Faculty Assembly Chair

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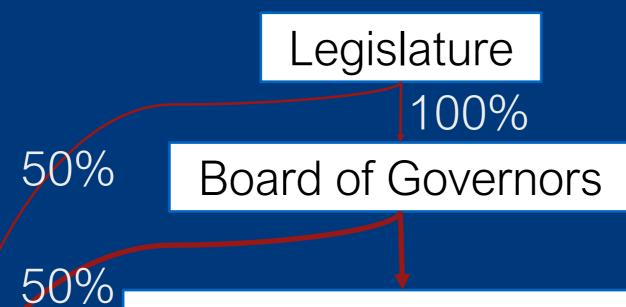
Where we are now...

Part I

"Structure"



Big Picture



Faculty Assembly

Board of Trustees

Chancellors

UNC System President

System Office

Faculty Senate/Council

Red = Authority Green = Advisory

Legislative Levers

- Budget
- Legal mandates
- Directives to BOG or System

BOG Levers

- Funds: Tuition, Fees, Buildings
- Approve all <u>legislative requests</u>
- Directives/Mandates
- Program approvals
- Employs the President & elect chancellors

President Levers

- Chancellors are direct reports
- May add Regulations to any BOG Policy
- Directives to campuses
- Permission for off list legislative asks
- Approval of senior campus hires

Accreditation

SACSCOC standard 10.4 says:

The institution (a) publishes and implements policies on the authority of faculty in academic and governance matters, (b) demonstrates that educational programs for which academic credit is awarded are approved consistent with institutional policy, and (c) places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty. (Academic governance)

HLC Standards / Assumed Practices related to faculty:

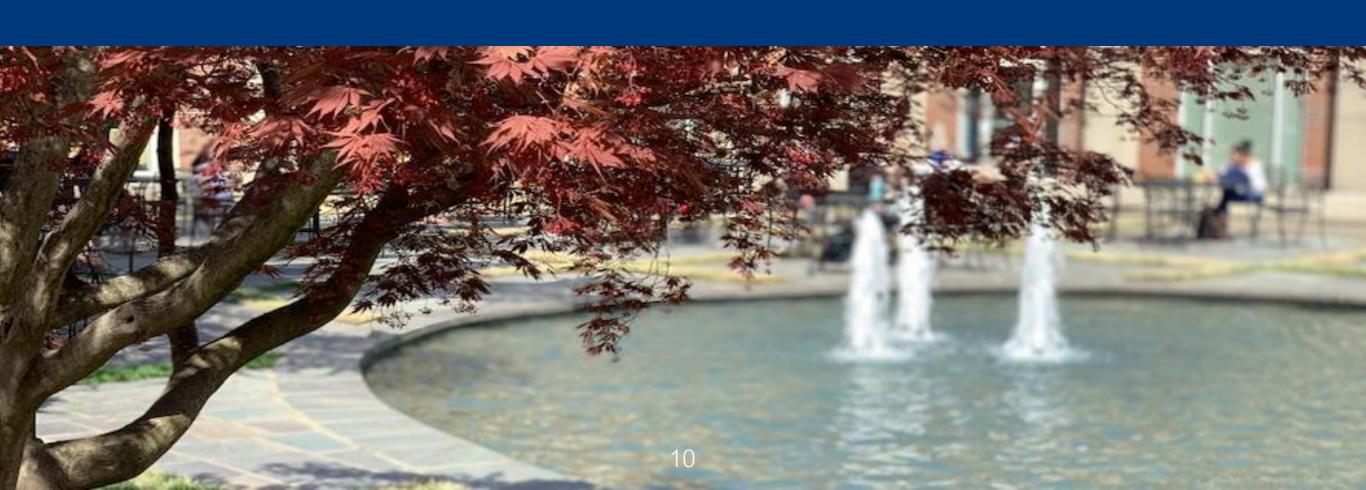
- a. Faculty participate substantially in:
 - i. oversight of the curriculum offered its development, vetting and implementation; academic substance; currency; and relevance for internal and external constituencies;
 - ii. assurance of consistency in the level and quality of instruction and in the expectations of student performance;
 - iii. establishment of the qualifications for instructors, including instructors provided by third parties;
 - iv. analysis of data and appropriate action on assessment of student learning and program completion.
- 1. Instructors (excluding for this requirement teaching assistants enrolled in a graduate program and supervised by faculty) have the authority for the assignment of any measures of student achievement. (This requirement allows for collective responsibility, as, for example, when a faculty committee has the authority to override a grade on appeal.)

Notes

- All levers may be used to achieve compliance
- Not all directives are official
- Faculty do not "own" the curriculum in code or via accreditation
- Multi-layer Authority Alignment Feds, State, BOG

Part II

"What happened?"



Background Readings

- NC Law <u>13 impermissible concepts</u>
- UNC System <u>Equality Policy</u>
- Federal Contracting Compliance Memo
- Dear Colleague <u>Letter</u>
- Hiring Pause at NCSU
- Florida Gen Ed Takeover
- NC DOGE Committee Target Gov & Univ DEI

Happening

- Directive to scrub all campus websites of DEI
- Identify all DEI requirements in majors remove requirements or Chancellor can seek waiver from BOG
- Dear Colleague Compliance Affinity groups, scholarships, special graduations etc? by Feb 28
- Campuses warned of scrutiny due to Faculty comments during senate/council meetings reported in press
- EEO complaints over PhD project including UNCC

Where We Are Now

- This is Political
- We Have Rulers, but do we have Rules?
- Campus admin is our strongest ally
- Be aware, prepare to engage strategically when the time is right
- Keep powder dry, actions have consequences

Questions?

