

Faculty Council Minutes of November 17, 2016 Meeting

Attendance

(Attendance chart attached)

Voting Members Present

(Ex Officio): Lisa Walker (President); Rich Leeman (President-Elect); Loril Gossett (Secretary); Jeffrey Leak (Past President); Alice Tseng (FEC, COB); Mark D'Amico (FEC, COED); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs); Ken Lambla (COAA Dean); Bill Tolone (CCI Dean); Nancy Fey-Yensan (CHHS Dean); Banita Brown (on behalf of CLAS Dean); Tom Reynolds (Graduate School Dean); John Smail (UCOL Dean)

(Unit Representatives): Casper Wiggins (ACCT); Janet Levy (ANTH); Janet Williams (ARTS); Susan Sell (BINF); Jian Zhang (BIOL); Kexin Zhao (BISOM); Michael Murphy (CHEM); Sayde Brais (COMM); KR Subramanian (ITCS); Sejal Foxx (CSLG); Gretchen Alterowitz (DANC); Alice Tseng (ECON); Rebecca Shore (EDLD); Greg Wickliff (ENGL); Kiplan Womack (FINN); John Diemer (GYES); Ritika Prasad (HIST); Ed Hopper (LACS); Ed Jernigan (MGMT); Charles Bodkin (MKTG); Michael Grabchak (MATH); Harish Cherukuri (MEES); Warren DiBiase (MDSK); Stephan Hobbs (MSCI); John Allemeier (MUSC); Willie Mae Abel (SON); Phillip McReynolds (PHIL); Martha Kropf (POLS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Jan Warren-Findlow (PHS); Michael Green (REEL); Julia Robinson (RELS); Murray Webster (SOCY); Jane Diane Smith (SPED)

Voting Members Absent

(Ex Officio): Delia Neil (FEC, COAA); Cynthia Gibas (FEC, CCI); Howie Fang (FEC, COE); Mike Turner (FEC, CHHS); Paula Eckard (FEC, CLAS); James Tabor (FEC, CLAS); Justin Conrad (FEC, CLAS); Betty Ladner (FEC, LIB); Bob Wilhelm (Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development); Arthur Jackson (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs); Steve Ott (COB Dean); Ellen McIntyre (COED Dean); Robert Johnson (COE Dean); Anne Moore (Library Dean)

(Unit Representatives): Richard Sanders (AERO); Tanure Ojaide (AFRS); Michael Swisher (SOA); Kimberly Warren (CEGR); Matt Phillips (CJUS); Babak Parkhideh (ECGR); Carlos Orozco (ETCM); John Cox (GIAS); Jeff Barto (KNES); Beth Martin (LIB); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Mark Ezell (SOWK); Mohamed Shehab (ITIS); Ertunga Ozelkan (SEEM); Kaja Dunn (THEA)

Also Present (but Not Voting)

Leslie Zenk (Academic Affairs); Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs); Jaesoon An (CTL); Malin Pereira (Honors College); Beth Rugg (ITS); Jesh Humphrey (Legal Affairs); Christopher Knauer (Office of Registrar)

Faculty President Walker called the meeting to order at 12:33 P.M.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Faculty Council. Discussion of the minutes for the October 20, 2016 meeting included Gossett asking the room if they liked the new addition of the included attendance chart. Walker indicated that she liked it. Gossett stated that it will make it easier to quickly identify those in attendance.

Hopper moved to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2016 meeting. Warren-Findlow seconded the motion. No requests to amend the minutes were raised. The minutes were approved via acclamation.

2. Ventureprise Presentation. Mr. Paul Wetenhall presented on Ventureprise.

He mentioned that he heads up Ventureprise and that he was here before the Faculty Council to make you aware of what we are doing that is relevant to faculty and your students. It is a venture development organization, that is part of Research & Economic Development under Bob Wilhelm, but it is also a nonprofit. Its focus is on university innovation and entrepreneurship. Ventureprise works with a broad array of the university, not just focused on one area, and is part of NSF National Innovation Network.

For faculty: The things Ventureprise does ultimately leads to money. Ventureprise can expand your access to money sources, improve opportunities, and support innovation. They do this as an NSF I-Corps Site. UNC Charlotte is the only I-Corps site in North Carolina and South Carolina. They were selected in 2015. Participating teams receive \$3,000 and participation makes one eligible for NSF funding lineage.

For students: Ventureprise presents experimental entrepreneurship opportunities and a student business incubator in PORTAL.

If you need assistance, you may contact Devin Collins or Paul Wetenhall.

3. Review of the Five-Year Academic Calendar. Walker displayed the five-year academic calendar on the screen and asked if there was any discussion. No discussion ensued. The Faculty Council approved the five-year academic calendar unanimously.

4. FAPSC proposal to revise UNC Charlotte Academic Policy: Withdrawal. Walker signified that the latest revision of the Withdrawal Policy was designed to clarify the differences between withdrawing from all courses of a term and cancelling enrollment. It also clarifies what aspects of the policy apply to graduate students and the policy document is aligned with a procedure document.

The Faculty Council approved unanimously the revisions to the Withdrawal Policy.

5. Request to Award Posthumous Degree. The request to award posthumous degree to Jose Fabian Solano Garita was briefly discussed. The requirement that UNC Charlotte students earn at least 25% of their hours at UNC Charlotte was mentioned. Walker said we need more information and procedurally tabled the request.

6. Motion to Award Degrees. The traditional motion to award degrees was presented.

The Faculty Council approved the motion unanimously.

7. Requests to change the names of departments.

(A) The Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology requests to change its name to the Department of Psychological Science. Gaultney (representative of Dept. of Psychology) said the proposal is about truth in advertising. We want to present ourselves accurately as to what we do. The name is consistent with the industry.

The Faculty Council approved the request unanimously.

(B) The Department of Global, International and Area Studies

The Department of Global, International and Area Studies requests to change its name to the Department of Global Studies.

The Faculty Council approved the request unanimously.

8. Report of the Chancellor. Dr. Phil Dubois shared the following:

The recommendations report by the task force for campus congestion was shared with the Faculty Council at its last meeting in October. Those recommendations have now received feedback from faculty, staff, and students.

- Class scheduling – the task force recommended returning to MWF and TH scheduling. The Chancellor thinks we should probably go with that recommendation as it will help increase our Friday utilization. We will try to implement for Fall 2017 or a later date. Other two-a-week class schedules (MW, WF, etc.) can be scheduled after 2:30 PM.
- We will try to come to a resolution on the parking recommendations. We have reached an agreement with a bike share rental program.

The emergency notifications system will be enforced with rough weather. The system is not for alerting on everything in life. We limit our emergency notification to fast moving imminent threats.

Winter involves lots of possible interruptions or closures. We will be releasing explanations on how we administer campus closures and the like. There are now 3 options: Reduced operations, suspended operations, and closure. Chancellors must consult with the UNC System President. Suspended means

no classes. We can't close classes for one group that can't attend due to the area they are coming from when the UNC Campus area is not affected as well. Faculty will have to work with the students on this.

People have asked for a dedicated space for Rest, reflection, and prayer. We are working towards this request. This is a painless accommodation that can help people.

There are strong feelings regarding this election. We have to be supportive to helping people vote, but agnostic to how people should vote. If students are feeling harassed, then we will address.

Gossett asked with 50 minute classes will ten minutes be enough time to get to next class?

Provost Lorden answered that the University is still working on this class scheduling issue.

9. Report of the Provost. Dr. Joan Lorden shared the following:

The student led pilot on mid-term class evaluations is in the process of receiving feedback. Students developed a mid-term feedback questionnaire and are getting traction on this. Students ran this process and then did a questionnaire with the students to see what they thought about it. They received 350 responses. Please work with the students on this. This is something that is really important to the students, and not every student feels comfortable giving feedback unless it is anonymous.

With early alerts we are thinking through how we get faculty to use these tools more consistently.

The online course evaluations (final course evaluations) has not been a huge success. The response rate has been dwindling. This is a concern of a lot of faculty due to how these evaluations are used. There is plenty of literature about their limited usefulness. We must determine methods to increasing the response rate. There are products that allow you to build these evaluations into Canvas. The student government is also invested in trying to drive the response rate up.

Webster mentioned that some institutions give students who turn in an evaluation their grades earlier as an incentive to turning in evaluations.

Lorden said there is literature that says that minority faculty receive more of a bias in these online evaluations. This cannot be the only tool we use to evaluate how good a faculty member is. How well we do as instructors is an important part of our work. We can do a better job of how we evaluate each other.

Warren-Findlow said that CTL performs evaluations. Jaesoon An of CTL informed the Faculty Council that CTL can help faculty improve their teaching effectiveness, but does not formally evaluate faculty.

10. Report of the President-Elect. None.

11. Report of the President. Dr. Lisa Walker shared the following:

There was an open forum with the Board of Governors and General Administration. A good representation of students and staff were present, but we could have used more faculty there. The

survey link is still active and the survey open where you can provide feedback. They have already begun implementing changes to the Strategic Plan based on the feedback received.

Gossett passed out Faculty Council survey forms. She said there is a lot of one-way communication at these meetings and with these anonymous surveys you can provide feedback or bring up issues you want Faculty Council to focus on in the Spring. You will also be receiving an email to join a Faculty Council Google Group. This is optional.

12. New Business. None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by Matthew Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant

Unit/Title	Representative	Present	Alternate	Present
Faculty Executive Committee Members (ex-officio)				
Faculty President	Lisa Walker	X	n/a	
President-Elect	Rich Leeman	X	n/a	
Secretary	Loril Gossett	X	n/a	
Past President	Jeffrey Leak	X	n/a	
Arts + Architecture	Delia Neil		<i>vacant</i>	
Business	Alice Tseng	X	Chandra Subramaniam	
Computing & Informatics	Cynthia Gibas		Jing Yang	
Education	Mark D'Amico	X	Rebecca Shore	
Engineering	Howie Fang		Madhav Manjrekar	
Health & Human Services	Mike Turner		Andrew Harver	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Paula Eckard		Concepcion de Godev	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	James Tabor		Stan Schneider	
Liberal Arts & Sciences	Justin Conrad		Concepcion de Godev	
Library	Betty Ladner		Somaly Kim Wu	
Chancellors and Deans (ex-officio)				
Chancellor	Phil Dubois	X		
Provost and Vice Chancellor for AA	Joan Lorden	X		
Vice Chancellor for Research & Econ Dev	Bob Wilhelm			
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Arthur Jackson			
Dean, College of Arts + Architecture	Ken Lambla	X		
Dean, College of Business	Steve Ott			
Dean, College of Computing & Informatics	Bill Tolone	X		
Dean, College of Education	Ellen McIntyre			
Dean, College of Engineering	Robert Johnson			
Dean, College of Health & Human Services	Nancy Fey-Yensan	X		
Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	Nancy Gutierrez		Banita Brown	X
Dean, Graduate School	Tom Reynolds	X		
Dean, Library	Anne Moore			
Dean, University College	John Smail	X		
Academic Unit Representatives				
Accountancy	Casper Wiggins	X	David Kerr	
Aerospace Studies	Richard Sanders		Stephen (Blake) Evans	
Africana Studies	Tanure Ojaide		Dorothy Smith-Ruiz	
Anthropology	Janet Levy	X	Elise Berman	
Architecture	Michael Swisher		John Nelson	
Art & Art History	Janet Williams	X	Jae Emerling	
Bioinformatics & Genomics	Jessica Schlueter		Susan Sell	X
Biological Sciences	Jian Zhang	X	Bao-Hua Song	
Business Info. Systems & Oper. Mgmt.	Kexin Zhao	X	Ram Kumar	
Chemistry	Michael Murphy	X	John Risley	

Civil & Environmental Engineering	Kimberly Warren		Milind Khire	
Communication Studies	Sayde Brais	X	Robin Rothberg	
Computer Science	KR Subramanian	X	M. Taghi Mostafavi	
Counseling	Sejal Foxx	X	Phyllis Post	
Criminal Justice + Criminology	Matt Phillips		John Stogner	
Dance	Gretchen Alterowitz	X	Kim Jones	
Economics	Alice (Hui-Kuan) Tseng	X	Ellen Sewell	
Educational Leadership	Rebecca Shore	X	Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell	
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Babak Parkhideh		Andrew Willis	
Engineering Tech. & Construction Mgmt.	Carlos Orozco		Glenda Mayo	
English	Greg Wickliff	X	Ron Lunsford	
Finance	Kiplan Womack	X	Yilei Zhang	
Geography & Earth Sciences	John Diemer	X	Martha Eppes	
Global, International & Area Studies	John Cox		Amal Khoury	
History	Ritika Prasad	X	David Goldfield	
Kinesiology	Jeff Barto		Linda Probst	
Languages & Culture Studies	Ed Hopper	X	Anastasia Korolova	
Library	Beth Martin		Betty Ladner	
Management	Ed Jernigan	X	Karen Ford-Eickhoff	
Marketing	Charles Bodkin	X	Nima Jalali	
Mathematics & Statistics	Michael Grabchak	X	Jaya Bishwal	
Mechanical Engineering & Engr. Science	Harish Cherukuri	X	<i>vacant</i>	
Middle, Secondary & K-12 Education	Heather Coffey		Warren DiBiase	X
Military Science	Stephan Hobbs	X	Marcus Craig	
Music	John Allemeier	X	Mike Hackett	
Nursing	Willie Mae Abel	X	Kelly Powers	
Philosophy	Phillip McReynolds	X	Michael Kelly	
Physics & Optical Science	Yasin Raja		Yuri Nesmelov	
Political Science & Public Administration	Cherie Maestas		Martha Kropf	X
Psychology	Jane Gaultney	X	Amy Peterman	
Public Health Sciences	Jan Warren-Findlow	X	Beth Racine/Bill Saunders	
Reading & Elementary Education	Ian Binns		Michael Green	X
Religious Studies	Julia Robinson (Dr. Rob)	X	Dan White	
Social Work	Mark Ezell		Diana Rowan	
Sociology	Murray Webster	X	Stephanie Moller	
Software & Information Systems	Mohamed Shehab		Ehab Al-Shaer	
Special Education & Child Development	Jane Diane Smith	X	Gloria Campbell-Whatley	
Systems Engineering & Engr. Mgmt.	Ertunga Ozelkan		Gary Teng	
Theatre	Kaja Dunn		Jeanmarie Higgins	