

FACULTY COUNCIL
Minutes
November 19, 2009

Present (ex officio): Alan Freitag (President); Kim Harris (Secretary); Sonya Hardin (President); Charles Bodkin (President Elect); Bonnie Noble (CAA); Ed Jernigan (BUS); Barry Wilkinson (C&I); David Binkley (ENG); Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Yvette Huet (CLAS); Gregory Weeks (POLS); Michele Bissiere (LA & S); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Ken Lambla (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); Joseph Mazzola (Dean, College of Business); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education); 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): Ann McColl (EDUC); Stanley Wilder (Librarian);

Present (unit representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); Christopher Rogers (AERO); Veronica Nmoma Walker (AFRS); 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); E.E. Balcos (DANC); Rob Roy McGregor for Ted Amato (ECON); Richard Hartshorne (EDLD); 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); Peter Davis (MGMT); Jim Oakley for Sunil Erevelles (MKTG); Mohammad Kazemi (MATH); Mesbah Uddin (MENG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Dick Toenjes (PHIL); Bob Tyson (PHYS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Cynthia Cassell (PHS); Adriana Medina (REEL); David Mozina (RELS); Lucille Travis (SON); Julie McLaughlin (SOC); Susan McCarter (SOWK); Christopher O'Brien (SPED); Mark Pizzato for Lon Bumgarner (THTR)

Absent (unit representatives): Louis Trosch (FINN); Eddie Johnson (MILSCI); Gregory Weeks (POLS); Bill Tolone (SIS)

Also present: Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Janet Daniel (OASES); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Valorie McAlpin (Center for Teaching & Learning); Susan Sell (Graduate School); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Tony Carter (Student Financial Aid); Sam Lopez (Multicultural Academic Services); Cindy Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Vidal Dickerson (Multicultural Resource Center); Jim Cook (Psychology); Mehdi Miri (Chair, FAPSC); Charlynn Ross (University Center for Academic Excellence); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, President Freitag presiding.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 22, 2009 Faculty Executive Meeting

Sue Peters made the motion to approve the minutes. Taghi Mostafavi seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Remarks by Dr. James Cook, recipient of UNC Board of Governors Service Award

President Freitag introduced, recognized, and thanked Dr. James Cook for his service to the university and the community. Dr. Cook discussed public service is different from university service and how universities can facilitate good public service – first, the linking infrastructure between faculty and the community and second, the degree to which service activities are rewarded.

3. Motion to Award Posthumous Degree: Mr. Kevin Murray

Charles Bodkin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion to Create New committee on Faculty Welfare.

Susan McCarter seconded the motion. Mike Olson moved for a friendly amendment: Add one faculty member elected by the library. The motion was seconded by Tierney and passed unanimously. The motion to create the new committee passed with one abstention.

5. Motion from FAPSC to establish plus/minus grading system.

The motion to establish a plus/minus grading system came as a motion from FAPSC. James Conrad seconded the motion. A lively discussion followed. James Conrad moved for an amendment to remove the date of implementation from the document forwarded by FAPSC. The motion was seconded by Johnny Graham. The motion on the amendment passed with 6 negative votes. Ed Jernigan moved for a friendly amendment to delete the GPA equivalents. The motion was seconded by Sonya Ramsay in History. The motion was passed by a vote of 42 to 18. The motion to establish a plus/minus grading system did not pass. The vote was 27 in favor, 35 against, and 3 abstentions.

6. Procedure regarding ad hoc committees

President Freitag discussed the document that outlines a procedure that informs convening authorities about how to get faculty representation on ad hoc committees. The document is on the Academic Affairs faculty governance website as well as the Faculty Council website on google.

7. Policy Statement #129 on Whistleblower Protection

Legal Affairs office has drafted policy related to whistleblower protection. FEC will discuss at December meeting. Jesh Humphrey will be at that meeting.

8. Report of the Chancellor

- The budget situation has not changed since the last Faculty Council meeting. We have reserved enough money so that if we have a total reduction of 5 or 6 % we can handle it.
- The Board of Trustees will discuss football at their meeting in December and will determine whether or not to go forward with the original dates for implementation.
- General Administration is beginning to review new academic programs.
- UNC Charlotte as the state's "urban research university" was approved in our revised mission statement.

Tuition will be interesting discussion this year. The Board of Governors maximum for tuition increases would be 6.5%. The legislature set tuition increase at 8% or \$200 or lesser of those numbers. The increase did not come back to university but went to other parts of state budget.

A new parking lot is at the corner of Cramer and Cameron. This is where new science building will go eventually. We really need cooperation of faculty to stretch out teaching day, thus increasing our parking capacity.

9. Report of the Provost

- Our graduation rates are increasing.
- Applications for the Levine Scholars program are coming in. We have gotten over 1000 from at least 25 states.
- With respect to the budget, we are paying down some expected expenses for next year – catching up with computers, accreditation costs for some colleges, extending maintenance contracts, small renovation projects around campus, funds to the library for monographs.

10. Report of the President Elect

Faculty Assembly is tomorrow. Items on the agenda are Senior Academic Officers, retention and linkage to enrollment growth, and a resolution about State employee health plan.

11. Report of the President

- FAPBC is conducting the reviews of service units. We need about 18 faculty members to form subcommittees to do the reviews. These faculty members would review documents, come to conclusion, and talk to unit representatives.
- Roy Fielding was appointed to Faculty Assembly.
- Refreshments will be at our next meeting.
- The next Faculty Council meeting is January 28, 2010.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Submitted,

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

Kim Harris, Secretary