

UNC Charlotte Faculty Council Minutes

November 15, 2012

Members Present

FEC: Ed Jernigan (Faculty President), Eddy Souffrant (President Elect), Judy Walker (Secretary), Randy Haldeman (Arts + Architecture), Chandra Subramaniam (Business), Mirsad Hadzikadic (Computing & Informatics), Ed Stokes (Engineering), Jeff Shears (Health & Human Services), Margaret Morgan (Liberal Arts & Sciences), Alan Freitag (Liberal Arts & Sciences), Heather McCullough (Library)

REPS: Casper Wiggins (ACCT), Mary Tuma (ART), Jian Zhang (BIO), Xiuli He (BISOM), Tom Schmedake (CHEM), Richard Leeman (COMM), Taghi Mostafavi (CS), Kok-Mun Ng (COUN), Bruce Arrigo (Alt., CJUS), Arindam Mukherjee (ECE), Liz Miller (Alt., ENG), Keener Hughen (FINN), John Diemer (GGEO/ES), Gregory Mixon (HIST), Roy Fielding (KNES), Carlos Coria (LCS), Betty Ladner (LIB), Yuanan Diao (MATH), John Allemeier (MUSC), Eddy Souffrant (PHIL), Lan Kolano (Alt., MDSK), James Walsh (Alt., POLS), Charlie Reeve (PSYC), Kate Popejoy (Alt., REEL), Julia Marie Robinson (Dr. Rob) (RELS), Jeff Balmer (ARCH), Lucille Travis (NURS), Susan McCarter (SOWK), Heather Lipford (SIS), JaneDiane Smith (SPED), Steven Stines (THTR)

Ex Officio: Phil Dubois (Chancellor), Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School), Richard Buttimer (Associate Dean, College of Business), Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics), Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering), Charles Brody (Alt., Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences), John Smail (Dean, University College)

Also Attending: Leslie Zenk (Academic Affairs), Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs), Jay Raja (Academic Affairs), Cindy Wolf Johnson (Academic Services), Dennis McElhoe (Extended Academic Programs/Distance Education/Summer School), Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management/ Admissions), Susan Sell (Graduate School), Michael Cato (Information Technology Services), Janet Daniel (OASES), Christopher Knauer (Registrar), Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center), Cathy Blat (University Center for Academic Excellence)

Members Absent

FEC: Michael Green (Past President), Chance Lewis (Education), Susan Peters (Liberal Arts & Sciences)

REPS: Veronica Hilliard (AFRS), Dennis Ogburn (ANTH), Ann Loraine (BIOINF), Jim Bowen (CENG), Kim Jones (DANC), Ellen Sewell (ECON), Sandra Dika (EDLD), Ahmad Sleiti (ETCM), Rick Conboy (MGMT), Linda Swayne (MKTG), Nigel Zheng (MENG), Vasily Astratov (PHYS), Beth Racine (PHS), Stephanie Moller (SOC)

Ex Officio: Joan Lorden (Provost), Ken Lambra (Dean, College of Arts + Architecture), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education), Nancy Fey-Yensan (Dean, College Health & Human Services), Stanley Wilder (University Librarian)

The meeting was called to order by President Jernigan at 12:35 PM.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting of the faculty Council.

Fielding moved and Ladner seconded approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion to award degrees

The following motion came from the Provost with a recommendation from the FEC

I (the Provost) move that, consistent with the Board of Trustees' Resolution on May 5, 1980, the Faculty recommend to the Chancellor that appropriate degrees can be conferred on all candidates who have met the established requirements of the Faculty since August and that the degrees have an award date of December 2012.

Wiggins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Update from the Chief of Police Jeffrey Baker

Following are highlights from Chief Baker's presentation.

- Crime is down on campus because use a wide variety of patrolling methods. Chief Baker feels that the decline is the result of more effective and varied approaches to patrolling employed by the Campus Police.

- The department has implemented an active, community oriented policing program, which engages students, faculty and staff. The program stresses communication, interaction, education and collaboration.
- Jerry Lecomte, the officer who works with students in the Student Union and is a University Employee of the Year, will be awarded the 2012 NC Governor's Award for Excellence next week.
- The department's leadership holds monthly 'comp stat' meetings to review collected data from across the entire campus. They use the data to determine to identify trends and to discuss why and how they can improve. According to Baker, this is a progressive method of policing, which holds the officers more accountable and results in early identification of trends on campus.
- The department also works very closely with the surrounding neighborhoods and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.
- Some interesting stats -
 - In 2009 there were 151 incidents of larceny from autos. Last year (2011) there were only 27 incidents and so far this year (2012) there are only 17. The surrounding community had over 700 incidents of larceny from autos last year.
 - In 2010 there were 644 overall reported incidents on campus. In 2011 the number of reported crimes declined to 414 incidents, which is a 36% drop in overall crime. The department is on track to show another 27% decrease for 2012.
- Chief Baker pointed out that crime is not cyclical like business. He believes that crime is declining because
 - those committing violent crime are more likely to be incarcerated;
 - policing is more proactive;
 - it is harder to commit a crime because of mobile technologies like smart phones with digital cameras and fast reporting capabilities;
 - social programs are impacting youth positively;
 - there are fewer opportunities; and
 - better education of potential victims.
- He wants our police department to be a leader in policing. They have partnerships with
 - College of Computing and Informatics visualization center
 - Department of Criminal Justice
 - They work very closely with SGA , the Dean of Students and the Athletics department
- FEMA has praised the department for their disaster preparedness.
- We have one of the most vibrant university community policing programs Chief Baker has seen.
- Officers are cross-trained in multiple disciplines
- Emergency number – 7-220; Non-emergency number – 7-8300; SafeRide – 7-3400
- There are safety videos on their website – police.uncc.edu. Folks will need to sign in with their UNCC credentials.

Questions from Council members to Chief Baker

- Freitag – *Can you give us an idea of the size of the force?* Currently there are 45 sworn police officers with an additional 5 part-time officers. There is a good blend of experience with some having over 30 years of experience and others are brand new officers.
- *What do we tell our students about the sexual assault that occurred yesterday in Fretwell?* This type of crime is uncommon on campus. We are still investigating the incident using the resources and expertise of the CMPD as well as our own specially trained female officer. Although the police and administration are very concerned about this incident, it is important

to remember that this is still a very safe campus. It may not be possible, but police do remind people that it is always safer to walk in groups regardless of gender.

- The Chancellor reminded everyone that the purpose of the crime the alerts is to inform the campus community about the possibility that a serious crime has occurred. Sexual assaults are extremely rare on the campus and the police still have to verify what actually occurred.
- Chief Baker pointed out that compared to the surrounding community, our incidence of crime is much lower. He believes that this is primarily because of the proactive policing of the police department. They try to minimize what they can but incidents do still occur.
- Ladner – *Is CMPD beefing up the surrounding area?* Baker noted he went out to look at the stats for sexual assault for CMPD division that surrounds the campus. They haven't had an attempt reported in over 2 years.
- Crigio – *Is the data disaggregated by the type of crimes?* Yes, they have disaggregated data and it's on their web site. Lt. Smith is their new crime analysis person. They also have it disaggregated by building/location. This disaggregated data is what the departmental leadership uses to discuss trends at their monthly meetings.
- Crigio – *Do you see any areas of increase?* Yes, we have seen an increase in larceny of phones/technology. They do have a solution in the works. They are purchasing small lockers in which students can put their stuff, lock it and then take the key with them.
- Holdeman – *What programs are you thinking about to help CMPD lower the surrounding area crime rate?* We work very closely with the CMPD University division but we can't tell them how they should reduce crime. The University area crime rate is really not that high compared to other areas of the county. However, when you compare the campus crime statistics to the statistics of the surrounding community, they are as different as night and day with the campus experiencing significantly less crime. Police and Public Safety has been working with the College Downs neighborhood. Chief Baker attends to their neighborhood meetings. He also sits in on zoning committees, which deal with apartment complexes in the surrounding area. The University area has the highest number of apartments in the county. The department is trying to encourage the complex managers to take into consideration who they are leasing units to and are the other lessees are a good mix with the college students that are also renting in the complex.

4. Report of the Chancellor

- As a final note about campus safety, the Chancellor reminded members of the Council about the SafeRide service. A map of the stops and times can be found at the PATS website - <http://pats.uncc.edu>. The Chancellor also noted that all of our crime statistics need to be considered with an understanding that there has been a 25% increase in the number of students on campus and he pointed out that we are one of the safest urban institutions in the country.
- Tuition & fees proposals are going through student committees, which will advise him and the Board of Trustees on what they will send forward the UNC Board of Governors. The Administration has proposed an increase that will bring us up close to the cap of 6.5% cap. The final proposal will probably be lower than that. It will depend on what the student priorities are. The Campus recommendations will go to the UNC Board of Governors in December.
- Dedication of the EPIC building will be Friday, November 16, 2012. There will be a lot of legislators and media on campus. He has been inviting a lot more legislators to campus, especially those who will be on the appropriations committees.

- The Chancellor continues to visits with local county officials. Last semester he visited Gaston and Cleveland counties. This semester he will visit Cabarrus and Rowan counties. These visits give the Chancellor an opportunity to point out the importance of the University to the counties. For example, over 1,600 students from Cabarrus County attend UNC Charlotte; 700-800 teachers are UNC Charlotte graduates; and we use their facilities for clinical placements in the fields of education and health & human services.
- The light rail extension has been approved. The University will start working on naming the 2 stations that will be associated with campus – one at Clay Blvd. & N. Tryon and the other on campus entering just north of the Research campus area and terminating near the north residence halls. Design work on formal entrances for that side of campus will begin soon, however, these entrances probably won't be as grand as the one on University Blvd. Campus leadership is also looking at the development of a hotel/conference center complex, which would wrap around the new parking deck. That project will most likely be developed with commercial development partners.
- There is no real up date on the state strategic plan. The planning group has agreed to raise statewide college attainment goal from 28% to 33%. The group believes that is an attainable goal. This indicates that growth will continue in for the campus, eventually putting us behind only NCSU in size.
- EPIC & Center City have been designated LEED Gold and Silver rated building, respectively by the LEED program.

5. President Elect (Eddie Souffrant)

- The O Max Gardner committee received three nominees. One person has been selected and the committee is compiling the portfolio, which will be sent to the state committee.
- The UNC Faculty Advisory Group on strategic planning is gathering information from faculty via multiple surveys. Please fill out the surveys and let your opinion be known. We need to stress the importance of faculty. The surveys can be found on the faculty assembly web page (<http://www.northcarolina.edu/facultyassembly/index.htm>). There are multiple ways to provide input. If you can't access the surveys, send comments to Souffrant or to Jernigan. It appears the members of the strategic planning committees are beginning to see that colleges/universities are more complicated than they first thought. We have had very good response rate to the surveys. The final report will be delivered in February.
- Fielding provided a brief update on the group looking at transferring within the system. The group is looking at ways to make it easier for students to move from one state institution to another.

6. Report of the President – None.

7. New Business – None.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Judy Walker, Faculty Secretary