# FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes April 24, 2014

**Present** (ex officio): Eddy Souffrant (President); Gregory Starrett (President-Elect); Kim Harris (Secretary); Ed Jernigan (Past President); Chandra Subramaniam (BCOB); Meredith Troutman-Jordan (CHHS); Alan Freitag (CLAS); Heather McCullough (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Daryl Kerr (Belk College of Business); Nancy Fey-Yensan (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); John Smail (Dean, University College)

**Absent**: Jose Gamez (COA+A); Mirsad Hadzikadic (CCI); Chance Lewis (COED); Mehdi Miri (COE); Beth Rubin (CLAS); Paula Eckard (CLAS); Art Jackson (Student Affairs); Stanley Wilder (University Librarian); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts + Architecture); Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Ellen McIntyre (Dean, College of Education); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering)

**Present** (unit representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); Veronica Hilliard (AFRS); Jun-Tao Guo (BINF); Jian Zhang (BIOL); Jing Zhou (BISOM); Jim Bowen (Alternate, CEE); Loril Gossett (COMM); Taghi Mostafavi (CS); Charisse Coston (CJUS); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Craig Depken (Alternate, ECON); Sandra Dika (EDLD); Aba Ebong (Alternate, ECE); Peter Schmidt (Alternate, ETCM); John Diemer (GYES); Roy Fielding (KNES); Bridgette Sanders (LIB); Charles Bodkin (MKTG); Paul Fitchett (MDSK); Dylan Savage (MUSC); Michael Kelly (PHIL); Vasily Astratov (PHYS); John Szmer (POLS); Charlie Reeve (PSYC); Beth Racine (PHS); Ian Binns (REEL); Yuliang Zheng (SIS)

**Absent** (unit representatives): Dean Fitzgerald (AERO); Dennis Ogburn (ANTH); Mary Tuma (ARTS); Joanna Krueger (CHEM); Lyndon Abrams (CSLG); Alan Rauch (ENGL); Keener Hughen (FINN); John Cox (GIAS); Dan Dupre (HIST); Dale Grote (LACS); Janaki Gooty (MGMT); Anthony Fernandes (MATH); Russ Keanini (MEGR); Gary McGinnis (MSCI); Joseph Winters (RELS); Jeff Balmer (SOA); Lucille Travis (SON); Susan McCarter (SOWK); Stephanie Moller (SOCY); Pamela Shue (SPED); Yesim Sireli (SENG); Carlos Cruz (THTR)

Also present: Leslie Zenk (Academic Affairs); Matt Wyse (Academic Affairs); Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Cindy Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Niles Sorenson (Advancement); Judy Rose (Athletics); Brad Lambert (Athletics); J. Garvey Pyke (Center for Teaching and Learning); Dennis McElhoe (Extended Academic Programs); Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management); Brian Cooper (FAPSC Chair); Janet Daniel (OASES); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Robert Jones (Student Health Services); Sharon Thorpe (University Career Center); Cathy Blat (University Center for Academic Excellence); Malin Pereira (Honors College)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, President Souffrant presiding.

#### 1. Approval of the agenda items from the Faculty Council Meeting on 3/27/14

Since there was not a quorum at the March Faculty Council meeting, the Faculty Executive Committee made a motion to ratify the agenda items that were approved at that meeting. Taghi Mostafavi seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

# 2. The faculty of UNC Charlotte presents resolution of appreciation to Athletic Director Judy Rose and Coach Brad Lambert

President Souffrant read the resolution to the Council, and presented it to Athletics Director Judy Rose and Coach Brad Lambert

## 3. Motion from FAPSC to revise the Course Numbering Policy

The Faculty Academic Planning and Standards Committee moved to revise the UNC Charlotte Academic Course Numbering Policy. Chandra Subramaniam seconded the motion. The chair of FAPSC, Brian Cooper, summarized the revisions. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 4. Recommendations from FITSAC to revise policy on Student Evaluations

The Faculty Executive Committee moved to approve the revisions in the policy on Student Evaluations. Ian Binns seconded the motion. The chair of the committee, Drew Polly, explained the revisions reflect the changes in the process that are necessary for the on-line evaluations. Heather gave the history. The motion passed unanimously.

# 5. Recommendation from Hearing Committee to revise Section 4.B.1 of the Standing Rules

The Faculty Executive Committee moved to approve the revisions recommended by the Hearing Committee. Alan Freitag seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

# 6. Feedback on proposed relabeling of University Mission Statement

Chancellor Dubois explained the proposal to revise the University Mission Statement. The Board of Governors reviewed the mission statements from all the universities and did not have any comments on ours. When Chancellor Dubois compared our statement to those from other universities, he found that ours was longer than the others. He is recommending that we only use the first part of the statement as the mission statement and that we re-label the other parts that were still considered important. Beth Rubin made a motion to approve the changes. Roy Fielding seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

# 7. Request to award Posthumous degree

Chandra Subramaniam made a motion to approve the request from the Belk College of Business to award a posthumous degree to Manuel Angel Osuna Orozco. Ed Jernigan seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Roy Fielding made a motion to approve the request from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Noelle N. Dixon. Alan Freitag seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

## 8. UNC Charlotte Campaign Planning (Niles Sorenson, Vice Chancellor of Advancement)

UNC Charlotte's last campaign raised \$115 million and ended in 2005. Now is a good time to look at our next effort. We have been planning the campaign for about a year and a half. The campaign goal is \$285 million. The funds will be used for student scholarships and support, transformative opportunities, college priorities, campus life, and other needs. The campaign will be finished by June 30, 2019.

#### 9. Concussions (Dr. Robert Jones)

Dr. Robert Jones, the Medical Director of UNC Charlotte Student Health Center, spoke about concussions and the potential impacts of concussions on cognitive activity. Dr. Jones recommended that all faculty become familiar with the symptoms of brain injury and the possible accommodations necessary for students when they return to the classroom.

# 10. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Philip Dubois)

- Chancellor Dubois reported that there is no new information about budget and that the Governor seems to be positive about salary increases for teachers and state employees.
- Chancellor Dubois reported on a recent visit to Iredell County at which the attendees showed great support for our university.
- Chancellor Dubois reported that following the death of a student in one of the residence halls, they are asking for modifications to windows so that they can only open at the top. In the interim, we will put in window stops.
- This time of year, we have many opportunities to educate students. Faculty members have an important role in dialoguing with students about these issues related to the Fifth Amendment.

## 11. Report of the Provost (Dr. Joan Lorden)

- The Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching was awarded to the Department of Civil Engineering.
- The Provost's Award for Undergraduate Academic Advising was awarded to the University Advising Center in University College.
- By next year, 90% of new students will be in Prospect for Success classes.
- Provost Lorden commented that this has been a busy year for Faculty Governance, especially FAPSC. She expressed her gratitude to the leadership of Faculty Council and all of our faculty committees.

# 12. Report of the President-Elect

President-Elect Starrett commented on the importance of the role of the Faculty President, and he presented President Souffrant with a plaque to thank him for his service.

# 13. Report of the President (Dr. Eddy Souffrant)

- President Souffrant asked for support from Faculty Council for resolutions approved at Faculty Assembly. The first resolution dealt with the student learning outcomes to be targeted in the assessment process recommended by the General Education Council. Ed Jernigan made a motion to support the resolution. Charles Bodkin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The second resolution dealt with the transparency of financial impacts Chandra Subramaniam made a motion to support the resolution. Ed Jernigan seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- President Souffrant said that it has been an honor to serve the Faculty Council and faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Submitted,

Kim Harris, Secretary

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