

Faculty Council

Cameron Applied Research Center 101

September 25, 2008

Present (ex officio): Sonya Hardin (President); Alan Freitag (President Elect); Jeanie Welch (Secretary); Kim Harris (Past President); Charles Bodkin (BUS); Barry Wilkinson (C & I); Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Richard Toenjes (LA & S); Michele Bissiere (LA & S); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Jay Raja for Joan Lorden (Provost); Susan Sell for Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Lil Brannon for Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); Joseph Mazzola (Dean, College of Business); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Rick Lejk for Bill Chu (Interim Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Karen Schmaling (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARTS & ARCH); Ann McColl (EDUC); David Binkley (ENG); Gary Rassel (LA & S); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Carole Runnion (Acting University Librarian)

Present (unit representatives): Scott Rose (AERO); Tom Rogers (AFRS); Dena Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); Maja Godlewska (ART); Susan Peters for Jian Zhang (BIOL); Sunjune Park (BISOM); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Shawn Long (COMM); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Anita Blowers (CJUS); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Ted Amato (ECON); Mickey Dunaway (EDLD); Ed Stokes (ECE); Steve Kuyath (ET); Tony Scott (ENGL); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Ed Hopper (LCS); Betty Ladner for Chuck Haymaker (LIB); Mohammad Kazemi (MATH); Mesbah Uddin (MENG); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Eddy Souffrant (PHIL); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Jessica Hartos (PHS); Adriana Medina (REEL); David Mozina (RELS); Marren Coffman (SON); Julie McLaughlin (SOC); Courtney Lynch for Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Lu Ann Jordan (SPED)

Absent (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT); Taghi Mostafavi (CS); Louis Trosch (FINN); Steve Sabol (HIST); Doug Pugh (MGMT); Sunil Erevelles (MKTG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Curtis Lawrence (MILSCI); Saul Brenner (POLS); Yuliang Zheng (SIS); David Fillmore (THTR)

Also present: Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Jay Dominick (ITS); Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Ed Adams (Registrar); Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Janet Daniel (OASES); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Tina McEntire (Admissions); Garvey Pyke (Center for Teaching & Learning); Charlynn Ross (University Center for Academic Excellence); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Samuel Lopez (Multicultural Academic Services); Tony Carter (Office of Student Financial Aid); Dennis Livesay (Bioinformatics & Genomics); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

Dr. Hardin called the meeting order at 12:35 and welcomed everyone back for the new year.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Council

Dr. Toenjes moved and Dr. Hopper seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Crossroads Charlotte (Dr. Susan Harden & Ms. Kerrie Stewart)

Dr. Susan Harden, Crossroads Charlotte coordinator, reported on the establishment of Crossroads Charlotte as a community-wide collaboration on improving Charlotte's social capital. It is the result of a national survey and includes 40 organizations. The purpose of Crossroads Charlotte is to provide access, equity, and inclusion for Charlotte residents. Dr. Susan Harden's goals include designing curriculum for access, equity, and inclusion for freshman seminars, taking University research and connecting it to community partners, and to ensure that students are engaged in the community, and to support diversity initiatives. UNC Charlotte has an advisory committee for Crossroads Charlotte. A Web site will go live on October 20, 2008. Ms. Stewart distributed a flyer on the Crossroads Charlotte forum which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 12:30-5 pm, in the Barnhardt Student Activity Center (SAC) Training Gymnasium [<http://www.provost.uncc.edu/crossroads/forum2.htm>]. Questions and answers followed.

3. Final Exams (Mr. Christopher Knauer, University Registrar)

Mr. Knauer discussed the revision of the final exam schedule based on the new class schedule, the CAP module in Banner for degree checking.

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

Dr. Raja reported for Dr. Lorden. He reported on the following:

- a. The consultation on the establishment of the new Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics;
- b. The establishment of a task force on communication across the curriculum which will conduct a survey to get faculty recommendations;
- c. Enrollment funding and a directive from the Office of State Budget for a two per cent reversion of funds;
- d. The establishment of a search committee for the University Librarian;

Questions and answers followed. Dr. Sonya Hardin requested a vote of support of the establishment of the Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics. Dr. Lejk moved and Dr. Peters seconded that the Faculty Council support the establishment of the Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Faculty Needs Survey (Dr. Valorie McAlpin, Director, Center for Teaching & Learning)

Dr. McAlpin stated that the Center for Teaching & Learning will be conducting a Faculty Needs Survey in mid-October. She also distributed a flyer with the fall schedule of professional development workshops for UNC Charlotte Faculty. She also stated that the Center will be conducting focus groups with faculty.

6. Report of the President Elect (Dr. Alan Freitag)

Dr. Freitag reported on the following:

- a. He thanked Faculty Council members for their service, urged them to learn about faculty governance from the Web site [<http://www.provost.uncc.edu/FacGov/>], stressed the importance of university service, and offered to visit a faculty meeting in each department;
- b. Last week the Faculty Assembly met, and discussion included UNC Tomorrow [<http://www.unctomorrow.org>], campus growth and infrastructure, developing alternate growth models, the two per cent budget reversion, getting faculty salaries up to the 80th percentile, the need for incentives for faculty service, and sustainability.

7. Report of the President (Dr. Sonya Hardin):

Dr. Sonya Hardin reported on the following:

- a. University Mediation Coordinator—Dr. Corwin’s term will end soon and a call for nominations will be sent to faculty this fall. The Mediation Coordinator is elected by the Faculty Executive Committee;
- b. Need for a University Ombudsman—Dr. Clemens will study the issue;
- c. Tenured Faculty Performance Review—Code 600 of the University Code has been changed. The UNC Charlotte Office of General Counsel is reviewing our Tenured Faculty Performance Review documents to ensure that UNC Charlotte is in compliance;
- d. Faculty Committees:
 - i. The new College of Arts and Architecture is working on getting representatives on Faculty committees;
 - ii. The Committee on General Education—A task force on Writing across the curriculum and communication across the curriculum has been established;
 - iii. Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee—Dr. Harris reported that the Committee is working on course substitution for individuals with a mathematics disability;
 - iv. Faculty Academic Standards and Practices Committee—The Committee has been studying the issue of plus/minus grading and faculty evaluations. Dr. Hardin also urged Faculty Council members to read the “Task Force on the Evaluation of Teaching: Final Report” document on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Web site. [<http://www.coas.uncc.edu/docs/tfr.doc>];
 - v. Faculty Advisory Library Committee—Dr. Janet Levy will be serving on the search committee for the new University Librarian;
 - vi. Faculty Advisory Summer Sessions Committee—Prof. Frada Mozenter reported that the Committee is reviewing its name and membership and is studying online courses;
- e. Dr. Hardin urged Faculty Council members to visit the Campus Master Plan Web site [<http://masterplan.uncc.edu/>];
- f. The new Student Union is scheduled to open in 2009;

- g. Dr. Hardin urged Faculty members to get their textbook requests in on time for registration;
- h. The Africana Studies department is celebrating its 40th anniversary this week;
- i. The International Festival is Saturday, September 27;
- j. Chancellor Dubois will discuss the status of the BB & T gift at the next Faculty Council meeting;

Discussion followed. Prof. Barbara Tierney stated that if textbooks do not arrive in time Faculty members can put personal copies on reserve in Atkins Library.

8. **New Business**—None.

Dr. Freitag moved and Dr. Harris seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanie M. Welch
Secretary of the Faculty