

Faculty Council

Minutes of April 20, 2017 Meeting

Voting Members Present

(Ex Officio): Lisa Walker (President); Rich Leeman (President-Elect); Loril Gossett (Secretary); Jeffrey Leak (Past President); Alice Tseng (FEC, COB); Betty Ladner (FEC, LIB); Manuel Perez-Quinones (on behalf of CCI Dean); Ellen McIntyre (COED Dean); Ron Smelser (on behalf of COE Dean); Susan Sell (on behalf of CHHS Dean); Nancy Gutierrez (CLAS Dean); Tom Reynolds (Graduate School Dean); Anne Moore (Library Dean); John Smail (UCOL Dean)

(Unit Representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); alternate (ANTH); Susan Sell (BINF); Jian Zhang (BIOL); Kexin Zhao (BISOM); John Risley (CHEM); Robin Rothberg (COMM); KR Subramanian (ITCS); Sejal Foxx (CSLG); Matt Phillips (CJUS); Alice Tseng (ECON); Babak Parkhideh (ECGR); John Diemer (GYES); John Cox (GIAS); Ritika Prasad (HIST); Jeff Barto (KNES); Ed Hopper (LACS); Betty Ladner (LIB); Karen Ford-Eickhoff (MGMT); Charles Bodkin (MKTG); Michael Grabchak (MATH); John Allemeier (MUSC); Willie Mae Abel (SON); Phillip McReynolds (PHIL); Alyssa McGonagle (PSYC); Jan Warren-Findlow (PHS); Julia Robinson (RELS); Murray Webster (SOCY); Mohamed Shehab (ITIS); Jane Diane Smith (SPED)

Voting Members Absent

(Ex Officio): Delia Neil (FEC, COAA); Cynthia Gibas (FEC, CCI); Mark D'Amico (FEC, COED); Howie Fang (FEC, COE); Mike Turner (FEC, CHHS); Paula Eckard (FEC, CLAS); James Tabor (FEC, CLAS); Justin Conrad (FEC, CLAS); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs); Bob Wilhelm (Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development); Arthur Jackson (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs); Ken Lambla (COAA Dean); Steve Ott (COB Dean)

(Unit Representatives): Richard Sanders (AERO); Tanure Ojaide (AFRS); Michael Swisher (SOA); Janet Williams (ARTS); Kimberly Warren (CEGR); Gretchen Alterowitz (DANC); Rebecca Shore (EDLD); Carlos Orozco (ETCM); Greg Wickliff (ENGL); Kiplan Womack (FINN); Harish Cherukuri (MEES); Heather Coffey (MDSK); Stephan Hobbs (MSCI); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Cherie Maestas (POLLS); Ian Binns (REEL); Mark Ezell (SOWK); Ertunga Ozelkan (SEEM); Kaja Dunn (THEA)

Also Present (but Not Voting)

Leslie Zenk (Academic Affairs); Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs); Garvey Pyke (CTL); Heather McCullough (CTL); Beth Rugg (ITS); Cathy Blat (University Center for Academic Excellence)

(Attendance chart attached)

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Faculty Council.** Discussion of the minutes for the March 16, 2017 meeting generated no comments. The minutes of the March 16, 2017 Faculty Council meeting were approved via acclamation.

2. **Request to change name of the Ph.D. in Geography and Urban Regional Analysis.** The Faculty Council approved unanimously to approve the request to change the name of the Ph.D. in Geography and Urban Regional Analysis to the Ph.D. in Geography.

3. **Proposed revision to Degree Requirements and Academic Policies in Graduate Catalog, specifically the 'Culminating Experience' in the Master's Degree Requirements.** Dean Reynolds explains the requested modification. It requires a culminating experience unless the program feels it is not necessary. They can request an exemption from the Graduate School. You sometimes see this difference in research versus a professional program. The Faculty Council approved unanimously the proposed revision to the Culminating Experience policy in the Graduate Catalog.

4. **Proposed revision to Standing Rules of the Faculty Council concerning the University Mediation Coordinator (Article V, Section 5).** Faculty President Walker explains why the Faculty Executive Committee is requesting this revision. The Faculty Council approved unanimously the proposed revisions to the Standing Rules of the Faculty Council pertaining the University Mediation Coordinator.

5. **A) Request to award posthumous degree to Corey Flynt.** The Faculty Council unanimously approved the request to award a posthumous degree to Corey Flynt.

B) Request to award posthumous degree to Derek M. Brown. Leak said that Derek M. Brown was a delightful student and fought to the very end. The Faculty Council unanimously approved the request to award a posthumous degree to Derek M. Brown.

6. **Draft UNC Faculty Assembly Resolution protesting Federal Budget cuts.** President-Elect Leeman explained the draft resolution. The Faculty Council could endorse, reject, do neither, or draft its own resolution. Risley stated that he does not want to vote on something that is not the final version. Faculty President Walker added that a motion to table to a later date could occur. No one made such a motion. Hopper moved we cease debate. Walker seconded. A vote to endorse the draft UNC Faculty Assembly Resolution protesting Federal Budget cuts was held and passed with five (5) dissents and three (3) abstentions.

- 7. Update from Provost's Committee on Teaching Evaluations.** Dr. Garvey Pyke provided the update. The committee looked at the usage of teaching evaluations, whether they are providing enough context to be useful, and the process to conduct the evaluations. Are the questions being utilized likely to give us data about teaching practices that lead to student success? Are we giving the evaluation at the right time of the semester? What can we do to increase response rates? If we make time for feedback, we are more likely to receive feedback. One suggestion was to allow class time for completion of evaluations. This would increase the response rate. The full report of the task force is at the following URL: tinyurl.com/course-evals-spring-2017. Gossett said this will be on the Faculty Council Google Group site. Make time for feedback is a message we will be campaigning. Just talking about evaluations will increase the response rate.
- 8. Presentation on the arrival of light rail.** Mr. Clay Andrews presented this topic. Light rail has a slight delay. CATS blue line extension is now scheduled to open by March 2018. It could be before, but it will not be by August 2017 like initially thought. Three (3) stops directly serve UNC Charlotte of the twenty (20) stops. The shuttle system is being retooled to work with light rail. Pickups to arrive within five (5) minutes of light rail stops. Campus police and public security will monitor these areas. It will be a twenty-two (22) minute ride from UNC Charlotte main station to uptown charlotte. A consistent 22 minutes. The annual cost will be approximately \$75 to \$85 dollars for faculty and staff. CATS all access passes will include buses. Includes everything except commuter lines that go out to the outer communities. Student costs will be about \$25 dollars a semester. CATS app will be built-in to your University ID cards. This can be payroll deducted. Two-thousand new mixed-use apartments are being built due to this light rail extension. The website is Lightrail.uncc.edu. There is a master plan to makeover the University Shoppes to make this area, the J.W. Clay station, an attractive hot spot.
- 9. TurnItIn and VeriCite Discussion.** Dr. Garvey Pyke talked to the Faculty Council about TurnItIn and VeriCite. Two-hundred instructors have been using TurnItIn, which is integrated with Moodle. Issues with TurnItIn have been taking three (3) to five (5) days to resolve, if a resolution is even possible. Some of these issues involved the student paper being lost. Given these technical difficulties we began looking at other products. We looked at eight (8) different products, of which only three (3) matched our needs. We tested each of those three. They each had pros and cons. VeriCite has a 1.3 million-student user database, works well with Canvas, and is integrated with speed grader (in Canvas). We were able to migrate over the last four (4) years of student papers into VeriCite. TurnItIn found 5% of papers to be highly unoriginal. Of those, 63% of the plagiarism was from other students, 30% from the internet, and only 7% from published journals. VeriCite does not have the same robust check with published journals as TurnItIn had, but each product had pros and cons and we choose the product we believe works best for our university. We notified FITSAC in December that we were looking at these products. We want what is best for our campus. If there is another product that works better, then we will switch to that product. Warren-Findlow said graduate student work is different. VeriCite is not catching the type of plagiarism that graduate

work that is plagiarized tends to plagiarize. Reynolds asked does VeriCite check dissertation, thesis, etc. Pyke said that it checks all open access.

10. Report of the President-Elect. Dr. Richard Leeman gave his report. He said the Faculty governance elections are completed. Results will be published soon. He also said the UNC system general administration responded to the Faculty Assembly resolution that said the UNC system was not in compliance with accreditation requirements. UNC Charlotte did not endorse that resolution. The UNC system general administration response said that the state legislature has the power to do what they want and the Board of Governors can do whatever they want within the purview of the state legislature.

11. Report of the President. Dr. Lisa Walker said the Provost would like you all to RSVP to new student convocation. Join us in studentconvocation.uncc.edu. With regard to the concern some had with the Withdrawal for Extenuating Circumstances (WE) policy and procedures, Walker read the Dean of Students Office's response. The procedure for returning from a WE is the same regardless of what term the student wishes to return – the student needs to submit for return. Dean of Students Christine Reed Davis said she could clean this language up from sounding like a requirement to sounding like the usual return time. Walker said pertaining the scholarship – five (5) year endowment we are a few thousand short, so we arranged to extend that endowment another five (5) years. We do not believe we need the full five years. We are close.

12. New Business. Faculty President Walker gave President-Elect Leeman a gift. Leeman thanked Walker for her hard work and presented her with a plaque that recognizes her service. He presented Past President Leak a card thanking him for his service as past president.

Hopper moved to adjourn. Leeman seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved.

Minutes submitted by Matthew Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant

(Attendance chart attached)

Unit/Title	Representative	Present	Alternate	Present
Faculty Executive Committee Members (ex-officio)				
Faculty President	Lisa Walker	X	n/a	
President-Elect	Rich Leeman	X	n/a	
Secretary	Loril Gossett	X	n/a	
Past President	Jeffrey Leak	X	n/a	
Arts + Architecture	Delia Neil		<i>vacant</i>	
Business	Alice Tseng	X	Chandra Subramaniam	
Computing & Informatics	Cynthia Gibas		Jing Yang	
Education	Mark D'Amico		Rebecca Shore	
Engineering	Howie Fang		Madhav Manjrekar	
Health & Human Services	Mike Turner		Andrew Harver	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Paula Eckard		Concepcion de Godev	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	James Tabor		Stan Schneider	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Justin Conrad		Concepcion de Godev	
Library	Betty Ladner	X	Somaly Kim Wu	
Chancellors and Deans (ex-officio)				
Chancellor	Phil Dubois	X		
Provost and Vice Chancellor for AA	Joan Lorden			
Vice Chancellor for Research & Econ Dev	Bob Wilhelm			
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Arthur Jackson			
Dean, College of Arts + Architecture	Ken Lambla			
Dean, College of Business	Steve Ott			
Dean, College of Computing & Informatics	Bill Tolone		Manuel Perez-Quinones	X
Dean, College of Education	Ellen McIntyre	X		
Dean, College of Engineering	Robert Johnson		Ron Smelser	X
Dean, College of Health & Human Services	Nancy Fey-Yensan		Susan Sell	X
Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	Nancy Gutierrez	X		
Dean, Graduate School	Tom Reynolds	X		
Dean, Library	Anne Moore	X		
Dean, University College	John Smail	X		
Academic Unit Representatives				
Accountancy	Casper Wiggins	X	David Kerr	
Aerospace Studies	Richard Sanders		Stephen (Blake) Evans	
Africana Studies	Tanure Ojaide		Dorothy Smith-Ruiz	
Anthropology	Andrea Freidus		<i>vacant</i>	X
Architecture	Michael Swisher		John Nelson	
Art & Art History	Janet Williams		Jae Emerling	
Bioinformatics & Genomics	Jessica Schlueter		Susan Sell	X
Biological Sciences	Jian Zhang	X	Bao-Hua Song	
Business Info. Systems & Oper. Mgmt.	Kexin Zhao	X	Ram Kumar	
Chemistry	Michael Murphy		John Risley	X

Civil & Environmental Engineering	Kimberly Warren		Milind Khire	
Communication Studies	Sayde Brais		Robin Rothberg	X
Computer Science	KR Subramanian	X	James Frazier	
Counseling	Sejal Foxx	X	Phyllis Post	
Criminal Justice + Criminology	Matt Phillips	X	John Stogner	
Dance	Gretchen Alterowitz		Kim Jones	
Economics	Alice (Hui-Kuan) Tseng	X	Ellen Sewell	
Educational Leadership	Rebecca Shore		Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Babak Parkhideh	X	Andrew Willis	
Engineering Tech. & Construction Mgmt.	Carlos Orozco		Glenda Mayo	
English	Greg Wickliff		Ron Lunsford	
Finance	Kiplan Womack		Yilei Zhang	
Geography & Earth Sciences	John Diemer	X	Martha Eppes	
Global, International & Area Studies	John Cox	X	Amal Khoury	
History	Ritika Prasad	X	David Goldfield	
Kinesiology	Jeff Barto	X	Linda Probst	
Languages & Culture Studies	Ed Hopper	X	Anastasia Korolova	
Library	Beth Martin		Betty Ladner	X
Management	Ed Jernigan		Karen Ford-Eickhoff	X
Marketing	Charles Bodkin	X	Nima Jalali	
Mathematics & Statistics	Michael Grabchak	X	Jaya Bishwal	
Mechanical Engineering & Engr. Science	Harish Cherukuri		<i>vacant</i>	
Middle, Secondary & K-12 Education	Heather Coffey		Warren DiBiase	
Military Science	Stephan Hobbs		Marcus Craig	
Music	John Allemeier	X	Mike Hackett	
Nursing	Willie Mae Abel	X	Kelly Powers	
Philosophy	Phillip McReynolds	X	Michael Kelly	
Physics & Optical Science	Yasin Raja		Yuri Nesmelov	
Political Science & Public Administration	Cherie Maestas		Jim Douglas	
Psychology	Alyssa McGonagle	X	Amy Peterman	
Public Health Sciences	Jan Warren-Findlow	X	Bill Saunders	
Reading & Elementary Education	Ian Binns		Michael Green	
Religious Studies	Julia Robinson (Dr. Rob)	X	Dan White	
Social Work	Mark Ezell		Diana Rowan	
Sociology	Murray Webster	X	Stephanie Moller	
Software & Information Systems	Mohamed Shehab	X	Ehab Al-Shaer	
Special Education & Child Development	Jane Diane Smith	X	Gloria Campbell-Whatley	
Systems Engineering & Engr. Mgmt.	Ertunga Ozelkan		Gary Teng	
Theatre	Kaja Dunn		Jeanmarie Higgins	