

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

March 24, 2011

Present (ex officio): Charles Bodkin (President); Alan Freitag (Past President); Michael Green (President-Elect); Kim Harris (Secretary); Bonnie Noble (CAA); Ed Jernigan (BUS); Mirsad Hadzikadic (C&I); Tracy Rock (COED); Terry Xu (Alternate, ENG); Andrew Harver (HHS); Yvette Huet (CLAS); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Tom Reynolds (Graduate School); Christine Amato (College of Business); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education); Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Jane Neese (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); Nancy Gutierrez (Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent: Gregory Weeks (CLAS); Tanure Ojaide (CLAS); Stanley Wilder (Librarian); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering)

Present (unit representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); Dena Shenk (ANTH); Dennis Livesay (BIOINF); Sue Peters (BIOL); Monica Johar (BISOM); Banita Brown (CHEM); James Bowen (Alternate, CENG); James Frazier (CS); Ted Amato (ECON); Meredith DiPietro (EDLD); Linda Xie (ECE); Carlos Orozco (ET); Alan Rauch (ENGL); Jane Laurent (HIST); John Bender (Alternate, GEOG/ES); Roy Fielding (KNES); Samuel Monder (Alternate, LCS); Mike Olson (LIB); Rick Conboy (MGMT); Alan Dow (MATH); Ed Morse (MENG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Dick Toenjes (PHIL); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Maureen Brown (Alternate, POLS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Beth Racine (PHS); Amy Good (REEL); Jeremy Schott (RELS); Lucille Travis (SON); Susan McCarter (SOWK); Kelly Anderson (SPED)

Absent (unit representatives): Hughlene Burton (ACCT); Christopher Rogers (AERO); Veronica Hilliard (AFRS); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); Mary Tuma (ART); Sandy Hanson (COMM); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Charisse Coston (CJUS); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Steve Ott (FINN); Charles Houck (GIAS); Linda Swayne (MKTG); Gary McGinnis (MILSCI); Bill Tolone (SIS); Murray Webster (SOC); Robin Witt (THTR)

Also present: Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Janet Daniel (OASES); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Garvey Pyke (Center for Teaching and Learning); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Stuart Smith (FAPSC Chair); John Bland (Public Relations); Susan Harden (UNC Charlotte Crossroads); Johnna Watson (Graduate School); Leslie Zenk (Academic Affairs); Clarence Greene (Academic Affairs)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, President Bodkin presiding. President Bodkin thanked the Deans of the Colleges for the lunch that was provided.

1. Dr. Toenjes announced Summer Diversity Institute

The Summer Diversity Institute will be held from May 16th to May 20th and will focus on Internationalization. The institute will assist faculty members enhance research and curriculum by integrating diversity. The contact person is Dr. Eddy Souffrant.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Council

The approval of the minutes was tabled until the April meeting.

3. Approval of the Five-Year Academic Calendar

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to approve the five-year academic calendar. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dena Shenk. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Motion to Award Degrees

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to award degrees for the Spring 2011 semester. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Fielding. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Motion to Award Posthumous Degree

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to award a posthumous degree to Hiram Watkins. Dr. Alan Dow seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Motion from FEC regarding snow days

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded the following motion: *When unplanned university closures result in UNC Charlotte falling below the minimum number of contact hours required by North Carolina law, the University will institute a makeup day. This makeup day will be used to make up the most recent day of cancelled class and will be held on the Tuesday of fall recess (Fall semester) or the Friday of spring recess (Spring Semester).* Dr. Ed Morse seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Motions from FAPSC

- a. The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to recommend approval of “Service Learning” designation for approved courses. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ed Jernigan, and passed unanimously.
- b. The Faculty Executive Committee FAPSC forwarded a motion to remove the two course maximum for transfer courses that are one credit hour less than the course at UNCC that may be used to fulfill general education requirements. Dr. Alan Rauch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to ask the registrar to send a report to FAPSC about students who get priority registration. It is important to review the list each year to make sure that fairness is ensured and priority registration is not given flippantly. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dick Toenjes and passed unanimously.

8. Change to Constitution

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded the following motion to amend the Constitution to read as follows: *VII.1.D. Academic unit names may be changed in the Faculty Constitution with a majority vote of a quorum of Faculty Council members. Academic unit names may be added to the Faculty Constitution when the new unit is approved by the Board of Governors.* The motion was seconded by Dr. Jernigan. Dr. Huet made a friendly motion to change the motion to the following: *VII.1.D. Academic unit names may be changed in the Faculty Constitution with a majority vote of a quorum of Faculty Council members. Academic unit names may be added to the Faculty Constitution when the new unit receives final approval.* Dr. Huet's motion passed unanimously. The motion to amend the Constitution passed unanimously.

9. Nominations Committee

Dr. Michael Green presented the slate of nominees that was approved by FEC and added nominations from the floor. The motion to approve the slate was seconded by Dr. Andrew Harver. The slate was approved unanimously.

10. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Philip Dubois)

Budget: The House and Senate are working together on the budget. We were asked to prepare budgets for 5% and 10% reductions. More recently, the new President with new leadership asked us to plan for a 15% reduction. This would require us to give back 148 faculty positions which are vacant currently and 120 staff positions most of which are vacant. Layoffs would be kept down to about 25 positions. We could not manage at 20% reduction with our current numbers. Most legislators do not believe that will happen. The University has more flexibility with responding to reduction because we can raise tuition – more than K-12 schools. There is expectation in the General Assembly that tuition should be increased. The Board of Governors is trying to keep NC in-state tuition in the lowest 25% of country and is standing at a 6.5% increase for all campuses including us. Tuition revenue would be \$6 million, but 25% goes back into financial aid. There is no money for capital. We need to think about replacement, and our #1 priority has been new science building. We do not expect to see that money for years. We have to think about how to best teach science in our current facilities. We do not expect to see any enrollment growth money, and we are looking into shutting down enrollment for fall. We may also not get any money for the EPIC and Center City buildings. We have reserved funds for those because we had planned for the worst, and it looks like now we will have to go with that.

Dr. Dubois sent a letter to the UNC President asking for an extension of furlough authorization. We have filed our furlough plan. The linking of enrollment growth funding to graduation and retention rates has some “serious legs” under it. There is some understanding about the differences between students who go to various campuses. We will be expected to show some steady improvement.

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

Low-Productivity Programs. Every 2 years, we look at low-productivity programs. Sometimes we see that there is no advantage to eliminate a program because those courses are used in other high-producing programs. There are typically changes in COED because the Department of Public Instruction has come up with new requirements for licensure.

Calendar. In September of 2012, the Democratic National Convention will be in Charlotte. Center City Building will be within soft perimeter, and we should not offer classes during that time. UNC Charlotte has also been asked to house 1500 people – interns or law enforcement people. There will be many opportunities to see democracy in action. Programs are already beginning to consider how to connect with convention. If we accommodate people in housing on campus, the immediate impact on how we think about will be on the 2012-13 academic calendar. The beginning of the semester would have to be pushed back after Labor Day, and we will have to allow time for housekeeping to clean the residence halls before students move in. Graduation would move from December 17th to 22nd. The state requires us to have 750 minutes of credit per course hour, and we would still be short some time. In order to make up enough minutes, we would have to require some other classes either on Friday or Saturday or online. According to Chancellor Dubois, we are determined not to help finance the DNC.

We are putting together a financial plan that will cover our extra costs related to this.

QEP. We are moving along with the development of the QEP. John Smail has held a number of faculty forums. There are 4 proposals currently. We are trying to schedule another open meeting, possibly on Reading Day.

7. Report of the President (Dr. Charles Bodkin)

- Faculty Governance Moodle site is up and running. Diversity application is there. On the left side of the opening page, click on Projects on left.
- We had our first background criminal check meeting. We will have to have another meeting with some more discussions.
- We are planning a retreat for the chairs at the end of the semester at which annual reports will be given.

8. New business

The groundbreaking for the football stadium will be on Thursday, April 28th at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Harris, Secretary