

Present (unit alternates): J. Piazza (for H. Bacot)

Also present: C. Sanders, M.P. Young, K. Steinbrenner, K. Baucom, R. Yount, S. Ives, G. Carroll Howard, D. Dwight Smith, C. Ross, C. Fulton, K. Stamey, J. Putnam

Dr. Kim Harris called the meeting to order at 12:35. Dr. Harris thanked Dean Claude Lilly and the Belk College of Business Administration for providing the refreshments. [Applause].

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting of the Faculty Council

Dr. Rosemary Booth made the following corrections to agenda item #6 (Report of the President Elect) (changes in italics):

Correction: Dr. Green requested that Dr. Booth request that the Faculty Assembly obtain additional information on faculty benefits.
Correction: Dr. Booth reported that President Broad was positive but cautious, stating that previously there have been 9-10% increases in the operating budget. In the proposed budget, the University System has requested a 7.5% increase for faculty salaries and that $10.5 million be transferred to UNC Charlotte for its transition to a research institution.

Dr. Green moved and Dr. Shenk seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Academic Calendar (Dr. Kim Harris)

The proposed 2006-2007 academic calendar was discussed. The proposed calendar was based on the template developed by the Calendar Committee. Prof. Barrett inquired about moving spring break from the second to the third week of March. Dr. Booth responded that certain colleges needed an even split to accommodate their curriculum. Dr. Newman stated that the School of Nursing would not need an even split next year. __________ will check with other colleges about the need for an even split in the spring semester.
3. **Report of the President Elect (Dr. Rosemary Booth)**

Dr. Booth reported that the UNC Charlotte nominee for the O. Max Gardiner Award is Dr. Richard White of the College of Education. Dr. Booth also reported that names of any nominees for next year should be submitted to her or to Dr. Harris.

4. **Report of the President (Dr. Kim Harris)**

Dr. Harris reported that they have received 241 responses (out of 835) for the HERI survey; this is a response rate of 29%. The second survey is coming out. Dr. Harris reported that representatives of the UNC Teaching and Learning through Technology Collaborative (TLT) have been on campus. The spring TLT conference will be in Raleigh from March 30-April 1. Dr. Yogi Kakad is the chair. The TLT Web site is [http://www.unctlt.org](http://www.unctlt.org). Dr. Harris reported that four candidates for the Director of the Institute of Social Capital are being interviewed. Dr. Harris introduced Ms. Karen Stamey of the Benefits Office to discuss the health plan survey and plans to develop a pilot healthcare plan alternative and make recommendations to the Board of Governors. A question and answer session followed. Dr. Harris introduced Ms. Karin Steinbrenner of Information Technology Services who discussed a planned power outage on January 23 which may be delayed due to weather. Dr. Harris also provided an update on the Banner project. The financial services module should be online in July, 2005. The other modules should be online in February, 2006. There will be training sessions.

5. **Report of the Provost (Dr. Joan Lorden)**

Dr. Wayne Walcott reported for Dr. Lorden. Dr. Walcott reported that there will be an advising summit on February 4. Ms. Cathy Sanders of the Office of Academic Affairs reported on student surveys on advising. A question and answer session followed.

6. **New Business**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie M. Welch
Secretary of the Faculty