

Faculty Council
Cameron Applied Research Center 101
September 15, 2005

Present (ex officio): Rosemary Booth (President), Meg Morgan (President-Elect), Barry Sherlock (Secretary), Kim Harris (Past President), William Gay (A & S), Charles Bodkin (BUS), Ed Wierzalis (EDUC), Gary Teng (ENG), Mike Allen (IT), Chuck Hamaker (LIB), Phil Dubois (Chancellor), Joan Lorden (Provost), Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School), Amy Dykeman (University Librarian), Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, A & S), John Gandar (for Dean Claude Lilly, BUS), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, EDUC), Robert Johnson (Dean, ENG), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, IT), Karen Schmaling (Dean, HHS)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH), Cynthia Combs (A & S), John Lincourt (A & S), Gwen Foss (HHS), Ken Lambla (Dean, ARCH)

Present (unit representatives): Cindy Blanthorne (ACCT), Veronica Nmona (Africana Studies), Chris Grech (ARCH), David Edgar (ART), Mark Clemens (BIOL), Chandra Subramaniam (BISOM), Thomas DuBois (CHEM), Johnny Graham (CENG), Alan Freitag (COMM), James Frazier (CS), Lyndon Abrams (COUN), Beth Bjerregaard (CJUS), David Filmore (DATH), Ellen Sewell (ECON), Thomas Weldon (ECE), Stephen Kuyath (ET), Jeffrey Leak (ENGL), Walt Martin (GEOG/ES), Peter Thorsheim (HIST), Alan Jung (PSYC), Jose Batista (LCS), Barbara Tierney (LIB), Ed Jernigan (MGMT), Joe Quinn (MATH), Jay Grymes (MUSC), Dick Toenjes (PHIL), Bradley Wright (POLS), Ryan Kilmer (PSYC), Bruce Taylor (REEL), Sean McCloud (RELS), Greg Starrett (SOC/ANT), Seok-Wan Lee (SIS), JaneDiane Smith (SECD)

Present (unit alternates): Jan Jankin for Ann Newman (FCN)

Absent (unit representatives): Deloris Sanders (AHN), Pete Laden (AERO), Ann McColl (EDLD), Louis Trosch (FINN), Jessica Hartos (KNES), Sunil Erevelles (MKTG), Harish Cherukuri (MENG), Kim Hartman (MDSK), Robert McCall (MILSCI), Yasin Raja (PHYS), Deana Morrow (SOWK)

Also present: Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs), Karin Steinbrenner (ITS), Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management), Richard Yount (Registrar), Anita Blowers (OSSR), Cathy Sanders (AA), Warren DiBiase (Chair, FAPSC), Daniel Jones (Chair, Honors Council), Al Maisto (Assoc. Dean, Honors College), Joe Franco (Pres., SGA), Ben Comstock (VP, SGA), Cameron Young (Sec. AA, SGA), Randy Ross (Internal Audit), Julie Putnam (AA)

Dr. Rosemary Booth called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm. The College of Information Technology was thanked for providing refreshments.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2005 meeting of the Faculty Council

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

2. Responsibilities of Internal Audit (Mr. Randy Ross)

Mr. Randy Ross gave an overview of his responsibilities as head of Internal Audit at the University. Dr. Booth had invited Mr. Ross to give this presentation after some concerns had been expressed to her about the possible monitoring of computer usage. Mr. Ross emphasized that such monitoring is not done on a routine basis. A question and answer session followed.

3. Recommendation to cancel classes on February 3, 2006 for Chancellor's Installation (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

A motion from the Faculty Executive Committee to cancel classes for the entire day of February 3, 2006 for the Chancellor's installation was seconded by Dr. Clemens. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Moving the Honors College to the Office of the Provost (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

A motion from the Faculty Academic Planning and Standards Committee recommended that the reporting of the Honors College be moved from the Dean of Arts and Sciences to the office of the Provost. Dr. Booth stated that some accompanying changes to the wording of the standing rules of the Faculty would be necessary. Dr. Lorden stated that there would be no change in the way the Honors programs will operate. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Priority Registration for 300 Students (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

A motion from the Faculty Academic Planning and Standards Committee proposes that 300 students participating in the Collegiate Learning Assessment Lumina Project be given priority registration for four years. Discussion followed with opinions expressed both in favor of and in opposition to the motion. Dr. Freitag called and Dr. Harris seconded for a secret ballot. The call for a secret ballot passed unanimously. The motion to give the students priority registration passed by 28 votes to 24, with 1 abstention.

6. Faculty Research Grant Eligibility (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

The following motion came from the Faculty Research Grants Committee: "that Research Faculty be eligible to apply for the FRG. Assistant Research Professors would be considered junior faculty. Associate and full Research Professors would be considered senior faculty; however, new assistant research professors would not be eligible for resubmission of their proposal as are first- and second-year assistant professors whose proposals were not funded during the fall competition." The motion passed.

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

Dr. Dubois reported that he has been undergoing an intense period of orientation since starting in the Chancellor's position on July 15. He has visited all Colleges, the Graduate

School, the Library, all areas within Academic Affairs except Information Technology, President Broad, and all Vice Presidents. He attended the Board of Governors meetings and visited with all 13 trustees. He talked with the Foundation leadership, the Alumni Association leadership, the Athletic Foundation, the Faculty President, the student leadership and the Staff association, amongst others.

Dr. Dubois reported that he has also been active outside the University and that one of his challenges this fall will be to think about how the University relates to the greater Charlotte region's initiatives in economic development.

Dr. Dubois will be hosting several social functions at the Chancellor's residence: for new faculty and staff, for the Staff Association, for the student leadership, and for the Faculty Council.

Dr. Dubois reported that the UNC System did very well in terms of budget allocation. The University has received the first half of the equity funding for transition to doctoral/research intensive status. Dr. Dubois presented the budget information given in the handouts from the meeting entitled "Summary of Major Budget Allocations" and "Allocation of New General Purpose Expansion Funds and Legislative Reduction".

Dr. Dubois stated that it is his goal to bring a lot more openness and transparency to the budget process, and to get faculty and staff involved at the front end of budgetary discussions.

Dr. Dubois reported that we will accelerate the planning of the uptown classroom building, so that we will be prepared by May next year's legislation session to talk intelligently to legislators about what we require there.

Dr. Dubois reported that the opening of the buildings near route 29 has brought challenges regarding parking and circulation across campus. We have initiated parking and circulation studies using external consultants, and have had conversations with CATS about shuttle systems, etc.

The Vice Chancellor for Development has left the University. Dr. Dubois will investigate the restructuring of that division and then launch a search.

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

Dr. Lorden reported that our enrollment is now 20,772 students, which exceeds our target of 20,348. Graduate students constitute 21.6% of the total. We have 446 doctoral students. We have 2890 freshmen (up 9.2%). We have 336 African-American freshmen, about 12% of the freshman class. Our enrollment at the graduate level for underrepresented minorities has also increased. International graduate student enrollment is up 19%. We have also exceeded our target for returning undergraduate students.

Dr. Lorden has asked the Faculty Council to look at all the policies that could pertain to student retention and to determine whether we may be doing anything counterproductive.

We also need to consider the issue of classroom use: with a growing student body we have opened several new buildings but have not increased the number of classrooms dramatically. McEniry and Kennedy are currently offline for renovations.

Dr. Lorden stated that our students are now spread over a wider geographical area, and are struggling with a 10-minute interval between classes. We are looking at the impact of increasing the amount of time between classes to 20 minutes on MWF and 15 minutes on TR.

The office of the President has put three of our programs on the Graduate Council agenda for October: the Ph.D. in Business Administration and the Ph.D. in Organizational Science for approval to implement, and the Ph.D. in Nanoscale Science for permission to plan.

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

In the interest of time, Dr. Morgan deferred her report to Dr. Booth.

10. Report of the President (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

Dr. Booth encouraged members to attend the Bank of America Teaching awards, to support the installation of the Chancellor in February and start making plans now.

Dr. Booth said that we will be looking at all policies that may influence student retention, and this will be an ongoing, major commitment.

Dr. Booth encouraged all members of Faculty Council to report back to their departments on what they have learned in Faculty Council meetings, for example by encouraging department members to read the Faculty Council minutes on the website.

11. New Business

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Sherlock". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Barry Sherlock
Secretary of the Faculty