	Elena Platonova	
Reading & Elementary Education	Tracy Rock	X	Maryann Mraz	
Religious Studies	Sean McCloud	X	Kathryn Johnson	
Social Work	Diana Rowan	X	Bob Herman-Smith	
Sociology	Murray Webster	X	Stephanie Moller	
Software & Information Systems	Celine Latulipe	X	David Wilson	
Special Education & Child Development	Shawnee Wakeman		Kristen Beach	X
Systems Engineering & Engr. Mgmt.	Gary Teng	X	Ertunga Ozelkan	
Theatre	Robin Witt	X	Carlos Cruz	