

**FACULTY COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2015**

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**Voting Members Present**

**(Ex Officio):** Jeffrey Leak (President); Lisa Walker (President-Elect); Loril Gossett (Secretary); Gregory Starrett (Past President); Dean Adams (FEC, COA+A); Susan Furr (FEC, COED); Paula Eckard (FEC, CLAS); Judy Walker (FEC, LIB); Pat Mynatt (on behalf of COB Dean); Yi Deng (CCI Dean); Ellen McIntyre (COED Dean); Robert Johnson (COE Dean); Nancy Fey-Yensan (CHHS Dean); Bill Hill (on behalf of CLAS Dean); Tom Reynolds (Dean GS); Bob Price (on behalf of LIB Dean); John Smail (UCOL Dean)

**(Unit Representatives):** David Kerr (ACCT); Oscar de la Torre (AFRS); Janet Levy (ANTH); Janet Williams (ARTS); Susan Sell (BINF); Jian Zhang (BIOL); Kexin Zhao (BISOM); Joanna Krueger (CHEM); Jim Bowen (CEGR); Sayde Brais (COMM); John Stogner (CJUS); Karen Hubbard (DANC); Ellen Sewell (ECON); Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell (EDLD); Aba Ebong (ECGR); Carlos Orozco (ETCM); Alan Rauch (ENGL); Kiplan Womack (FINN); John Diemer (GYES); Reuben Howden (KNES); Ed Hopper (LACS); Beth Martin (LIB); Ed Jernigan (MGMT); Linda Swayne (MKTG); Jaya Bishwal (MATH); Heather Coffey (MDSK); Patrick Walker (MSCI); Maren Coffman (SON); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Cherie Maestas (POLS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Ahmed Arif (PHS); Ian Binns (REEL); Kathryn Johnson (RELS); Mark Ezell (SOWK); Lisa Walker (SOCY); Shawnee Wakeman (SPED); Tom Burch (THEA)

**Voting Members Absent**

**(Ex Officio):** Chandra Subramaniam (FEC, COB); Cynthia Gibas (FEC, CCI); Howie Fan (FEC, COE); Mike Turner (FEC, CHHS); James Tabor (FEC, CLAS); Mark Wilson (FEC, CLAS); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs); Arthur Jackson (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs); Bob Wilhelm (Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development); Ken Lambla (COA+A Dean)

**(Unit Representatives):** Richard Sanders (AERO); David Thaddeus (SOA); KR Subramanian (ITCS); Phyllis Post (CSLG); John Cox (GIAS); Benny Andres (HIST); Alireza Tabarraei (MEGR); David Russell (MUSC); Phillip McReynolds (PHIL); ITIS Unit Representative (ITIS); Yesim Sireli (SEEM)

**Also Present (but Not Voting)**

Matthew Wyse (Academic Affairs); Tamara Johnson (Academic Affairs); J. Garvey Pyke (CTL); Shanna Coles (Distance Education/Summer School); Tina McEntire (Enrollment Management); Dennis Livesay (Graduate Council); Malin Pereira (Honors College); Beth Rugg (ITS); Janet Daniel (OASES); Christopher Knauer (Office of Registrar); Jared Dobbertin (Student Body VP)

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**Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Jeffrey Leak at 12:32pm**

**I: Approval of Minutes from 4/23/2014**

Moved to approve (Hopper); Second (Starrett). Approved via acclamation

**II: Motion to revise Bylaws of the Graduate School (Dennis Livesay – Graduate Faculty Council Chair & Dean Reynolds – Graduate School)**

The Graduate School bylaws have not been revised since 2003. The proposed changes would enable Associate Graduate Faculty members to chair student committees and thesis projects.

Discussion:

- Q: If an Associate Graduate Faculty member is able to chair a committee, can they also serve as the official Graduate School representative on these committees?  
A: (Livesay) – This issue wasn't specifically discussed by the Graduate Faculty Council, however that is consistent with the general tone of these revisions.  
A: (Reynolds) – The Grad School allows Associate Grad Faculty to serve as its representative when requested by the student's department and there is a good reason for the Associate member to fill this role.

Bylaw Changes Approved via acclamation

**III: UNC Charlotte Police Department update on campus safety issues (Chief Jeff Baker – with Brian Thomas, Lieutenant and Chris Gonyar, Emergency Management Coordinator)**

While the campus population has expanded rapidly over the past few years, crime is on the decrease. UNC Charlotte has 50 officers to patrol the 1,000 acre campus. Most crime at UNC Charlotte is committed by outsiders. These people look like students (young, backpacks, etc.) and don't alert the suspicion of trusting students/faculty.

Crime stats compared to last year:

- Overall crime (serious & minor offenses) ↓ 22.03%
  - Larceny (theft) from buildings ↓ 32%
  - Larceny from autos ↓ 48%
  - Drug arrests ↓ 31.7%
  - Alcohol arrests ↓ 26.5%

Implementation of Swipe card access is thought to be responsible for reducing crime in buildings. Police are also alerting people who have items attractive to criminals visible in their autos. With alcohol violations, police give citations to all students present when they arrive at the scene. If the student completes an assessment at the health center and complies with other

conditions, the ticket is typically removed from the student's record. Recidivism rates with this policy are less than 1%.

UNC Charlotte has implemented a program called LiveSafe (<http://emergency.uncc.edu/livesafe>). This is an app that allows the campus community to know what to do in emergencies (e.g., active shooter) and enables people to text the police directly if they need help (when making noise/talking isn't an option). Additionally, the police can control all the flat screens across campus to put out emergency/evacuation information. They are also in the process of changing the blue light phones and security cameras on campus so that they can be managed/checked remotely.

There has been a higher rate of sex-related crimes reported on campus in the past few years:

- 5 reported in 2012
- 3 reported in 2013
- 39 reported in 2014

UNC Charlotte police attribute this rise to the fact that the campus has added several new resources and programs to make it easier to report these crimes (Title IX coordinator, anonymous reporting options, health center reporting, etc.). UNC Charlotte has several specially trained, bi-lingual detectives ready to investigate sex crimes as well as legal resources available to help victims. Only 10 of the 39 offenses in 2014 came through the police department. As a result, the police were only able to investigate these 10 incidents, 2 of which ended in an arrest. Some victims do not want to work through the criminal justice system but want a way to hold the offender accountable. The Title IX office and health center are resources individuals can use to get assistance without filing criminal charges.

#### Discussion:

- Q: What are people on campus supposed to do in an active shooter emergency?  
A: (Baker) – The police can lock down 95% of the buildings both on campus and at the City Center building. People should take cover and wait if doors lock. People can leave a locked building but can't get back inside until the police give the okay.
- Q: Can people carry a gun in their backpack if they have a concealed carry permit?  
A: (Baker) – It is a Class F Felony to have a gun on your person when on campus even if you have a concealed carry permit. People can leave guns in their cars if they are out of sight and secured in an independent locked device other than the glovebox.
- Q: Are swipe cards coming to the academic buildings?  
A: (Baker) – It is expensive to convert buildings to swipe card access. The Chancellor has to decide when to spend that money.
- Q: While remodeling the Cameron Building, the workers have the tendency to leave doors blocked open because it is easier to run cables through the building without

having to keep opening and shutting doors. Are contractors/construction workers allowed to leave buildings unsecured while they work?

A: (Baker) – Contractors are supposed to keep buildings secure at all times or pay for extra security. However, we have to hold them accountable so it is important to alert the police if a building is not being kept secure.

- Q: Will the police department be making any changes when the light rail comes to campus?

A: (Baker) – We have asked for some additional officers to help patrol the light rail stop during hours of operation. Two emergency phones will also be installed on the rail platform. Finally, CATS is giving UNC Charlotte police access to their camera system for this light rail line.

#### **IV: Report of the President-Elect (Dr. Lisa Walker)**

The O. Max Gardner nomination period is over and we will select our candidate next week.

Representatives plan to attend the next General Assembly meeting to demonstrate that faculty members are committed to being part of the process for selecting the next president of the UNC System.

The General Assembly has introduced a new Faculty Fellow position: the Academic Affairs Fellowship Program. There will be one nominee from each campus. People interested in this position need to submit an application by Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

- For more information on this program:  
[http://uncw.edu/aa/documents/AAFellowshipProgram\\_September2015.pdf](http://uncw.edu/aa/documents/AAFellowshipProgram_September2015.pdf)
- Applications should be submitted to Minda Watkins (Executive Assistant to Dr. Junius Gonzales, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs) at [mlwatkins@northcarolina.edu](mailto:mlwatkins@northcarolina.edu).

#### **V: Report of the President (Dr. Jeffrey Leak)**

There has not historically been a close connection between FITSAC and the office of Classroom Support on campus. The 15 member Classroom Support advisory committee only has one faculty member on it. To improve communication, the Classroom Support director (Rich Preville) will be coming to Faculty Council later this fall to discuss some of this department's current projects.

#### **Meeting Adjourned at 1:39pm**

Minutes submitted by Dr. Loril Gossett (Faculty Council Secretary)