

Faculty Council
Cameron Applied Research Center 101
October 20, 2005

Present (ex officio): Rosemary Booth (President), Meg Morgan (President-Elect), Barry Sherlock (Secretary), Kim Harris (Past President), Cynthia Combs (A & S), William Gay (A & S), Charles Bodkin (BUS), 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), Robert Johnson (Dean, ENG), Andrew Harver (for Karen Schmaling, Dean, HHS)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH), John Lincourt (A & S), Ed Wierzalis (EDUC), Gwen Foss (HHS), Ken Lambla (Dean, ARCH), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, EDUC), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, IT)

Present (unit representatives): Veronica Nmona (AFRS), Chris Grech (ARCH), David Edgar (ART), Mark Clemens (BIOL), Chandra Subramaniam (BISOM), Thomas DuBois (CHEM), Johnny Graham (CENG), Alan Freitag (COMM), James Frazier (CS), Beth Bjerregaard (CJUS), David Filmore (DATH), Ellen Sewell (ECON), Thomas Weldon (ECE), Jeffrey Leak (ENGL), Ann Newman (FCN), Walt Martin (GEOG), Jessica Hartos (HBA), Peter Thorsheim (HIST), Alan Jung (KNES), Jose Batista (LCS), Barbara Tierney (LIB), Ed Jernigan (MGMT), Joe Quinn (MATH), Harish Cherukuri (MENG), Jay Grymes (MUSC), Dick Toenjes (PHIL), Yasin Taja (PHYS), Bradley Wright (POLS), Bruce Taylor (REEL), Sean McCloud (RELS), JaneDiane Smith (SPED)

Present (unit alternates): Howard Godfrey (ACCT) for Cindy Blanthorne, Falih Ahmad (ET) for Stephen Kuyath, LC for Ryan Kilmer (PSYC), David Wilson (SIS) for Seok-Wan Lee

Absent (unit representatives): Deloris Sanders (AHN), Pete Laden (AERO), Lyndon Abrams (COUN), Ann McColl (EDLD), Louis Trosch (FINN), Sunil Erevelles (MKTG), Kim Hartman (MDSK), Robert McCall (MILSCI), Greg Starrett (SOC/ANTH), Deana Morrow (SOWK),

Also present: Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs), Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management), Cameron Young (SGA Academic Affairs), Joe Franco (SGA President), Denise Dwight Smith (Univ. Career Center), Janet Daniel (OASES), Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

Dr. Rosemary Booth called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 15, 2005 meeting of the Faculty Council

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

2. Standing rules requirement of “tenured assistant professors” on Faculty Grievance committee (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

The Code of the University of North Carolina requires that the Faculty Grievance Committee must have representation from every professorial rank. However, the Standing Rules require that all members have permanent tenure, and this makes it difficult to allow membership to assistant professors. A motion from the Faculty Executive Committee recommended that the wording of the relevant sentence in the Standing Rules be changed to “It shall consist of nine faculty members (8 tenured faculty and 1 assistant professor) with representation from each faculty tenure track rank.” The motion was seconded by Dr. Bjerregard and passed unanimously.

3. API/CID Grants Committee reviewing new procedures (Dr. Rosemary Booth)

Dr. Booth reported that the API/CID Grants Committee has recommended that its provisional drafts of new procedures, as posted on the web, be provisionally adopted for this year.

4. Report of the Past President (Dr. Kim Harris)

Dr. Harris reported as follows on the Faculty Assembly meeting in September:

- (a) A new item has been added to the system-level Strategic Directions document: “Economic Transformation: to promote higher education transforming North Carolina’s economy through high quality degree programs, basic and applied research, creativity and innovation, transfer of new knowledge, the application of best practice and an understanding of the economic needs and directions of the state.”
- (b) A resolution honoring the contributions of Jeff Passe, who was President of Faculty Assembly last year, was passed.
- (c) A resolution dealing with the lack of faculty representation on the University Presidential Search Committee was passed.
- (d) The chair of the Board of Governors (BOG) spoke, expressing concern about textbooks (prices, resale, etc.), and spoke of having a BOG taskforce look at the issues.

Dr. Harris reported on her work over Fall Break in Mississippi on a hurricane relief project with a group of about 50 student volunteers. She asked for help in the form of donations of gift-cards for Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes, which will be of greatest use to flood victims.

5. Report of the SGA Secretary for Academic Affairs (Ms. Cameron Young)

Ms. Young reported on the following issues of concern to SGA:

- (a) Book buyback: Late submission of course textbook adoptions to the bookstore can result in significantly higher prices for students.
- (b) Academic Advising: In order to make students more aware of the importance of being advised before registering, SGA is looking at incorporating a banner on 29er Express

concerning advising, sending step-by-step advising information to students by email, and working with residence life to put up posters about advising.

Ms. Young encouraged faculty to inform their students that alumna Karen Popp will be speaking on Conversations in Leadership on November 15. Faculty are also welcome to attend.

Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Phil DuBois)

University President Bowles will be visiting each of the campuses over the next several weeks; he will be here on Halloween.

Planning for the center city classroom building has started.

Dr. Dubois reported that his reorientation to UNC-Charlotte continues; he requested 20-30 minutes to present his initial impressions at the next Faculty Council meeting, to help determine whether his reading of the landscape is accurate.

Dr. Dubois reported on a move in the Presidents office concerning tuition. A tuition task force was formed after the last legislative session because of concerns that Chapel Hill and NC State did not have enough flexibility in setting tuition rates. An interim approach has been adopted for setting tuition for next year, in which tuition must not increase by more than 10.3% on any campus, but may be considerably less on some campuses.

At the Board of Governors meeting, the notion was aired of trying to peg undergraduate resident tuition increases at the 25th percentile of comparable institutions nationwide.

Regarding the Kannapolis University Research Campus, President Broad has called a planning meeting for next week. We will be sending three deans and a couple of faculty members to the meeting. Much work will be needed to define our role.

In response to a question from Dean Johnson, Dr. Dubois said that UNC-Charlotte was unique in the UNC system in being required by legislation to be at the system average of tuition increases, but that an amendment lifting this restriction is likely to be passed in May 2006.

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

Dr. Lorden reported that the Faculty Academic Planning and Standards Committee (FAPSC) is now looking at UNC-Charlotte policies that might affect student retention. She encouraged everyone to read the paper on retention that has been put on the Academic Affairs website.

Regarding classroom usage and scheduling, Dr. Lorden reported that a group of (primarily) associate Deans has been working on finding a way to increase the time between classes. Their initial report proposes going to a schedule with 15 minutes

between classes, where we would have Mon/Wed and Tues/Thur classes, and use Friday primarily for classes that need larger blocks of time (e.g. labs). She said that this report will be put on the Provost's website by early next week, and invited comments on it. A lengthy discussion followed, covering such matters as concern about the possible effects upon student retention, the possibility of using Wednesday instead of Friday for block scheduling, the timeline for implementation, amongst others.

A question concerning the status of light rail and how it might relate to the campus was addressed by Dr. DuBois.

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

As Chair of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC), Dr. Morgan reported:

- (a) that she and Dr. Booth have split between them the responsibility of attending budget reporting meetings of the UNC-Charlotte Colleges. Dr. Morgan attended presentations by the Deans of Graduate School, Arts & Sciences, Business, and Information Technology, and the Associate Provost for Metropolitan Studies. The presentations looked at available monies, expected costs and any shortfalls.
- (b) that the APBC met on October 5 with Dr. Lorden, and discussed the UNC budget as distributed at the last Faculty Council meeting. She said that faculty could email her with budget related questions.

Dr. Morgan reported that we are searching for eligible candidates for the O. Max Gardner award, and must make our nomination by January. This award goes to that UNC system faculty member who, as determined by a subcommittee of the Board of Governors, has made during the current year the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race.

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

The Provost has appointed a committee to look at the triennial UCLA Higher Education Faculty Morale Survey.

A pilot study is being undertaken of on-line student evaluations of teaching effectiveness, for on-line courses only. The College of Education has volunteered several courses for participation.

Dr. Booth said that the University Times will be talking to her about book orders. She encouraged all faculty to get their orders in on time. She said that President Broad has addressed the issue of book orders, and that FAPSC will investigate what improvements can be made.

The Faculty Research Grants Committee has made a recommendation that faculty be allowed to choose between grant start dates of January 1 or July 1 in order to make it possible for the grant to be active over two summers if needed. This will probably come before Faculty Council for a vote next month.

9. New Business

No new business.

Dr Godfrey moved and Dr. Morgan seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Sherlock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline.

Barry Sherlock
Secretary of the Faculty