

Faculty Council
Cameron Research Center 101
February 26, 2009

Present (ex officio): Sonya Hardin (President); Alan Freitag (President Elect); Meg Morgan (Secretary); Kim Harris (Past President); Charles Bodkin (BUS); Barry Wilkinson (C & I); David Binkley (ENG); Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Richard Toenjes (LA & S); Gary Rassel (LA & S); Michele Bissiere (LA & S); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Kent Curran for Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Carole Runnion (Acting University Librarian); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); Joseph Mazzola (Dean, College of Business); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Bill Chu (Interim Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Dennis Long for Karen Schmalig (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARTS & ARCH); Ann McColl (EDUC); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education)

Present (unit representatives): Veronica Nmoma-Walker (AFRS); Janet Levy for Dena Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); John Ford for Maja Godlewska (ART); Dennis Livesay (Bioinformatics & Genomics); Jian Zhang (BIOL); Sunjune Park (BISOM); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Shawn Long (COMM); Taghi Mostafavi (CS); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Anita Blowers (CJUS); Karen Hubbard (DANC); Ted Amato (ECON); Do-Hong Kim for Mickey Dunaway (EDLD); Ed Stokes (ECE); Pilar Blitvich for Tony Scott (ENGL); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Steve Sabol (HIST); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Ed Hopper (LCS); Chuck Haymaker (LIB); Rick Conboy (MGMT); Sunil Erelles (MKTG); Mohammad Kazemi (MATH); Ed Morse for Mesbah Uddin (MENG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Eddy Souffrant (PHIL); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Brad Wright (POLS) Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Cynthia Cassell (PHS); Adriana Medina (REEL); David Mozina (RELS); Marren Coffman (SON); Julie McLaughlin (SOC); Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Yuliang Zheng (SIS); LuAnn Jordan (SPED)

Absent (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT); Scott Rose (AERO); Steve Kuyath (ET); Louis Trosch (FINN); Curtis Lawrence (MILSCI); David Fillmore (THTR)

Also present: Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Jay Dominick (ITS); Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Janet Daniel (OASES); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Valorie McAlpin (Center for Teaching and Learning); Tina McEntire (Admissions); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Cindy Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); David Broome (Legal Affairs); Jesh Humphrey (Legal Affairs); Phillip Brown (Public Relations); Marvin Croy (Philosophy, LMS Committee); Rus Hardin (Enrollment Technologies); Ron Smelser (College of Engineering); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2009 FC meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 Faculty Council meeting was made by Kim Harris and seconded by Eddy Souffrant. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the Five-year Academic Calendar

A motion from FEC to approve the 2010-2011 academic calendar was seconded by Jackie Dienemann. The motion passed unanimously

3. University Mediation Coordinator.

President Hardin announced the Bruce Auerbach will be the University Mediation Coordinator starting immediately.

4. Student Union Advisory Board Alternate. Hardin asked for volunteers to serve as an alternate to the Student Union Advisory Board. Hearing none, she asked delegates to announce the need for an alternate to their departments and email names to her.

5. Evaluation Pilot of Moodle

Dr. Marvin Croy discussed the Moodle pilot by giving a brief history of the project. Over 100 courses and 30 faculty are participating in the pilot this spring. In a survey, faculty who use Moodle say that it is easy to use, offers individualized help, and is open source, so can be adapted to individual use. Faculty who are heavy users of Blackboard Vista and who might want to experiment with Moodle, should contact the Center for Teaching and Learning.

6. Tenured Faculty Performance Review Policy

Kim Harris explained the history of the changes of the UNC Charlotte TFPR document and how the FEC made changes to the document to comply with the Board of Governors revisions. She explained the 10 changes discussed by FEC at its 2/20/2009 meeting. (See FEC Feb 20 Minutes attached). She also said that FESC will discuss more substantive changes to the document next year. In response to a question, she said that the person under review cannot **select** a member for the review committee but could vote for a member to be on it. The motion from FEC to approve the changes was seconded by David Binkley. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report of the Chancellor (Chancellor Philip Dubois)

The Chancellor explained the task of the Budget Council and reported on the following items

- The Governor's most recent reversion is 7%; at UNC Charlotte this is about \$11.6 million. This money has already been set aside and administration is also prepared for higher reversions if they are called for. A dilemma the administration faces is what to do with the set-aside money if the reversion stays at 7%. Unless spent by June 30, it would go back to the state.

- Some students are concerned about recent expenditures on campus in the light of reversions. Many do not understand that money comes in different colors, and that the money spent on projects, such as the Student Union, the SAC Plaza, and the traffic light, does not necessarily come from state monies.

- For next year, the Kennedy building upgrades need to get back on line because the University needs the space. The Department of Insurance has noted the building's lack of fire protection and electrical issues and these must be addressed soon.

- The University is looking to acquire properties for sale around the campus perimeter.

- The University has put on hold some Academic Affairs projects, such as office renovations.

Responses to questions included:

- The University can monitor layoffs but furloughs must come from the state legislature.

- All administrative areas have taken cuts; for example, admissions and financial aid are not getting new positions; in addition, some scholarships, because of the market, are worth less than the money initially received, so they cannot be offered.

8. Report of the Provost (Provost Joan Lorden)

The Provost made the following announcements:

- Work is ongoing to try to meet some of the 21st century skills goals of UNC tomorrow. The Communication Across the Curriculum Task Force (CAC) is working on a plan and vision statement for a new program and will sponsor an Institute on May 7-8. LBST courses will be working collaboratively with ENGL 1103, and there will be a more contiguous program between First Year Composition and Writing in the Disciplines.

- As a result of the budget situation, GA may be willing to put some money into the redesign of large enrollment classes. This redesign may include hybrid courses.

9. Report of the President-Elect (Alan Freitag)

Freitag reported that there will be 14 vacancies on University Committees. He also noted that in this tough budget time, very competent people have guided this University. In addition, he urged the Faculty Council to take advantage of the performing arts activities on campus.

10. Report of the President (Dr. Sonya Hardin)

Hardin thanked the CLAS for the food, and Ed Hopper for his help on the Budget Committee. She introduced Eddy Souffrant who talked about the Summer Institute on Diversity and mentioned that both Lance and Lowes industries will be participants.

A motion was made by Kim Harris to adjourn and seconded by Suzanne Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Meg Morgan

Secretary Pro Tem