

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
February 25, 2010

Present (ex officio): Alan Freitag (President); Kim Harris (Secretary); Sonya Hardin (President); Charles Bodkin (President Elect); Bonnie Noble (CAA); Ed Jernigan (BUS); Barry Wilkinson (C&I); Jane Diane Smith (Alternate, COED), David Binkley (ENG); Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Yvette Huet (CLAS); Gregory Weeks (CLAS); Michele Bissiere (CLAS); Dawn Hubbs (Alternate, LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Joseph Mazzola (Dean, College of Business); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent: Ann McColl (EDUC); Stanley Wilder (Librarian); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education); Karen Schmalting (Dean, College of Health & Human Services)

Present (unit representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); Maya Godlewska (ART); Dennis Livesay (BIOINF); Sue Peters (BIOL); Chandra Subramaniam (BISOM); Banita Brown (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Courtney St. Onge (COMM); Taghi Mostafavi (CS); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Lyn Exum (Alternate, CJUS); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Ted Amato (ECON); Richard Hartshorne (EDLD); James Conrad (ECE); Louis Trosch (FINN); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Sonya Ramsey (HIST); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Mike Olson (LIB); Peter Davis (MGMT); Mohammad Kazemi (MATH); Mesbah Uddin (MENG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Dick Toenjes (PHIL); Yasin Raja (Alternate, PHYS); Adriana Medina (REEL); David Mozina (RELS); Lucille Travis (SON); Julie McLaughlin (SOC); Susan McCarter (SOWK); Bill Tolone (SIS); Christopher O'Brien (SPED)

Absent (unit representatives): Christopher Rogers (AERO); Veronica Nmoma Walker (AFRS); Diane Brockman (ANTH); Carlos Orozco (ET); Susan Gardner (ENGL); Jose Batista (LCS); Sunil Erevelles (MKTG); Eddie Johnson (MILSCI); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Cynthia Cassell (PHS)); Lon Bumgarner (Alternate, THTR)

Also present: Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Jay Dominick (ITS); Melissa LaMarche (OASES); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Jane Reese (College of Health & Human Services); Loren Hibbs (Athletics); Nick Konawalik (Athletics); Art Jackson (Student Affairs); Brenda Jaye (Residence Determination Office); David Broome (Legal Affairs); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs); Clarence Greene (Academic Affairs)

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Council

Jackie Dienemann moved to approve the minutes. Michelle Bissiere seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

2. Report by Donna Lanclos, Library Ethnographer, on library patron work pattern study

Donna Lanclos described the patron work study. The purpose of the study is to use the results of the ethnographic research to drive library policies. She is requesting that faculty members contact her about work we are doing that may be of interest to her study. The library website will be refreshed and usability data will be collected from faculty and students. She needs input from faculty to determine how faculty view the physical space in the library. She also needs information about what is going on in the community in order to craft policies. She would like to contact students about writing assignments and visit classes in which writing assignments are assigned. She would also be interested in finding out how faculty and students in distance education classes use the library.

3. Baseball Coach Loren Hibbs on the season ahead

Coach Hibbs reported that 20 out of 33 players on the team roster have at least a 3.0 grade point average. The UNC Charlotte baseball team has an excellent record in the classroom as well as on the field. In each of the last 4 years, the team has been in the top 10% of a scholastic rating of the NCAA. Over the same period, they are 9th in winning percentage. Only two other universities (UNC CH and Vanderbilt) have the same records. This year, the team has a very strong schedule including Clemson, Winthrop, Wake Forest, and UNC CH.

Nick Konawalik also reported on special promotions for baseball games. On March 6th against Richmond, there is a \$1 ticket special for all faculty and staff. March 6th is also Senior Day. There are 34 home dates left in the season, and season tickets are only \$49 each. March 27th is the A10 conference opener.

4. Update on Student Affairs issues: Vice Chancellor Art Jackson

Dr. Jackson gave his annual update from Student Affairs. UNC Charlotte has an expanding student population, and his office is working with the same staff members who need to expand services to meet student needs. As a result, they are working to become more efficient and effective. Dr. Jackson described four objectives for Student Affairs. The first objective is to implement the residence life master plan. The plan includes new residence halls, eliminating “smurf” village, and pursuing funding options for the projects. The second objective is to improve financial controls. Senior staff will train in financial risk management and target areas that have high financial risk. The third objective is to develop an office for Veterans Outreach. The office will work with Admissions and the Registrar’s Office and will establish networks with the veterans’ office in Charlotte and the hospital in Salisbury. The fourth objective is to increase psychological services for students. Other objectives include: improve communication with Greek organizations, relocate intramural fields closer to Greek

community and between the EPIC building and the softball fields, and change the suitcase college mentality by developing programs that will keep students active on weekends and in evenings. The goal is to have about 22% of our student body living on campus.

5. Approval of the 5-year academic calendar

Sonya Hardin moved to approve the calendar. Yvette Huet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report of the President-Elect (Dr. Charles Bodkin)

Charles Bodkin reminded faculty that there is still time to volunteer to run for office. The slate of nominees will go to the Faculty Executive Committee at the next meeting, and upon approval will go to the Faculty Council at the March meeting.

7. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Phil Dubois)

- Dr. Dubois asked faculty to inform their colleagues about the budget convocation at 8:30 on March 17th in McKnight Hall. We have been asked to plan for a 5% budget cut next year (\$9.1 million). Last year, we cushioned the impact of budget cuts using enrollment increase funds. Last year we lost 80 positions: 60 staff and 20 faculty non-tenure track. Most of these were unstaffed positions, so we had to lay off very few people. We will slow enrollment growth for next year, and expect a total population of 25,065 students.
- The Board of Governors approved a student fee structure for the start of the football program. The next step is to go to the General Assembly to get approval for capital projects.
- The various building projects are going forward. The Center City building came in 19% under estimates. The Phase IX residence hall came in 10% under estimates. This will allow for more rooms.
- The lake in front of Colvard was drained so that the road beside it is no longer a danger. Water was beginning to wash out down the side of the dam and was expected to wash out the road and continue downhill. Road work will probably not begin until the end of the semester.
- We are not able to completely ban smoking on campus. The applicable law says that we can regulate smoking within 100 feet of a building. We first tried 25 feet but that did not work well, so we are now banning smoking within 100 feet of the building entrance. Smoking is allowed in designated areas. In March, a major educational campaign to understand rules and guide smokers to designated areas will begin. Signage will also go up on campus.
- The Chancellor's office will move to Cato, and we are moving development into the former Church of God building across University City Boulevard.

8. Report of the President (Dr. Alan Freitag)

- State health plan changes will begin on July 1st. A tobacco cessation component will be implemented. Coverage will default to a 70/30 plan. Non-smokers or people in a non-

smoking program are eligible for the 80/20 plan. Employees must sign up for the 80/20 plan between March 15 and April 9th.

- The Faculty /Staff social will be on March 17th in Alumni Center from 4:00 to 6:00. The Faculty Social sponsored by the Provost's Office and Phi Kappa Phi will be held on April 28th.

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

- Dr. Lorden wished Julie Putnam the very best in her new job and invited the council members to have some of the cake in her honor.
- The Levine Scholars program is going extremely well.

10. Other business

Dr. Harris reminded council members about the curriculum approval process with short forms and long forms.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Harris".

Kim Harris, Secretary