

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

March 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 February 25, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Council

Dick Toenjes moved to approve the minutes. Anita Blowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on the Levine Scholars Program (Dr. Al Maisto)

Dr. Al Maisto is the interim director of the program, and a search is underway for a permanent program director. Dr. Maisto provided an overview of the program. Sarah and Leon Levine approached the university about how they could help make a difference at UNC Charlotte. They decided to create a scholarship program that would bring the best and brightest students to our campus where we would educate them as community leaders who would in turn make a difference in Charlotte. The Levines wanted students to be admitted for the Fall of 2010. A task force was convened to work together to produce ambitious plans to recruit and select students and plan the program. The program was announced on August 18, 2009, and nominations were closed for students on November 15. They received over 1000 nominations from guidance counselors. 120 students made the first cut based on their high school grades, SAT scores, recommendations, and essays. Members of the campus community brought the list down to 45 finalists. In February, they were brought to campus for interviews and to introduce them to the campus. Offers were sent out on March 1st. We have already received 5 clear acceptance; another 5 we feel confident about, and only one negative response so far. The scholarship provides full tuition, room and board, funds for books, and 4 summers of enrichment activities. During the first summer, the students will spend 25 days in Wyoming. Another summer will be study abroad. Another will be spent in community service, and during another summer students will be involved with a business-mentoring type of activity. The scholars will be assigned mentors on campus, and they will each get \$8000 service grant and a laptop computer. Dr. Maisto thanked the campus community for the outpouring of support from the campus community to put this together and impress and recruit students.

3. Update on the university's legislative agenda (Vice Chancellor David Dunn)

Vice Chancellor Dunn explained that this is the political season during which he is giving this presentation quite often off campus as well as on campus. Mr. Dunn described the budget process for campuses in North Carolina. Since 2004 the university's base budget has grown about \$90 million (direct appropriation from state of NC), and the fuel for this has been enrollment growth (\$57 m). Funds from enrollment growth has provided for our new positions since 2003.

Dunn presented UNC Charlotte's legislative agenda for this year.

- #1: Secure \$3 million for the EPIC building for 7 senior faculty and 16 staff members.
- #2: Approval of football complex: stadium, field house, coaches' offices, practice facilities.
- #3: Protect enrollment growth funding.

4. Report from the Faculty Athletic Representative entered for the record (Dr. Paula Goolkasian)

President Freitag entered the report into record because of the meeting's full agenda. The report includes a summary of the academic record of our athletes. Dr. Toenjes asked about basketball records. Lisa Hibbs said that APR (new rating) men's basketball had a 1000 which was the highest score we could make.

5. FAPSC motions on catalog updates

Motion #1:

The motion was forwarded from FAPSC to FEC. Dr. Rolf Thiede from English seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion #2 to eliminate catalog references to IR designation.

The motion was forwarded from FAPSC to FEC. Dr. James Conrad seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Motion to award degrees

Motion from Joan. McCarter (Social work) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Motion to award posthumous degrees

Motion from (joan or FEC) moved to approve the motion. Dean Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee motion to add the University Registrar as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee

From UCCC. Rolf Thiede enthusiastically seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of nomination slate for university faculty elections

FEC moved to approve the slate. David Binkley seconded the slate. Mostafi moved to close nominations. Casper Wiggins seconded. The slate passed unanimously.

10. Report of the Chancellor—In China

11. Report of the Provost

Heard from David Dunn about budget issues this year. Many at budget convocation. Want to reiterate main point that because we have enrollment growth \$\$ we have been pretty well buffered, and if we don't have more than 5% cut to main budget, we have enough to cover that. Unlike many other universities who face severe cuts, we are not there. Latest report on endowments lots of zeros in columns, many are beginning to recover. The ones that were only a few years old were hit the hardest. You may recall that 10 years ago, to lure TIAA-CREF, we would use proceeds from endowment to benefit both university and tiaa. Came from sale of land in university area. Time is coming to end. Joan has taken funds in spendable part to put in new endowment for TIAA lectureship. Joan will work with colleges to use money to create lectureship opportunity and rotate around in different disciplines. Put together group of faculty to think about how to use funds. 3. Word from GAdmin concerned about how enrollment growth might be tied to graduate rates—under consideration actively. Task force with chancellors. BOG very concerned about increasing # of bachelor's degree holders. It is important that we increase our graduation rates. Teach more courses at upper division levels. 4. Disciplinary panels to review new proposed programs. We had 2 more approved: PHD in public health & Master's degree in fire safety engineering (College of Engineering). 5. Freshman and transfer applications are up and since we are controlling size, we had to defer or denied admission to many students. Looks like we are on our way to increasing the diversity of our student population. 6. Success in putting together Levine scholar program. We are interviewing last candidate. Send comments to Joan or email address with notice about presentations. 7. Plans for night and weekend campus task force. Art Jackson is putting together task force. Students want library open more hours. Library will be open 24/5 for month of april and during exam period (24/7). Very gracious on part of library to meet request of student. 8. Women's summit. Held here on campus 2 years ago and continued to build information about status of women and girls in Mecklenburg county. Will move to metropolitan studies City-wide effort. Opportunities for interaction between ms and social capital. 9. Smoking campaign. Signs up for places to smoke. Video has been made. 10. Surveys: # of surveys will be sent soon. Ask faculty to comment on characteristics and needs for next president of UNC system. Add my endorsement to fill out. Other thing that will happen 1.. Faculty in tenure track positions 2. Faculty in non-tenure track positions. Study in anticipation of study of faculty in entire system. Please fill out survey. Get sense of climate and working conditions on campus.

Question about what is being built on John Kirk? Not being built by us.

Dam: we will have to rebuild dam which is under roadway or build another dam and make lake a little smaller.

Retention rates at UNCC (Thiede) 77.9%. 6 year grad rate 53.9%. If we can get students to junior year, they will usually graduate.

Toenjes: Other surveys related to climate: COATS (Harvard) results on web—required by UNC system. Replace HERI/UCLA survey with one of our own. They change questions and takes a long time to get data back and analyze it.

Binkley: will deferments and denials affect enrollment growth. No we are still growing. Joan has asked enrolmment to control freshmen class because they require a lot of support. Deisre is to have freshmen class the size of 2008 class. Increase in transfer applications. Still growth but different balance.

12. Report of the President

Dr. Jeff Barto Kinesiology to throw out first pitch at Saturday's game against ST. Bonaventure.

Check email for survey on UNC president search

Reminder: take action to claim 80/20 on medical coverage.

Half-day retreat for faculty leadership, Wednesday, May 5, Ben Craig Center

Hope to have refreshments for April 22 meeting.

13. New Business

E.E. Balcos: Dance performance at 8:00 Wednesday through Friday and Sunday at 2:00.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Harris, Secretary