

Faculty Council
Cameron Applied Research Center 101
February 16, 2006

Present (ex officio): Rosemary Booth (President), meg Morgan (President Elect) Barry Sherlock (Secretary), Kim Harris (Past President), Warren DiBiase (EDUC), Gary Teng (ENG), Mike Allen (IT), Chuck Hamaker (LIB), Gwen Foss (HHS), Phil dubois (Chancellor), Wayne Walcott for Joan Lorden (Provost), Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School), Amy Dykeman (University Librarian), Ken Lambla (Dean, ARCH), Claude Lilly (Dean, BUS), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, EDUC), Robert Johnson (Dean, ENG), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, IT), Karen Schmaling (Dean, HHS)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH), Cynthia Combs (A & S), William Gay (A & S), John Lincourt (A & S), Charles Bodkin (BUS), Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, A & S),

Present (unit representatives): Cindy Blanthorne(ACCT), Chris Grech (ARCH), David Edgar (ART), Mark Clemens (BIOL), Chandra Subramaniam (BISOM), Johnny Graham (CENG), James Frazier (CS), Lyndon Abrams (COUN), Bruce Arrigo (CJUS), Sybil Huskey (DATH), Ellen Sewell (ECON), Ann McColl (EDLD), Thomas Weldon (ECE), Stephen Kuyath (ET), Jeffrey Leak (ENGL), Walt Martin (GEOG), Steve Sabol (HIST), Tricia Hubbard (KNES), Barbara Tierney (LIB), Joe Quinn (MATH), Harish Cherukuri (MENG), Jay Grymes (MUSC), Dick Toenjes (PHIL), Yasin Raja (PHYS), Bradley Wright (POL), George Demakis (PSYC), Sean McCloud (RELS), Greg Starrett, (SOC/ANTH), Jim Dudley (SOWK), JaneDiane Smith (SPED)

Present (unit alternates): Susan Peters (BIOL), Jonathan Crane (COMM), Jan Janken (FCN), Larissa Huber (HBA), Fumie Kato (LCS), John Michel (MGMT), David Wilson (SIS)

Absent (unit representatives): Deloris Sanders (AHN), Pete Laden (AERO), Veronica Nmoma (AFRS), David Edgar (ART), Thomas DuBois (CHEM), Louis Trosch (FINN), Sunil Erevelles (MKTG), Kim Hartman (MDSK), Robert McCall (MILSCI), Bruce Taylor (REEL)

Also present: Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs), Richard Yount (Registrar), Denise Dwight Smith (Univ. Career Center), Janet Daniel (OASES), Cameron Young (SGA Academic Affairs), Martha Sanburg (UCAE), Chuck Lynch (Student Affairs), Joe Franco (SGA President), Ben Comstock (SGA), Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management), Karin Steinbrenner (ITS), Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

Dr. Rosemary Booth called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm. Dean Calhoun and the College of Education were thanked for providing refreshments. [Applause]

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting of the Faculty Council

Dr. Foss moved and Dr. Harris seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Report on Student Affairs (Dr. Michelle Howard)

Dr. Howard gave a presentation concerning the program areas and services provided by the Dean of Students. Aspects included the handling of student grievances, helping students resolve conflicts with other students or faculty, the code of student responsibility, the code of academic integrity, maintenance of academic integrity records, and the protocol for dealing with the death of a student.

3. Recommendations from FAPSC (Dr. Warren DiBiase)

- (1) A motion from FAPSC recommended making the add/drop day the 8th class day of semester, beginning with Fall 2006. The motion passed unanimously.
- (2) A motion from FAPSC recommended maintaining the current policy regarding midterm unsatisfactory grade reports, but with an appropriately delayed due date. FAPSC felt that these reports were useful and should be continued, and that their importance should be stressed to faculty. The delay in the due date would ensure the availability of an evaluation of student progress. Mr. Kuyath moved and Dr. Allen seconded to return the motion to FAPSC for further recommendation of a specific due date.
- (3) A motion from FAPSC recommended that escrow students under the age of 16 must be accompanied on campus by a parent or guardian. Escrow students are high-school students (often home-schooled) who take courses at university, and the credits go in escrow towards their college education at UNC-Charlotte or elsewhere. We have had requests from persons as young as 12, and there are concerns about their safety while on campus. In response to a question from Dr. Starrett, Dr. Booth confirmed that the parent or guardian would be required to be physically with the child at all times. In response to a question from Dr. Calhoun, Dr. DiBiase said that the escrow student policy would not apply to the proposed early college program to be established on campus. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the 5 year calendar

Dr. Teng moved and Dr. Allen seconded to approve the 5 year calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Dubois thanked the faculty for their very high level of attendance at the Chancellor's installation. He thanked the Department of Music for the work of the choir and the symphony.

The Chancellor's installation remarks will form the basis for future work, and there will be a lot of faculty involvement requested. In the near future, enrollment planning, budget reexamination, and diversity related initiatives will require faculty involvement.

President Bowles has requested the Chancellors to put the strategic directions and objectives in priority order and to link those explicitly to the budget request. Dr. Dubois' recommendation to the President is to bundle the budget requests of the university into a small number of prioritized major categories:

- 1) Human capital: salary increases for faculty and staff, health care package, financial aid for students.
- 2) Infrastructure: repair and renovation for buildings, capital appropriations. (UNC-Charlotte's only request for capital appropriations is the center city classroom building.)
- 3) Operational support: enrollment growth funding. We hope to move enrollment growth funding into the continuation budget, making it less subject to cut than other items.

There is a new director of the State Health Plan, but it is not yet clear whether improvements to dependent care coverage will be made soon.

We have changed the bylaws of the Foundation, with their support, to move toward a committee structure that will get the Board engaged in the work of fundraising. We have formed a governance committee that will recommend the next group of nominees for the Foundation Board. The new Foundation Board will first meet in April. Smokey Bissell has agreed to become the Chairman of the Foundation Board. We are attempting to increase the diversity of the Board.

Beth Hardin will join us on March 1 as Vice Chancellor designate for Business Affairs. She will officially take office May 1.

We are putting together a search committee for a Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs.

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

No report.

7. Report of the President Elect (Dr. Meg Morgan)

Dr. Morgan chairs the Nominations Committee, which will put together a slate of candidates for President Elect of the Faculty, Secretary of the Faculty, and Chairs of some standing committees. Kim Harris and Gwen Foss have volunteered to serve on the Nominations Committee.

As Chair of the Faculty Planning and Budget Committee, Dr. Morgan reported that the Committee had discussed the recent 9.27% tuition increases, and recommends increasing faculty input into budgetary decisions. This committee is also managing the annual evaluation of the Provost. Requests for input will go out around April 1st.

The (system level) Faculty Assembly meets February 17th with Erskine Bowles to present faculty priorities for the University System. These include salary and benefits, support for graduate students, and faculty workload.

8. Report of the President (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

John Bender has decided not to serve a further term as University Mediation Coordinator (UMC). The UMC is appointed by the Faculty Executive Committee and the Faculty President for a 2 year term. Dr. Booth called for nominations for UMC; the due date is Feb. 23.

Textbook orders are due on March 17th.

9. New Business

None

Dr. Morgan moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Sherlock". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Barry Sherlock
Secretary of the Faculty