Standing Committee Reports

Academic Year 2025-2026

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1. Competitive Grants Committee (CGC)

Report for Academic Year 2025-2026:

The Competitive Grants Committee normally considers two grant programs, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) summer stipend program and the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award Program.

The NEH summer stipend program was cancelled for 2025, so we did not meet.

There were twelve nominees for the ORAU award. We met on October 22, 2025, and selected two nominees for this award.

2. Faculty Academic Planning and Budget Committee (FAPBC)

FAPBC Annual Report 2025-2026

FAPBC did not meet this academic year. The Committee conducted the annual Provost performance review in spring 2026. The Committee communicated via email and followed the standard procedure in prior years.

During the review, committee member Jessica Roseberry made some good suggestions for revising/improving the survey questions. I recommend that President-Elect, Barbara Knight, chair of next year's committee starts the survey question revision in advance of the annual review.

This serves as the annual committee report for the 2025-2026 academic year.

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3. Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee (FAPSC)

2025-2026 FAPSC Final Report

Mira Frisch, Chair

Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant

Committee Members: Alan Dow, Ryan Harris, Corwin Keys, Susan Lynch, Meredith Magoun, Faith Neale, Xi “Sunshine” Niu, Olga Padilla-Falto, Luke Reinke Ralf Thiede, and Ryan Zimmerman

Summary of Committee Work

I. FAPSC met 9 times for 1 hour via Zoom on the following dates: 10/13/25, 11/10/25, 12/1/25, 12/8/25, 2/16/26, 2/23/26, 3/23/26, 3/30/26 and 4/13/26.

II. The Committee Chair attended these additional meetings:

- one-on-one consultation with Heather Peña, UNC Charlotte’s Fire Safety Coordinator, 12/11/25
- UNC Charlotte Graduate Council Meeting, 3/3/26
- One-on-one consultation with Dr. Lauren Coffey, Director of Graduate Academic Series, 3/24/26

Throughout the year, the Committee Chair also communicated electronically with Dr. Leslie Zenk, Associate Provost and Chief of Staff, Academic Affairs. Subcommittees also met on their own, consulted with experts on campus, and communicated with each other electronically as needed.

III. FAPSC completed our review of the Policies/Procedures that were assigned to FAPSC from Academic Affairs

FAPSC approved (with edits as needed) these policies/procedures:

- Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning
- Credit for Prior Learning and Graduate Transfer Credit
- Reverse Transfer
- Graduation Policy
- Course Numbering and Status Policy
- Undergraduate and Graduate Registration Policies

FAPSC advised Faculty Council Executive Committee and Academic Affairs on the following:

- Possible use of a learning management system (such as Canvas) for the reporting of midterm and final grades.
- The new Syllabus Policy (UNC Charlotte Academic Procedure_ Undergraduate and Graduate Syllabus Requirements and Guidance)

IV. FAPSC reviewed five policies that were up for a mandatory 7-year review and suggested edits where appropriate. We completed our review for the following four policies:

- Definition of Undergraduate Majors, Minors,
  Concentrations and Certificates
- Baccalaureate Degree Requirements
- Readmission of Former Students
- Posthumous Degrees and Degrees in Memoriam

Note: We were unable to complete our work on the fifth document, the Second Degrees [Graduate] Policy, because there were too many discrepancies between the Provost's published policy and the Graduate School policy. We therefore left this review for next year’s FAPSC.

4. Faculty Advisory Library Committee (FALC)

Faculty Advisory Library Committee

Annual Report to Faculty Council

2025-2026

Submitted by Peter J. Ferdinando, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APRIL 2026

Peter J. Ferdinando, College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences, Chair

Jill Sexton, Atkins Library

Elizabeth Siler, Atkins Library

Gene Lai, College of Business

Ann Mickelson, College of Education

Meredith Troutman-Jordan, College of Health & Human Services

Ralf Thiede, College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences

Morgan Carter, College of Sciences

Rick White, College of Computing & Informatics

Haitao Zhang, College of Engineering

Kylie Greenelsh, Student Government Association Representative

Myya Morrison, Graduate & Professional Student Association Representative

MEETINGS

2025: October 20, November 10

2026: February 9, March 16

All meetings held by Zoom

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Activities of the Library reported to FALC (updates provided by listed library faculty & staff) were as follows:

Facilities Updates

- **Tower and Elevator Projects** (Jill Sexton, Ryan Harris): FALC heard regular updates on the Tower & Elevator Project. This project includes ADA-compliant elevators and bathrooms, updated HVAC, fire and safety systems, and new carpeting for areas of floors G-10. An expanded scope to complete necessary electrical updates resulted in a longer project duration and several closures of Atkins over scheduled breaks and intersessions this year. The project was originally projected for completion in November 2025, but is now projected to be complete by the start of the fall 2026 semester.
- **New Carpet Installation** (Jill Sexton): New carpeting was installed on most of the first floor during Summer 2025, with the remaining carpet to be installed in Summer 2026.
- **Library Master Plan** (Jill Sexton): A formal library facility master plan will be developed in FY 2027, which will involve consultation with an external architectural firm, library staff, FALC, students, and Facilities Management. The plan will result in a manageable, phased approach to transforming Atkins into a facility that supports current and emerging needs for teaching, learning, and research at an R1 university.
- **Library Furniture Study** (Michael Harris, Jill Sexton): Representatives from the library, Academic Affairs, and Facilities Management are working with a design firm on a phased plan to refresh broken and worn furniture in Atkins. The plan will develop a cohesive look and aesthetic throughout Atkins that can be rolled out gradually as funding becomes available. This study incorporated feedback from student and staff surveys.

Hight Architecture Library Study (Ryan Harris, Liz Siler)

- Due to enrollment expansion in the College of Arts + Architecture, a study is underway regarding the potential closure of the Hight Architecture Library in the Storrs building to repurpose the space for a graduate architecture student studio. The study will involve faculty, staff, and students from the College of Arts + Architecture and the library. A recommendation will be made in summer 2026.

AI Literacy Efforts in the Library (Catherine Tinglestad)

The library has adopted a strategic approach to generative AI, prioritizing the development of critical thinking and information literacy skills within the research process. Atkins librarians offer consultations for faculty on incorporating AI tools, including text, image, and multimedia generators, into research and instruction

Library Support for Open Access (Liz Siler)

FALC heard several updates regarding Atkins Library's support for Open Access (OA) through several mechanisms:

- **Publisher Agreements:** The library maintains various "read and publish" deals that cover Article Processing Charges (APCs) for authors.
- **OA Publishing Fund:** Authors may apply for up to $1,500 to cover APCs in fully open journals, available until the annual budget is exhausted.
- **Policy Implementation:** Following Faculty Council approval in Spring 2024, the library began implementing the Open Access Policy in December 2025, assisting faculty in depositing manuscripts into Niner Commons.
- **Federal Compliance:** The library serves as a partner to help faculty navigate federal requirements for making funded research open

The library conducted a survey of faculty to measure awareness and **satisfaction of current OA support.** Direct funding and waivers in support of APCs are the most valued forms of support. The study showed that some of the language and terminology used by the library to describe OA support is confusing, highlighting the need for improved communications regarding available benefits, including which publishers have APC waiver agreements in place with the library.

Atkins Budget Overview

- **Operating Budget** (Chesney Klubert) The library's operating budget is primarily state-allocated and focuses on salaries, wages, and essential operations. The budget has remained flat for seven years, even though expenses continue to increase. Atkins remains heavily dependent on one-time funding to fill critical operational needs.
- **Collections Budget** (Liz Siler) The library's collections budget has remained flat for seven years, necessitating repeated cancellation of resources and aggressive contract

negotiations to maintain level spending. Approximately two-thirds of the collections budget comes from E&T funds. To manage costs while maintaining access to critical collections, the library has reduced print journal purchasing in favor of electronic access.

- **R1 Peer Comparison** (Jill Sexton, Chesney Klubert, Liz Siler) Budgetary benchmarking indicates that Atkins Library is funded at a lower level than its UNC System and R1 peer institutions.

Rapido Interlibrary Loan Platform (Shelly Bloise, Christine Beardsley)

Atkins implemented a new platform for Interlibrary Loan Services (ILL) in December 2025. The platform significantly lowers the barrier to request materials through ILL, and quickly resulted in dramatic increases in the number of requests placed. Atkins staff will continue to monitor demand to ensure we can keep pace with the number of requests.

New Resource Review (Liz Siler, Katie Howell)

Atkins acquired several new resources that support increased activity in funded research, health sciences, data science, and in the humanities. These tools include Scopus, Embase, Sage Data, and Adam Matthew. The acquisition of these resources was made possible through cancellation of less frequently used resources, and through aggressive re-negotiation tactics for existing resources.

Some notable special collections acquisitions include several collections related to the Charlotte Folk Society, records from the Charlotte Observer, and the papers of prominent university faculty members Larry Mellichamp and Janet Daniel.

This ends the 2025-2026 report.

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5. Faculty Advisory Summer Sessions Committee (FASSC)

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April 2026

Professor Heather Coffey, Chair

Over the 2025-26 Academic Year, the Faculty Advisory Summer Sessions Committee met once and continued to focus on meeting students' needs by developing summer sessions programming.

We focused on the following three goals:

1. Understanding increasing enrollment (5% increase in summer sessions attendance)
   - FAFSA Simplified
   - Survey inquiry regarding delivery method/Offering more courses asynchronously
   - Learning more about how students can focus on time to graduation
2. Interpreting an increase in salary cap from $8000 to & 10,000. (10%)
   - Some colleges are piloting a college model instead of the salary cap model
   - Must have higher enrollment to pay salaries
   - Teaching Assistant requests will need higher enrollment as well
3. Planning Summer Marketing Campaign
   - Push for 3-year graduation rates
   - “Racing to graduation” (Theme)
   - Shared all the marketing strategies being used for this process
   - Focus on targeting parents/families
   - Ads and banners in Canvas target the whole campus

The Military World Games will be held at UNC Charlotte in summer 2027, so the Summer Sessions Committee will need to focus on accessibility to campus over the 2026-2027 academic year.

6. Faculty Employment Status Committee (FESC)

UNC Charlotte

Faculty Council Standing Committee

Faculty Employment Status Committee (FESC)

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Description of FESC's role per the Constitution of the Faculty (March 19, 2026) and Standing Rules of the Faculty Council (March 5, 2026).

This committee handles matters under Article III, Section 3, Paragraph A of the Constitution of the Faculty, which are the issues where the faculty has the main responsibility for making policy provided proposed policies follow the guidelines set by the Chancellor, the President's Office, and the various Boards of Trustees and Governors.

Per the Standing Rules of the Faculty Council, Article V, Section F, "1. The function of the Employment Status Committee shall be to recommend University policy on matters of reappointment, promotion, tenure, and conditions of service; and to approve instruments and procedures to evaluate administrators. 2. Whenever the Employment Status Committee approves procedures or instruments for the evaluation of administrators it shall send a copy of the approved materials to all members of the Faculty Council and one copy to each department and departmentalized college. Such approval by the FESC is final unless reversed by

Faculty Council."

Committee Members

Arts & Architecture (**Greg Snyder**), Business (**Craig Depken**), Computing & Informatics (**Manuel Pérez-Quiñones**), Education (**Taryne Mingo**), Engineering (**Don Chen**), Health & Human Services (**Judy Cornelius**), Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences (**John Szmer, vice-chair** & **Ella Fratantuono**), Science (**Christopher Bejger**-F25; **Anthony Fernandes**-S26), library (**Jeff McAdams**), and chair (**Concepcion Godev**)

Meetings

One organizational meeting, three meetings in Fall 2025 and four meetings in Spring 2026. On average, meetings were one hour long. One of the meetings was hybrid (zoom and in person) and the rest of the meetings were conducted on Zoom.

Estimated yearly time allocation per committee member

(This estimate assumes attendance to eight meetings, one-hour preparation for each meeting, consulting with faculty in relevant academic college, and keeping track of a few email communications)

Each committee member has allocated approximately 17-20 hours in the 2025-2026 academic year to complete tasks relevant to FESC activity. The chair of FESC allocated approximately 35-40 hours.

Completed Task

Reviewing evaluation process for academic administrators. Provost Jennifer Troyer asked FESC to review the UNC Charlotte Academic Policy and Procedure: Evaluation of Academic Administrators. The review was framed by the following objectives: 1) finding ways to increase candor in faculty feedback, 2) looking into how the process could possibly lighten the service load of faculty serving on review committees, and 3) looking into ways to make the review process more uniform across academic administrators within the same category. FESC concluded their review in Spring 2026 and provided seven recommendations that were sent to the President of the Faculty, Dr. Debra Smith, and Provost Jennifer Troyer.

In-progress Task

Reviewing the implementation of workload policies across colleges and departments. This review began at the last meeting of Spring 2026 and will continue in Fall 2026. Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Eric Heggestad, attended this meeting.

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7. Faculty Information & Technology Services Advisory Committee (FITSAC)

[No report submitted for 2025-2026]

8. Faculty Legacy Scholarship Committee (FLSC)

[No report submitted for 2025-2026]

9. Faculty Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Grants Committee

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The Faculty SOTL Grants Committee met in Fall 2025 semester and recommended to the Center for Teaching and Learning who should receive funding for the Fall 2025 SOTL Grants Competition. The members of SOTL:

10. Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC)

[No report submitted for 2025-2026]

11. Graduate Council (GC)

MEMORANUM

To: Dr. Debra Smith, President UNC Charlotte Faculty

From: Dr. Candace Brown, Chair of Graduate Council

Cc: Mr. Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant

Date: May 8, 2026

RE: Report on Graduate Council Activities for 2025-2026

Graduate Council Voting Members: Redwan Bin Abdul Baten (HMP/CHHS), Eliana Christou (MATH/COS), Kyle Cox (EDLD/COED),David Gall (ARTH/COAA), Monica Johar (BISOM/COB), Heather Lipford (SIS/CCI), Erika Montanaro (PYSC/CHESS), Timothy Murtha (ANTH/CHESS), Michael Walter (CHEM/COS), Terry Xu (MEES, CO)

Graduate Council Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members: Garrison Libby (Library), Bill Tolone (Dean of the Graduate School)

Graduate Council Secretary: Dan Jones (Graduate School Staff)

The Graduate Council held one organizational meeting and nine business meetings for the 2025-2026 academic year. During the academic year, the Council accomplished the following tasks:

1. Approved using a consent calendar for Curriculog proposals to streamline the current review process.
2. Reviewed 129 course proposals: 107 of those were new courses, 109 courses advanced, one was returned to the originator, and 19 were put on hold.
3. Reviewed 22 new program proposals: 17 were from the Belk College of Business.
4. The Graduate Council Chair reviewed 169 total proposals: 92 revised course proposals, 61 revised program proposals, 15 discontinued course proposals and one other proposal.
5. Assisted the Office of Academic Affairs with expedited review of two proposals for the new UNC System Office initiative *Common Ground Collaborative*.
6. Approved of Optional Canvas Course Training for Faculty serving as new dissertation chairs.
7. Revised and/or approved the revisions of several policies including the:
    a. Course Numbering and Status Policy

    b. Credit for Prior Learning policy
    c. Academic Dismissal Policy
    d. updated Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty.
8. Two members, Tim Murtha and Harrison Libby, worked to complete the report of Graduate Dean Tolone's Performance Feedback.

The Graduate Council Chair, who will rotate out of the role at the end of June 2026 to complete a reassignment of duties in fall 2026, collaborated with the Graduate Council Secretary (Dan Jones), the Faculty Governance Assistant (Matt Wyse), and the incoming Fall 2026 Graduate Council Chair (Heather Lipford) to support succession planning and information transfer.

The minutes for all meetings of the Graduate Council are available on the Faculty Governance website (Graduate Council). These minutes give complete accounts of the Graduate Council's proceedings.

12. Grievance Committee

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The Grievance Committee consists of 12 elected members who serve staggered 4-year terms. Those members were: Oscar De la Torre Cueva, Joseph Dippong, Jay Grymes, Kendra Jason, Greg Martin, Arindam Mukherjee, Monica Rodriguez, Teresa Scheid, Dorothy Smith-Ruiz, John Szmer, Aaron Toscano, and Lufei Young.

Members met on August 27, 2026, for training and to elect a Chair (Dr. Aaron A. Toscano was elected). On August 29, 2026, the Committee met to discuss a petition forwarded by the Faculty Grievance Advisor. To address the petition, a five-member panel was appointed.

The Grievance Committee will meet on May 4, 2026, to elect a Chair for 2026-2027.

13. Hearing Committee

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The Hearing Committee hears cases of decisions not to reappoint, not to promote, not to confer permanent tenure, discharge, the imposition of serious sanctions, or termination. The Committee consists of 16 elected members who serve staggered 4-year terms. During the 2025–2026 year, those members were: Suzanne Boyd, Regina Branton, Jurgen Buchenau, Al Ghosh, Jay Grymes, Elena Platonova, Charlie L. Reeve, Tracy Rock, Oleg Safranov, Gregory Starrett, Michelle Stephan, Meredith Troutman-Jordan, Weimin Wang, Yongge Wang, Matthew Whelan, and Mark Wilson.

The Committee convened on July 28, 2025, at which time it received training from the Office of Legal Affairs on relevant policies, documents, and procedures from the UNC System and UNC Charlotte. After electing Jay Grymes as its chair, the Committee went into closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged information under The Privacy of State Employees Personnel Records Act as it considered a request for a hearing.

The Committee received one request for a hearing this year. In accordance with University Policy 102.13, the Committee chair selected five Committee members to hear and decide the case: Jay Grymes (Panel Chair), Tracy Rock, Weimin Wang, Yongge Wang, and Mark Wilson. The Hearing Panel convened on August 26, 2025 and transmitted its written recommendation to Chancellor Sharon Gaber on September 5, 2025. As there were no further requests for hearings, the Committee did not convene again.

14. Honors Council

Honors Council Annual Report 2025-2026

Submitted by Laura Magennis, Co-Chair

April 20, 2026

The Honors Council met on September 12, October 3, and November 14 in 2025 and on January 9, February 13, March 20, and April 10 in 2026 to discuss matters related to the governance of Honors programs at UNC Charlotte.

In addition to these full meetings, the members of the three standing committees of the Honors Council (Honors Faculty Review Committee, Honors College Dean and Associate Dean Evaluation Committee, and Honors Curriculum Committee) met to conduct their assigned responsibilities.

Elected Honors Council representatives for 2025-2026 were:

- Laura Magennis (CHHS, Co-Chair)
- Abby Moore (At-Large-UHP, Co-Chair; Library)
- Lisa Homann (COAA)
- Jackie Robinson (COB)
- KR Subramanian (CCI)
- Erin FitzPatrick (COED)
- Meg Harkins (COEN)
- John Stogner (CHESS)
- Victoria Rankin (CHESS)
- Bao-Hua Song (COS)
- Pilar Zuber (At-Large; ECH)
- Paloma Fernandez Sanchez (At-Large-UHP; LACS)
- Luis Tejada (Student Representative)

Ex-officio non-voting members included:

- Malin Pereira (Dean of Honors College)
- Cindy Gilson (Associate Dean of Honors College)
- Colette Chenault (Administrative Support Associate)

Members of the Honors Curriculum Committee included KR Subramanian (Chair), Victoria Rankin, and Cindy Gilson.

Members of the Honors Faculty Review Committee included Jackie Robinson(Chair), Erin FitzPatrick, and Lisa Homann.

The Honors College Evaluation Committee included Bao-Hua Song (Chair), Paloma Fernandez Sanchez, Meg Harkins, John Stogner, Pilar Zuber.

Major Activities, 2025-2026:

1. Colette Chenault, the Honors College Administrative Support Associate, continued to enhance the organization of the Honors Council materials by utilizing Google Drive folders which has made information easily accessible to members.
2. The Honors Council reviewed and approved 6 course proposals and 5 program and catalog revisions proposals.
3. The Honors Council Bylaws were changed to update the Associate Director's Title (Article VII, Section 3.2).
4. The Honors Council approved revisions to the "Structure and Election Process For Honors Council" based on changes to the Faculty Constitution regarding non-tenure-track or special faculty. Changes were submitted to the FEC for approval.
5. The Honors Faculty review process was revised to include Department Chairs in the review process. The review process changes also included verification of types of activities in support of Honors students/programs. Department Chair input related to Honors Faculty review was also included. The Faculty Review Committee is currently finalizing their recommendations for Honors Faculty that will be presented to the Dean.
6. Revisions were made to the Honors Council Structure & Election Process Document to include new terminology for non-tenure track/ special faculty, which is in alignment with changes to Article II of the Faculty Constitution.
7. The Honors Council student representative disseminated the annual survey to all Honors Students, analyzed the results from 111 completed surveys, and presented the findings to the Honors Council. Findings will continue to be analyzed by the Honors College leadership over the next few months.
8. The members of the Honors Council discussed the possibility of a repository for Honors Capstones, possibly through the Library. Concerns of public availability of the finalized capstone projects were discussed. This discussion will continue in the next academic year.
9. The Evaluation Committee disseminated an evaluation survey for Dean Malin Pereira and Associate Cindy Dean Gilson of the Honors College, inviting input from the various stakeholders in this process. The final evaluation letters for the Dean and Associate Dean will be completed by the University deadlines.
10. Elections for the Honors Council representatives and alternates are in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Magennis, DNP

Honors Council Co-Chair

Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

College of Health & Human Services

Abby Moore, PhD

Honors Council Co-Chair

Professor, Education Librarian

J. Murrey Atkins Library

15. Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee (NHAC)

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The Nominations, Honors and Awards Committee (NHAC) combines the functions of three sub- committees: the O. Max Gardner Award sub-committee (spearheaded by Ms. Jen Knight), the Honorary Degree Advisory sub- committee, The Chancellor Woodward Award, and the Faculty Governance Elections sub-committee (actively steered by Mr. Matt Wyse).

We are thankful of the support of Office of Academic Affairs and, specifically, of the guidance and work of both Mr. Wyse and Ms. Knight as they helped the committee maintain timely meetings and accounts of the committee or as in many cases, the sub-committees' decisions on their charges. The NHAC met the expectations of its charge as they are articulated in the by-laws. The Chair communicated on numerous occasions with Mr. Wyse and outside of the committee meetings, to determine how best to sustain the democratic spirit of the deliberations concerning the suitable candidates put forth to be honored with the three awards for the Academic Year, the Woodward Faculty Research Award, the honorary Degree, and the O. Max Gardner Award. The first is awarded to one of our promising re-appointed but untenured tenure trach faculty, the second goes to a public servant who advances the mission of the university, the third is a selection of a senior scholar whose work impacts positively on the Carolinas or the world at large.

Work This Year:

This year the NHAC met several times via Zoom and the sub-committees deliberated on documents made available by Matt Wyse and Jen Knight via google docs. Only one of these zoom meetings this year (the introductory meeting at the beginning of the year) was of the whole group, although some missed because of conflict of schedule or the like. We did not meet for O. Max Gardner Award because of the UNC System decisions, but our candidate selected in 2025 (Mr. Jordan Poler) was represented for this year's consideration. The other two meetings were of the subcommittees whose memberships self-selected at the beginning of the academic year when the Committee of the whole first assumed its charge in the Fall. Because we did not need to choose a O. Max Gardner candidate, the sub-committee did not meet in the Spring when it usually convenes.

So, our first meeting early in the Fall was to establish the constituents of each of the subcommittees and to partition and allocate the year's workload. Mr. Wyse sent a request for interest in sub-committees and the members of the whole, self-designated their sub-committee assignments. The two active subcommittees this year met to help determine which of the suitable representatives of the faculty would be selected as the finalists to receive the relevant awards. The subcommittee membership is a good model that, in this instantiation of the NHAC, lightens the workload of all members and was an efficient way to arrive at consensus regarding the candidates. We thus shared our charge equitably.

The chair met with the members of the two sub-committees (once for each award, the Woodward and the Honorary Degree selection). We considered the recommendations from Deans/Chairs across the University and from the advocates of the Honorary degree candidates. Unfortunately, the Woodward candidates can only be presented once. That sub-committee has assumed the unforgiving task of choosing only one of the re-appointed faculty in any given year. The circumstances are different for the honorary degree candidates, and we are happy that there are viable candidates in this year's roster eligible for future considerations and selections. The process in all the subcommittees and the committee of the whole is open and democratic despite the appearance of a hierarchy that this reporting suggests. The Chair maintains an open line of communication with all the members, and especially with those of the various subcommittees by e-mail and through the intermediary of Mr. Wyse and Ms. Knight. The whole committee did not meet at the end of the Academic year despite customary intentions.

Honorary Degree

The Honorary Degree Advisory sub-committee and Mr. Wyse distributed a call for nominations on 3 September 2025 with a deadline for nomination for October 22, 2025. We received two strong nominations and the members met in the early part of the Fall (October 28, 2025) to discuss whether the nominees received from the University Community met the criteria established by the UNC Charlotte administration and the Board of Trustees. The sub-committee agreed that one of the candidates from this year's group met the expectations and exigencies of the Honorary Degree. We sent our report to the Chancellor on November the 12th, 2025. The sub-committee was also comforted that there are candidates in this year's pool who would also be eligible for next year's honor.

The recipient(s) of this honor receive(s) the degree of Doctor of Public Service honoris causa in large part because that person or persons expressed in actions and words a deep commitment to the University in many ways and is/are ultimately vested in improving the students' experience at UNC Charlotte.

(As of the day of this report, the Honoris Causa had not been officially announced.)

Chancellor Woodward Award for Junior Faculty

In August of 2025, the NHAC sub-committee tasked by the Faculty Council President to consider making the seventh Chancellor Woodward award announced our Choice, Dr. Danillo Augusto. We received eight nominations this year and we met on August the 28th, 2025 to make our selection. We forwarded our letter to the provost's office on 26 September 2025.

The award recognizes a junior faculty who has shown extraordinary promise in their research. Dr. Danillo Augusto is a member of the Department of Biological Sciences in the Klein College of Science (COS).

O. Max Gardner Award

The call for nominations for the O. Max Gardner Award did not go out this year but the candidate we selected to represent the University the previous is thereby represented for consideration. The nomination package of Mr. Jordan C. Poler, Ph.D., Professor in Department of Chemistry, was submitted on the 15th of January 2026. The President of the University Faculty Council, Dr. Debra Smith, will forward Dr. Poler's qualifications and merits to the Offices of the Chancellor and Academic Affairs.

Faculty Governance Elections

The NHAC committee worked to complement and support Mr. Wyse's call for the university-wide 2026-2027 Faculty Governance Positions. Mr. Wyse sent a call for nominations on the 20th of February. As of this year's nomination deadline of 4 April 2026, we received a full slate of nominees. The elections were held between the 6th and 17th of April 2026.

As usual, the results will be announced at the University Faculty Council meeting of April 30, 2026.

Respectfully submitted on April 29, 2026.

Eddy Souffrant,

NHAC Chair 2022-2026

Professor of Philosophy,

Chair of the Africana Studies Department.

16. Part-Time Faculty Committee

Part-time Faculty Committee

Acting Chairperson: Debra Smith, Faculty President

2026-2026 Academic Year

Committee Members:

Ben Still, Arts + Architecture
Hamid Baradaran Shoraka, Business
Jacob Krevat, Computing & Informatics
Bailey Macleod, Education
Vacant, Engineering
Darnisha Pulley, Health & Human Services
Lindsay Messinger, Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences
Leah Walton, Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences
Jane Walsh, Science

The Part-Time Committee was convened by Debra Smith on January 22, 2026, from 1:00–2:00 p.m., in the absence of former chair Kim Buch. Two alternates from the Part-Time Committee were also in attendance.

Attendees: Amanda Bill, Sam Martin, Debra Smith

Agenda: The primary agenda item was a review of the Adjunct Faculty website in order to provide feedback to the Office of Academic Affairs.

- Feedback was submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs, which addressed the committee's comments and provided a response in March 2026.
- During the meeting, Debra Smith noted that, in the absence of a chair (a role that must be held by a full-time faculty member), she would convene at least one additional meeting during the semester to revisit the website. In lieu of convening another meeting, Debra instead circulated the Office of Academic Affairs' response to the Adjunct Faculty website feedback to the committee for additional comments and suggestions.
- The committee also discussed the recent expansion of faculty governance roles to include non-tenure-track faculty.

17. Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee (UCCC)

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The Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee (UCCC) handled all their proposals via email correspondence and in Curriculog. The committee met virtually on September 2025 so that Matt Wyse could demonstrate Curriculog to members of the UCCC. After this introductory meeting, we did not meet in person or via zoom during Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. The committee reviewed 25 curriculum proposals covering the following types: 14 new degree program, 7 revise programs, new certificates, 3 program discontinuations and 1 degree name revision. The committee chair reviewed a significant number of Curriculog proposals totaling 617 proposals: 306 revise course, 126 new course, 14 discontinue course, 166 revise program, 5 other.

Submitted on 4/24/2026 by Paola Pilonieta, Chair

18. University College Faculty Council (UCFC)

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The University College Faculty Council (UCFC) met seven times continuing its vital work during the 2025–2026 academic year, supporting the implementation of the Charlotte Core and General Education curriculum. Building on the momentum of the previous year, the council remained actively engaged in governance, assessment, and faculty support initiatives. Key accomplishments this year included:

1. **Feedback on General Education Course Proposals**
   UCFC provided constructive revision feedback on a range of General Education course proposals, helping faculty align their courses with the goals and standards of the Charlotte Core.
2. **Approval of Curriculog Proposals**
   The council reviewed and approved multiple General Education proposals submitted through Curriculog, ensuring alignment with the curriculum's competencies and learning outcomes.
3. **Finalization of Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities Course Proposal Criteria**
   A dedicated sub-group within UCFC was formed to develop clear criteria for developing course proposals in the Social Sciences and Arts/Humanities. This initiative supports consistency and rigor in course approval processes. This semester UCFC finalized the criteria and submitted them to the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education for future piloting.
4. **Evaluation of Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of University College Teresa Petty**
   The council facilitated the surveying of faculty, leadership, and staff in UGE and UCOL regarding the work of Associate Provost/Dean Teresa Petty. With the aid of AI, the council analyzed the survey data and produced an evaluation letter to Provost Troyer.
5. **Assisted Associate Dean Wayland with Processing the Roll Out of AI in Gen. Ed.**
   UCFC provided constructive thought partnering with Coral Wayland regarding the roll out of AI in General Education. We evaluated and provided feedback on a survey sent out to Gen. Ed. Faculty which helped determine the needs and thoughts of faculty regarding AI.
6. **Initiated Work on UCFC Policies and Procedures**
   Since finalizing and getting the UCFC Bylaws approved, a working group was formed to start the process of developing a Policies and Procedures document for UCFC. Finalizing this document will continue into the 26-27 AY.

These accomplishments reflect UCFC's ongoing commitment to supporting a high-quality, inclusive, and forward-thinking General Education program. The council looks forward to continuing its work in the coming academic year.

Respectfully submitted,
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