

Faculty Council
Cameron Applied Research Center 101
September 21, 2006

Present (ex officio): Meg Morgan (President), Cheryl Brown (President Elect), Blair Rudes (Secretary), Rosemary Booth (Past President), William Gay (A & S), Mike Corwin (A & S), Charles Bodkin (BUS), Warren DiBiase (EDUC), Ken Chen (C & I), Amanda Harmon (LIB), Phil Dubois (Chancellor), Joan Lorden (Provost), Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School), Amy Dykeman (University Librarian), Ken Lambla (Dean, ARCH), Claude Lilly (Dean, BUS), Robert Johnson (Dean, ENG), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, IT), Karen Schmaling (Dean, HHS)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH), Cynthia Combs (A & S), Gary Teng (ENG), Jackie Dienemann (HHS), Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, A & S), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, EDUC)

Present (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT), Scott Rose (AERO), Veronica Walker (AFRS), Doug Cooper (BISOM), Johnny Graham (CENG), Alan Freitag (COMM), Lyndon Abrams (COUN), Beth Bjerregaard (CJUS), Ted Amato (ECON), Erik Porfeli (EDLD), Ed Braun (ET), Jennifer Munroe (ENGL), Walt Martin (GEOG/ES), Jessica Hartos (HBA), Lyman Johnson (HIST), Tricia Hubbard (KNES), Chuck Hamaker (LIB), Ed Jernigan (MGMT), Joe Quinn (MATH), Harish Cherukuri (MENG), Adam Harbaugh (MDSK), Jay Grymes (MUSC), Dick Toenjes (PHIL), Susan Trammell (PHYS), Cheryl Brown (POLS), Ryan Kilmer (PSYC), Sean McCloud (RELS), Sonya Hardin (SON), Murray Webster (SOC/ANTH), Marcia Shobe (SOWK), Yuliang Zheng (SIS), JaneDiane Smith (SPED)

Present (unit alternates): James Frakes (ART), David Fillmore (DATH), Thomas Weldon (ECE), Bruce Taylor (REEL),

Absent (unit representatives): Chris Grech (ARCH), Mark Clemens (BIOL), Thomas DuBois (CHEM), Zachary Wartell (CS), Louis Trosch, Sr. (FINN), Concepcion Godev (LCS), Sunil Erevelles (MKTG), Robert McCall (MILSCI),

Also present: Karin Steinbrenner (Academic Affairs), Charlynn Ross (UCAE), Denise Dwight Smith (Univ. Career Center), Jo Ann Fernald (Disability Services), John Bland (Public Relations), Janet Daniel (Office of Adult Students & Evening Services), Connie Martin (Continuing Education), Anita Blowers (Office of Student Success & Retention), Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services), Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

Dr. Meg Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting of the Faculty Council.

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

2. Presentation on Academic Services (Dr. Cynthia Wolf Johnson)

Dr. Johnson described her experience at UNC Chapel Hill prior to accepting the position as Associate Provost for Academic Services at UNC Charlotte. She then provided an overview of the university programs that fall under her office, as described in a handout circulated to Council members, and introduced directors of the programs who were in attendance at the meeting. Academic Services are provided for all students at the university, not just for the students who are not performing well academically. The emphasis of Academic Services is on student retention and on-time graduation. She called on the members of the Faculty Council to promote and to help improve Academic Services and services.

3. Recommendation to amend the University Marshall Policy (Dr. Joan Lorden)

Dr. Lorden introduced the recommendation to amend the University Marshall Policy and explained that the purpose of the amendment is to provide for greater opportunities for honoring faculty members by changing the wording regard the term of service for University Marshall's from "a term of two years and may, at the pleasure of the Chancellor, be appointed to more than one term" to "a term determined by the Chancellor, but in most cases it will be to serve for one semester and Commencement." The amendment would also provide for the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to advise the Chancellor on the appointment of the University Marshall.

Dr. Toenjes made a motion to approve the revised wording to the University Marshal Policy and Dr. Booth seconded the motion. The motion passed with one negative vote.

4. Greetings & Welcome from the Chancellor (Dr. Phil Dubois)

Dr. Dubois reported that the legislature has approved the construction of new center city classrooms and planning with the architects has begun. There are several more steps to go through before the new classrooms are built and ready for use. The budget process for 2007-2009 is in the works and Dr. Bowles will ask for more money for faculty and student aid.

A task force to study long-range enrollment projections for the campus has been appointed. The mission and vision statements for the campus are under revision.

The Council on University Community has been established and held its first meeting. There is a lot going on in the area of campus safety. The new director of campus police has started an education program. The new campus shuttle system is off and running.

President Bowles will visit the campus on October 18.

Dr. Dubois narrated a PowerPoint summary of the campus budget. The slides from the presentation have been posted in the Chancellor's Outbox at <http://www.administration.uncc.edu/chancellor/outbox.html>

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

Dr. Lorden reported that there are now 21,520 undergraduate students enrolled at UNC Charlotte of whom 2,700 are new freshmen and 1,700 are new transfer students. We have had a 78% retention rate and a 49% graduation rate over the past six years. We are looking at factors affecting retention and graduation. On October 24, targets for retention and graduation will be negotiated with General Administration along with plans for reaching the targets. As one approach to improving the retention and graduation rates, we are discussing the notion of creating a University College for the students who are currently enrolled as COAS undecided majors as a means for providing more focused assistance to these students who have historically had low retention and graduation rates. We are also considering expanding the university honors programs, which are currently too small.

6. Report of the President Elect (Dr. Cheryl Brown)

Dr. Brown extended greetings to the members of the Council.

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

Dr. Morgan reported that she has put together a Parking Committee to look at graduated parking fees and that plans are underway for an assessment of the Liberal Studies program within General Education. It will be an assessment of the program and not of the faculty teaching within the program. We are also planning to develop workshops for faculty administrators on university policies. In addition, Ashley Oster has been asked to work on establishing a public affairs office to coordinate and publicize community service by faculty.

8. New Business

None.

Dr. Brown moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Blair Rudes
Secretary of the Faculty