Faculty Council  
Rowe Arts Building 140  
February 21, 2008

Present (ex officio): Kim Harris (President); Sonya Hardin (President Elect); Jeanie Welch (Secretary); Meg Morgan (Past President), Gary Rassel (A & S); Mike Corwin (A & S); Charles Bodkin (BUS); Ken Chen (C & I); Warren DiBiase (EDUC); David Binkley, ENG; Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Amanda Harmon (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Carol Runnion (Acting University Librarian); Ken Lamba (Dean, College of Architecture); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Arts & Sciences); Karen Schmaling (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH); Richard Toenjes (A & S); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics)

Present (unit representatives): Veronica Walker (AFRS); Janet Levy for Dena Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); Mark Clemens (BIOL); Tony Stylianou (BISOM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Shawn Long (COMM); Teresa Dahlberg (CS); Charisse Coston for Beth Bjerregaard (CJUS); E.E. Balcos (DATH); Jae Hoon Lim (EDLD); Ivan Howitt (ECE); David Murphy (ET); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Dan Morrill (HIST); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Ed Hopper for Michael Doyle (LCS); Chuck Haymaker (LIB); Sunil Erevelles (MKTG); Harish Cherukuri (MENG); Leslie Cook (MDSK); Larry Marks for Jay Gymes (MUSC); Eddy Souffrant (PHIL); Susan Trammell (PHYS); Saul Brenner (POLS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Cynthia Cassell for Jessica Hartos (PHS); Sean McCloud for Richard Cohen (RELS); Peggy Wilmoth (SON); Murray Webster for Lisa Rashotte (SOC); Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Bill Tolone (SIS); Lu Ann Jordan (SPED)

Absent (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT); Scott Rose (AERO); David Edgar (ART); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Stan Radchenko (ECON); Tony Scott (ENGL); Louis Trosch (FINN); Doug Pugh (MGMT); Joe Quinn (MATH); Eddie Johnson (MILSCI); Bruce Taylor (REEL);

Also present: Wayne Walcott (Academic Affairs); Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); Pat Barber (ITS); Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management); Ed Adams (Interim Registrar); Cynthia Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Justin Ritchie (SGA President); Janet Daniel (OASES); Tina McEntire (Admissions); Rick Lejk (Chair, FAPSC); Barbara Edwards (Associate Dean, College of Education); Steve Coppola (Academic Affairs); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Beth Hardin (Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs); Connie Rampey (Chancellor’s Office); Lorraine Stanton (FCTeL/ITS); Stephanie Cole (University Development); Carl Johnson (University Development); Gayle Sims (University Development); Rowanne Joyner (ITS); Jo Ann Fernald (Director, Disability Services); Dennis Rash (Center for Transportation Policy Studies); Judy Rose (Athletics Director); Ronald Prieb (Engineering Technology); Kristen Fesnak (University Times); Valorie McAlpin (Director, FCTeL); Rus Hardin (Enrollment Technologies); David Kernodle (News 14 Carolina); Loy Witherspoon
Dr. Harris called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. She announced that refreshments would be available in the lobby after the meeting.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 29, 2007, meeting of the Faculty Council.**

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

2. **Special Guests to Discuss the Establishment of a Football Program at UNC Charlotte (Presidents Spangler and Friday)**

   President Harris introduced former University of North Carolina presidents Richard Spangler and Dr. William Friday to discuss the establishment of a football program at UNC Charlotte. The special guests would each speak for 20 minutes; there would be 15 minutes for brief questions and answers. Faculty Council members would be called on first, then guests. President Harris then introduced President Spangler who was UNC President from 1986-1997.

   a. President Spangler thanks President Harris for the opportunity to speak to the Faculty Council. He discussed the founding of UNC Charlotte under Ms. Bonnie Cone. He stated that it was his belief that establishing a football program would divert resources from academics. He referred to a recent newspaper article distributed at the meeting that reported on the remarks of Mr. Mac Everett, chair of the UNC Charlotte Football Feasibility Committee, to the Board of Trustees [Charlotte Observer, January 19, 2008, p. 5B]. President Spangler disagreed with the reported statement that “… Football could help draw better faculty…” President Spangler also introduced Drs. Raymond Dawson and Roy Carroll, former Senior Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs for the University of North Carolina. Mr. Spangler introduced President Friday, president of the University of North Carolina for 30 years and a founding Co-Chairman of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics (1989-2005).

   b. President Friday introduced Ms. Amy P. Perko, Executive Director of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. He discussed the findings of the first Knight Commission report that included findings of fraud, poor graduation rates for athletes, no cost controls, and double standards in admission for athletes. The Commission made four recommendations:

      a. The university president or chancellor be in charge of the athletic programs
      b. There be academic integrity
      c. There be fiscal accountability
      d. Campuses should be visited every 4-5 years to monitor compliance.
He also discussed the rise of the influence of commercial television and endorsement contract, resulting in a money chase and increased pressure to win. He also discussed the rising salaries of coaches, stadium amenities such as the Jumbotron and corporate boxes, and state tax-payers’ money used to subsidize the scholarships of out-of-state athletes. He also discussed other Knight Commission findings, including:

a. No correlation between winning and alumni giving
b. Faculty attitudes concerning the high cost and funding priorities
c. No increase in the applications of academically qualified students
d. Debt accumulation—Of the 119 I-A institutions, only 6 have records of revenues exceeding expenditures.

Dr. Friday also stated that the NCAA has a moratorium on I-A teams until 2011 and teams must play II-A for one year prior. Other requirements include fulfilling Title IX requirements and providing funding for operations, support, and staff. He discussed the athletic budgets for other UNC I-A athletic programs, the percentages devoted to football, and the student fees applied to support athletic programs at several public universities in Florida. He also discussed television revenues for the Atlantic Coast Conference, a top 6 athletic conference, and the revenues for lesser conferences. He also stated that stated that football seasons can have up to 14 games (including bowl games). He concluded his remarks stating that the Knight Commission report concluded that football came to dominate an institution’s sports.

c. President Spangler stated that UNC universities’ funding sources are the General Assembly, student fees and tuition, donors, and research grants. He stated that in his opinion using student fees violates Article IX, Section IX of the state constitution. When asking for donations, the Chancellor would have to contact potential donors individually. He concluded that he hoped that the Faculty Council would do its own football study.

d. President Harris asked for questions or remarks from the audience. Questions included the harmful effect of not having a football team for music majors applying for positions in public schools because they have no practical marching band experience, the effect of football on other male sports, the fairness that other schools have football, the lack of attendance at UNC Charlotte intramural sports, and the fact that 80% of students who responded to a 2007 poll would support higher student fees in order to have football. Presidents Spangler and Friday and Ms. Perko responded to questions.

3. FAPSC Recommendation (Dr. Rick Lejk)

Dr. Lejk moved for acceptance of the following recommendation from FAPSC:

If an undergraduate student has been absent from UNC Charlotte for more than 12 consecutive months from the end of the last term enrolled, the student is required to apply for readmission to the university. If a student is readmitted to the university and into a previously declared major, program, or minor, the student’s academic transcript will be
reviewed by the appropriate department or program office; the readmitted student may be required to pursue additional course work (due to changes in the major, program, or minor that occurred during the student’s absence) or to repeat one or more courses (due to changes in course content that occurred during the student’s absence).

Dr. Lejk stated that this will permit departments to more effectively address and meet the academic needs of students who are returning to the university after a prolonged absence. Dr. Brenner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Five Year Academic Calendar (Dr. Joan Lorden)

Dr. Lorden requested acceptance of the 2009-2010 academic calendar and the preliminary 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic calendars. Dr. Morrill moved and Dr. Clemens seconded that the academic calendars be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UNC Charlotte Mission Statement (Dr. Joan Lorden)

Dr. Lorden discussed the drafts of the UNC Charlotte Mission and Vision statements. She urged that Faculty Council members share the drafts with their departments and colleges. She requested that comments be sent to her or to President Harris. The deadline for completion of the Mission and Vision statements is the end of December.

6. UNC Tomorrow Response Timeline (Dr. Joan Lorden)

Dr. Lorden stated that the full UNC Tomorrow report is on the Web site and that the university needs to respond to its recommendations. The Faculty Executive Committee voted to have an open forum in August after Convocation. Dr. Lorden urged all colleges to look at their strategic plans in response to UNC Tomorrow. Dr. Lorden also reported that the university will be submitting a proposal for the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. Discussion followed. It was requested that the names of the task force members be distributed to Faculty Council. Dr. Lorden agreed to do so.

7. Report of the Chancellor (Dr. Phil Dubois)

Dr. Dubois reported on the following:

a. The report of the football committee—The full report of the committee will be made public and that he will examine the report, make an assessment, and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

b. The Safety and Security Committee of 17 members has met and has a half-day retreat. He plans to expand the campus safety escort service
and augment the campus police with uniformed, unarmed security offices from a private security firm.

Dr. Brenner moved and Dr. Wilmoth seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie M. Welch
Secretary of the Faculty