

**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**February 17, 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); David Binkley (ENG); Andrew Harver (HHS); Yvette Huet (CLAS); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Susan Sell (Graduate School); Christie Amato (College of Business); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Jane Neese (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); Bill Hill (Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); John Smail (Dean, University College)

**Absent:** Gregory Weeks (CLAS); Tanure Ojaide (CLAS); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Stanley Wilder (Librarian); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education)

**Present** (unit representatives): Casper Wiggins (Alternate, ACCT); Veronica Hilliard (AFRS); Dena Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); Mary Tuma (ART); Dennis Livesay (BIOINF); Sue Peters (BIOL); Banita Brown (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Sandy Hanson (COMM); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Charisse Coston (CJUS); Jennifer Troyer (Alternate, ECON); Linda Xie (ECE); Alan Rauch (ENGL); Carlos Orozco (ET); John Diemer (GEOG/ES); Jane Laurent (HIST); Roy Fielding (KNES); Samuel Monder (Alternate, LCS); Mike Olson (LIB); Alan Dow (MATH); Ed Morse (MENG); Gary McGinnis (MILSCI); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Dick Toenjes (PHIL); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Amy Good (Alternate, REEL); Lucille Travis (SON); Susan McCarter (SOWK); Kelly Anderson (SPED)

**Absent** (unit representatives): Christopher Rogers (AERO); Monica Johar (BISOM); James Frazier (CS); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Meredith DiPietro (EDLD); Steve Ott (FINN); Charles Houck (GIAS); Rick Conboy (MGMT); Linda Swayne (MKTG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Beth Racine (PHS); John Szmer (POLS); Jeremy Schott (RELS); Murray Webster (SOC); Bill Tolone (SIS); Robin Witt (THTR)

**Also present:** Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Janet Daniel (OASES); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Susan Sell (Graduate School); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Tony Carter (Student Financial Aid); Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); 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. Approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Council**

Dr. Jernigan moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting of the Faculty Council**

Dr. Travis moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Huet seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **3. Motion from University Honors Council**

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to change the Standing Rules so that the chair is selected by the Honors Council. Dr. Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **4. Motion from FEC regarding department name change**

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion to change the name of the Department of Political Science to the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dick Toenjes and passed unanimously.

## **5. Motion from FEC regarding snow days**

The Faculty Executive Committee forwarded a motion establishing a policy to use the Friday before Easter (which is currently part of Spring Recess) as a makeup day for those classes that are cancelled due to inclement weather, and the semester subsequently falls below the minimum number of days required by North Carolina law. Dr. Ed Jernigan made a motion to send the motion back to FEC to consider the fall semester as well as the spring semester. Dr. Andrew Harver seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## **6. Report of the President Elect (Dr. Michael Green)**

Dr. Green reported that an email has gone out for nominations for university wide elections.

## **8. Report of the President (Dr. Charles Bodkin)**

- Lesley Zenk is working with Charles on the ombudsman position. The University Mediation Coordinator is evolving into ombudsman.
- The membership of the Future of the Faculty Committee was changed so that the President is an ex-officio member in order to bring information back to Faculty Council.
- The QEP workshop was very successful.
- The faculty handbook is being revised.

## **9. New business**

We need a faculty representative for the Background Checking Committee Policy Statement #127. Dr. Bodkin called for nominations for someone who would want to serve on this committee. President Bodkin was unanimously elected to serve on the committee.

## 10. Presentations

McKenzie Phillips from Classroom Support Services gave an update on clickers. An email went out to faculty that clicker committee was sponsoring demonstration for two clickers that were the frontrunners. Our standard hardware is now discontinued, so we had to continue with the same company or go with a new clicker. The committee is split between a very simple 5-button clicker (I-clicker) and another more complete clicker that is capable of self-paced testing. Each of the clickers costs less than the current clicker, and they are within \$5 of each other. Both systems are Moodle-integratable. Roy Fielding recommended that they repoll the clicker faculty and let them vote between the two choices. This proposal was approved by Faculty Council.

Valorie McAlpin, Director of the Teaching and Learning Center gave an update on online teaching evaluations. The Center for Teaching and Learning is working with a subcommittee of FITSAC and is looking at teaching evaluations. They are planning experimental studies with 56 courses: 8 from each college. The study will be carried out in the spring, and research will be completed during the summer. The results will be presented in the fall, and if it is approved, we can implement it in the fall. There is a website: <http://studentcourseevals.uncc.edu/> that has information about the study. Richard Harshhorn is the principal investigator of the study.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15. Next meeting is March 24, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Harris, Secretary