

Faculty Council
Cameron Applied Research Center 101
April 17, 2008

Present (ex officio): Kim Harris (President); Sonya Hardin (President Elect); Jeanie Welch (Secretary); Meg Morgan (Past President), Chris Beorkren for David Walters (ARCH); Gary Rassel (A & S); Mike Corwin (A & S); Charles Bodkin (BUS); Ken Chen (C & I); Jack Piel for Warren DiBiase (EDUC); David Binkley, ENG; Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Amanda Harmon (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Kent Curran for Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Architecture); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Arts & Sciences); John Gandar for Steven Ott (Interim Dean of Business); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education); Ron Smelser for Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Karen Schmaling (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): Richard Toenjes (A & S); Carol Runnion (Acting University Librarian)

Present (unit representatives): Janet Levy for Dena Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); David Edgar (ART); Mark Clemens (BIOL); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Karen Bean for Teresa Dahlberg (CS); Jack Culbreth (COUN); E.E. Balcos (DATH); Ted Amato (ECON); Jae Hoon Lim (EDLD); Ivan Howitt (ECE); Pilar Blitvich (ENGL); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Roy Fielding for Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Chuck Haymaker (LIB); Doug Pugh (MGMT); Joe Quinn (MATH); Harish Cherukuri (MENG); Leslie Cook (MDSK); Randal Haldeman for Jay Grymes (MUSC); Eddy Souffrant (PHIL); Susan Trammell (PHYS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Jessica Hartos (PHS); Peggy Wilmoth (SON); Lisa Rashotte (SOC); Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Bill Tolone (SIS); Lu Ann Jordan (SPED)

Absent (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT); Scott Rose (AERO); Veronica Walker (AFRS); Tony Stylianou (BISOM); Shawn Long (COMM); Beth Bjerregaard (CJUS); David Murphy (ET); Louis Trosch (FINN); Dan Morrill (HIST); Michael Doyle (LCS); Sunil Erevelles (MKTG); Eddie Johnson (MILSCI); Saul Brenner (POLLS); Bruce Taylor (REEL); Richard Cohen (RELS)

Also present: Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Pat Barber (ITS); Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management); Ed Adams (Interim Registrar); Connie Martin (Continuing Ed.); Justin Ritchie (SGA President); Janet Daniel (OASES); Sharon Thorpe (University Career Center); Susan Furr (COUN); J. Garbey Pyke (Center for Teaching and Learning); Susan Sell (Graduate School); Tina McEntire (Admissions); Pamela Sofras (DANC); Alan Freitag (newly elected President-elect); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

Dr. Harris called the meeting to order at 12:30. She thanked the College of Arts and Architecture and Dean Lambla for supplying the refreshments.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Council

Dr. Calhoun moved and Dr. Dieneman seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consultation on the proposed college name change from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Dr. Joan Lorden)

Dr. Lorden asked the Faculty Council for consultation concerning the proposed name change. Dr. Clemens moved and Dr. Rashotte seconded that the Faculty Council endorse the name change. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consultation on the separation of the Department of Dance and Theatre (Dr. Joan Lorden)

Dr. Lorden asked the Faculty Council for consultation concerning the proposed separation into two departments—Department of Dance and Department of Theatre. Dr. Levy moved and Dr. Binkley seconded that the Faculty Council endorse the separation. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Election Results (Dr. Sonya Hardin)

Dr. Hardin announced that Faculty participation in the election was 53.45%. She distributed the results of the election:

President Elect of the Faculty	Dr. Alan Freitag, Communication Studies
Chair, Faculty Committee on General Education	Dr. Meg. Morgan, English
Chair, Faculty CID/API Grants Committee	Dr. Peggy Wilmoth, School of Nursing
Faculty Grievance Committee Members	Dr. Jeff Barto, Kinesiology Dr. Susan Gardner, English Ann Gonzales, Language and Culture Studies
Faculty Honorary Degree Committee Members	Dr. Dana Shenk, Anthropology Dr. Paula Connolly, English Dr. Larry Lance, Sociology
Bank of America Award Committee	Dr. Anita Blowers, Criminal Justice

Dr. Hardin also announced that Dr. Lee Gray had agreed to chair the Competitive Grants Committee and that Ms. Jeanie Welch agreed to serve as Secretary of the Faculty. Dr. Hardin also thanked Dr. Harris for her service as President of the Faculty during 2008-09. [Applause]

5. Summer Sessions Information and Updates (Dr. Ken Burrows)

Dr. Burrows reported on marketing the summer session, courses on the Web and sending announcements on the summer session to students at other institutions who are in Charlotte during the summer and to students admitted for Fall, 2008. Discussion followed.

6. Learning Management System Evaluation (Dr. Marvin Croy & Dr. Ron Smelser)

Drs. Croy and Smelser reported on the committee that they co-chaired for the evaluation of Blackboard. There have been problems with Blackboard Vista 2006. There has been a statewide comparison of two open source systems—Moodle and Sakai. The committee will issue a report at the end of the semester. There will be a trial project for Moodle. Mr. Garvey Pike mentioned a student survey on Moodle.

7. University Master Plan (Mr. Peter Franz)

Mr. Franz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2009-2020 master plan done by Ayer, Saint, Gross. The final plan will be done between July-September 2008. [The master plan is available at http://masterplan.uncc.edu/sites/default/files/UNCCCharlotte_Kickoff.pdf.] Questions and comments can be sent to masterplan@uncc.edu. There will be a meeting with the surrounding neighborhoods on June 5. Discussion followed.

8. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Phil Dubois)

Dr. Dubois reported on the following:

- a. CATS has an agreement with campus police concerning the light rail transit station that will be on campus;
- b. Campus growth—Over 10,000 new student applications have been received, there are 7200 new admissions (up 5%), and 3080 freshmen (up 3.5%);
- c. Safety and security—There are 4 new security guards at night, and there are new electric vehicles for escort services;
- d. Dr. Dubois is holding legislative lunches for Mecklenburg County legislators;
- e. Funding—Dr. Dubois reported plans for \$57,000,000 for the EPIC building, \$1,500,000 for lateral entry teacher education, \$12,000,000 for planning for a new science building, and renovation and/or replacement of older buildings;
- f. Rep. Joe Hackney, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, will be coming to campus. Dr. Dubois is also trying to

- get Sen. Marc Basnight, President Pro Tem of the North Carolina Senate, to come to campus;
- g. Football—The Board of Trustees will debate the issue at their June, 2008 meeting with a decision in September, 2008;
 - h. He thanked Dr. Harris and stated that he is looking forward to next year.

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

Dr. Lorden reported on the following:

- a. She thanked Dr. Harris, Ms. Pat Barber for filling as CIO and Dr. Steve Ott for filling in as interim Dean of the Belk College of Business.
- b. She reported that Dr. Joseph Mazzola is the new Dean of the Belk College of Business, starting July 1;
- c. The UNC Tomorrow phase 1 report is due May 1;
- d. Colleges are revising their academic plans;
- e. The Council on University Community has developed a campus diversity plan;
- f. The Faculty Employment Status Committee has reviewed the recommendations of the Committee on the Future of the Faculty;
- g. The new faculty mentoring program will continue;
- h. Leadership UNC Charlotte for department chairs and emerging leaders will continue;
- i. Dr. Kim Buch has led the program for new faculty recruitment;
- j. There will be recommendations next year on redesigning the advising system;
- k. There has been a 25% increase in the number of classes on Friday;
- l. There is a review of general education to accommodate more freshmen.

10. Report of the President-Elect (Dr. Sonya Hardin)

Dr. Hardin reported on the following:

- a. Dr. Kim Harris will chair the Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee and Dr. Mehdi Miri will chair the Faculty Academic Standards and Policies Committee;
- b. She recognized Dr. Alan Freitag for all of his efforts;
- c. The Faculty Assembly will meet on May 2.

11. Report of the President (Dr. Kim Harris)

Dr. Harris reported on the following:

- a. UNC Charlotte received permission to try for the Carnegie Community Engagement designation;
- b. Faculty committee reports are available for distribution;

- c. She thanks Dr. Wayne Walcott for 38 years of service to the University;
- d. She will email the FASPC report on the plus/minus grading system for Faculty Council to consider in Fall, 2008. Students are not in favor of a plus/minus grading system.
- e. She thanked the Faculty Council, Dr. Hardin, Dr. Meg Morgan, and Ms. Julie Putnam for their support;
- f. She thanked Mr. Justin Ritchie, SGA President, for his attendance at Faculty Council meetings.

Dr. Harris passed the gavel to Dr. Hardin. [Applause]

12. New Business

Dr. Hardin reported on the Graduate School and National Science Foundation grants.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanie M. Welch
Secretary of the Faculty

NOT APPROVED UNTIL 9/25/08