

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
September 24, 2009

Present (ex officio): Alan Freitag (President); Kim Harris (Secretary); Sonya Hardin (President); Charles Bodkin (President Elect); Bonnie Noble (CAA); Ed Jernigan (BUS); David Binkley (ENG); Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Yvette Huet (CLAS); Gregory Weeks (CLAS); Michele Bissiere (LA & S); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Stanley Wilder (University Librarian); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Yi Deng (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Karen Schmaling (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): Barry Wilkinson (C&I); Ann McColl (EDUC); Joseph Mazzola (Dean, College of Business); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education)

Present (unit representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); Christopher Rogers (AERO); Diane Brockman (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); John Ford (ART); Dennis Livesay (BIOINF); Sue Peters (BIOL); Chandra Subramaniam (BISOM); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Courtney St. Onge (COMM); Taghi Mostafavi (CS); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Anita Blowers (CJUS); Ted Amato (ECON); Rebecca Shore for Richard Hartshorne (EDLD); Thomas Weldon for James Conrad (ECE); Carlos Orozco (ET); Chris Davis for Susan Gardner (ENGL); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Sonya Ramsey (HIST); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Jose Batista (LCS); Mike Olson (LIB); Ed Jernigan for Kelly Zellars (MGMT); James Oakley (MKTG); Mesbah Uddin (MENG); Spencer Salas for Teresa Petty (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Dick Toenjes (PHIL); Gregory Weeks (POL); George Demakis for Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Cynthia Cassell (PHS); Adriana Medina (REEL); Lucille Travis (SON); Julie McLaughlin (SOC); Susan McCarter (SOWK); Bill Tolone (SIS); Brandon McWilliams for Lon Bumgarner (THTR)

Absent (unit representatives): Veronica Nmoma Walker (AFRS); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Louis Trosch (FINN); Joe Quinn (MATH); Eddie Johnson (MILSCI); Bob Tyson (PHYS); David Mozina (RELS); Christopher O'Brien (SPED);

Also present: Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Janet Daniel (OASES); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Valorie McAlpin (Center for Teaching & Learning); Tina McEntire (Admissions); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Rosemary Hopcroft (FRG Chair); Susan Sell (Graduate School); Vidal Dickerson (Multicultural Resource Center); Harry Chernotsky (Department of Global, International, and Area Studies); Charles Houck (Department of Global, International, and Area Studies); Jeremy Gunn (Head Coach for Men's Soccer); Nick Konawalik, (Director of Marketing in Athletics); John Cullen, (Head Coach for Women's Soccer); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 PM, President Freitag presiding.

President Freitag welcomed the Council members and the guests to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of faculty governance at UNC Charlotte.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 2009 Faculty Executive Meeting

Mesbah Uddin made the motion to approve the minutes. Mary Lynne Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Announcements from Athletics Department and Men's and Women's Soccer Coaches.

Nick Konawalik, Director of Marketing, explained that one purpose for having athletics coaches speak at Faculty Council meetings is to build a stronger relationship between the Athletics Department and faculty. Throughout the year, coaches will come to meetings to make brief announcements. Mr. Konawalik reminded faculty that football seat licenses are available and can be purchased through payroll deductions. Season tickets for men's basketball games are available for \$49 each to first-time purchasers.

John Cullen, Head Coach for Women's Soccer, thanked faculty for their impact on student athletes and for their support of athletics programs.

Jeremy Gunn, Head Coach for Men's Soccer, announced that the season has already begun and conference games will begin with George Washington University.

3. Consultation on the establishment of a new Department of Global, International, and Area Studies within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Ed Jernigan made the motion to support the proposal. Anita Blowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Changes to RPT Document and Tenured Faculty Performance Review Policy.

President Freitag brought the report forward from FEC concerning these two documents. He explained that during the summer, Provost Lorden received a letter from General Administration concerning necessary changes to these documents. The changes were minor but had to be made in order to meet the deadline for the September meeting of the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees. On September 10, 2009, the Faculty Executive Committee agreed that the changes did not substantively alter the version approved in the spring of 2009 and voted to approve the changes.

Provost Lorden will consult with Chancellor Dubois about convening a committee to review the documents.

5. FEC motion to limit eligibility criteria for Faculty Research Grants this year due to budget constraints.

Jackie Dienemann seconded the motion. Concerns were raised about the elimination of joint proposals. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report of the Chancellor

- Chancellor Dubois reported that UNC Charlotte enrolled 24,701 students for the fall semester. Part of the increase was due to an increase in the number of graduate students. The size of the freshman class is where we want it to be. With the increase in the number of students, there are issues related to parking and traffic. The Chancellor said that we need to do a better job of distributing students across all times during the day and across all days of the week. The traffic flow next to the new Union Building is quite heavy. A study will be conducted concerning the possibility of closing Craver Road to non-pedestrian traffic during the day.
- Chancellor Dubois discussed the university budget for 2009-2010. We had a \$12.7 million reduction in our budget. We had a total of 15 layoffs on campus, all in staff positions. The chancellor also commented that the \$9.4 million gift for the Levine Scholars Program was a major event for our campus and our students.
- Chancellor Dubois answered a question concerning the expansion of Safe Ride to students who live off campus. In the short run, the budget will not allow this.
- Chancellor Dubois also commented on the light rail line to the UNC Charlotte area – the university continues to support the proposal.
- Chancellor Dubois discussed the university's growth in senior academic and administrative officers since 2003. Our ratio of students to administrative, executive, and managerial employee is 156.4 to 1. We have the third highest ratio in the UNC system. According to Dubois, UNC Charlotte is not considered to be a "problem" institution with respect to this issue. We must continue to be careful and judicious in creation of new positions.

7. Report of the President-Elect

- Max Gardner committee is working.
- The Leadership Team for Technology Transfer will look at how technology and entrepreneurship might impact the promotion and tenure process.
- Charles will meet with faculty to gain input for the 2009-2010 Faculty Governance Strategic Plan.
- The organizers for the 4.Niner K Run/Walk (October 24th) are requesting faculty to form teams to help raise funds for scholarships.

8. Report of the President

President Freitag reminded Council members that the Plus/Minus proposal will be presented at the October meeting, and the vote will take place during the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Harris". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Kim Harris, Secretary