

**Faculty Council**  
**Cameron Applied Research Center 101**  
**March 15, 2007**

**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), Gary Teng (ENG), Ken Chen (C & I), Barbara Tierney for Amanda Harmon (LIB), Jackie Dienemann (HHS), Joan Lorden (Provost), Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School), Ken Lambla (Dean, ARCH), Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, A & S), Claude Lilly (Dean, BUS), Robert Johnson (Dean, ENG), Jane Neese for Karen Schmaling (Dean, HHS)

**Absent** (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH), Cynthia Combs (A & S), Phil Dubois (Chancellor), Amy Dykeman (University Librarian), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, EDUC), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, CI)

**Present** (unit representatives): Chris Grech (ARCH), David Edgar (ART), Doug Cooper (BISOM), Thomas DuBois (CHEM), Johnny Graham (CENG), Alan Freitag (COMM), Lyndon Abrams (COUN), Charise Coston (CJUS), Ted Amato (ECON), Erik Porfeli (EDLD), Ivan Howitt (ECE), Ed Braun (ET), Elizabeth Gargano (ENGL), Walt Martin (GEOG/ES) Jessica Hartos (HBA) Chuck Hamaker (LIB), Joe Quinn (MATH), Adam Harbaugh (MDSK), Jay Grymes (MUSC), Dick Toenjes (PHIL), Susan Trammell (PHYS), Cheryl Brown (POLs), Sean McCloud (RELS), Marcia Shobe (SOWK), Yuliang Zheng (SIS)

**Present** (unit alternates): David Fillmore (DATH), Cynthia Kierner (HIST), Roy Fielding (KNES), Yogi Hari (MENG), George Demakis (PSYC), Ann Newman (SON), JoAnn Springs (SPED)

**Absent** (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT), Scott Rose (AERO), Veronica Walker (AFRS), Mark Clemens (BIOL), Zachary Wartell (CS), Louis Trosch, Sr. (FINN), Dale Grote (LCS), Ed Jernigan (MGMT), Sunil Erevelles (MKTG), Robert McCall (MILSCI), Jack Piel (REEL), Murray Webster (SOC/ANTH)

**Also present:** Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services), Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs), Karin Steinbrenner (Academic Affairs), Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management), Richard Yount (Registrar), Sallie Ives (FCTeL), Charles Price (ITS), Ted Elling (Student Affairs), Connie Martin (Continuing Ed.), Denise Dwight Smith (Univ. Career Center), Kim Harris (MATH), Jeff Passe (REEL), Tony Carter (Student Financial Aid), Pat Barber (ITS), Mehdi Miri (FESC Chair), Mark Sivy (FCTeL), Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

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

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2006 meeting of the Faculty Council.**

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

**2. WebCT and Blackboard Presentation (Mark Sivy)**

Mr. Sivy provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding WebCt and Blackboard focusing on the problems students and faculty have had with the software, explaining the reasons for the problems, and explaining what actions are being taken to resolve the problems. Mr. Sivy then responded to questions about the software from Council members.

**3. Changes to the Tenure Document (Dr. Meg Morgan)**

Dr. Morgan noted that the proposed recommendation comes from FEC, not FESC as had been stated in the copy of the recommendation sent to Council members earlier. Dr. Morgan then read the recommendation and introduced a motion to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hari. Dr. Mehdi Miri, chair of FESC commented on FESC's opposition to the motion and gave his own opinion as to why the recommendation is a bad idea. There was a general discussion by Council members about the need for the change in wording, specifically, the need to require all members of review committees to sign the final report of the committee. A motion was made to table the FEC recommendation. The vote was 35 in favor of tabling it and 11 opposed. The motion was tabled. Dr. Brown suggested that the university attorney be consulted about the recommendation.

**4. Motion to Award Posthumous Degrees: Mr. Truc D. Nguyen, Mr. Eric James Walker, Ms. Erika M. Shay (Dr. Joan Lorden)**

Dr. Lorden introduced a motion to award posthumous degrees to Mr. Truc D. Nguyen, Mr. Eric James Walker, Ms. Erika M. Shay. The motion was seconded by Dr. Braun and passed unanimously.

**5. Recommendation from FESC on Faculty Council Membership (Dr. Mehdi Miri)**

Dr. Miri introduced the recommendation from FESC on Faculty Council membership as a motion to Faculty Council. Dr. Corwin seconded the motion. There was a general discussion of the rationale for setting a requirement for Council membership and the pros and cons of having new people versus experienced people on the Council. A motion was made by Dr. Quinn and seconded by Dr. Hari to table the motion to allow Council members time to take it back to their units for discussion. The motion to table passed unanimously.

**6. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Philip Dubois)**

None. (Dr. Dubois was out of town)

**7. Report of the Provost (Dr. Joan Lorden)**

Dr. Lorden noted that the university will celebrate National Volunteer Week on April 21 and described the events that will take place that day.

**6. Report of the President-elect (Dr. Cheryl Brown)**

Dr. Brown introduced the slate of candidates for faculty governance positions for the 2007-2008 academic year. Dr. Morgan called for additional nominations. Mr. Fielding made a motion to accept the slate of candidates and Dr. Coston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Booth made a motion to elect those individuals running un-opposed for faculty governance positions to their respective offices. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**9. Report of the President (Dr. Meg Morgan)**

Dr. Morgan reported that she is working on changing the time line for administrative reviews and submitting something to FESC as soon as she finishes it. In addition, Faculty Assembly with the cooperation of GA is looking at administrative review processes throughout the system. She said she is forwarding our current processes to Brenda Killingsworth, Chair of Faculty Assembly, along with what she sees as the strengths and weaknesses of this process.

At the March FA meeting, the BOG P&T committee will review changes to the post-tenure review document. BOG is questioning the low numbers of faculty throughout the system who have been found deficient. These changes are very much in process. By the end of March there will be more definitive moves. Final changes might be due in GA on December 1, 2007.

UNC Tomorrow is an initiative on the part of the GA to look at what will be the educational demands on the system in the future. GA is setting up a commission to do this work over the next two or so years. Dr. Morgan reported that last November, as a member of the FA Executive Board and with the consultation of Drs. Booth and Brown, she nominated four people to serve on what is now called the Scholars Council: Mark Clemons, Betty Ladner, Bernadette Donovan-Merkert, and Rick Conboy.

Dr. Morgan reported that there has been some talk about instituting background checks for faculty that would go beyond criminal background checks to include credit checks and motor vehicle checks. She noted that FAEC had a huge discussion about this and that she tried to emphasize that it is possible to get some criminal information from the Internet and that what is really needed is legal training for administrators that teaches them when to use and when not to use such information.

**10. New Business**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Blair Rudes".

Blair Rudes  
Secretary of the Faculty