Faculty Council
Cameron Research Center 101
March 26, 2009

Present (ex officio): Sonya Hardin (President); Alan Freitag (President Elect); Meg Morgan (Secretary); Kim Harris (Past President); Charles Bodkin (BUS); Barry Wilkinson (C & I); James Bowen for David Binkley (ENG); Jackie Dienemann (HHS); Gary Rassel (LA & S); Barbara Tierney (LIB); Phil Dubois (Chancellor); Joan Lorden (Provost); Tom Reynolds (Dean, Graduate School); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education); Ron Smelser for Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Rick Lejk for Bill Chu (Interim Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Karen Schmaling (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARTS & ARCH); Ann McColl (EDUC); Richard Toenjes (LA & S); Michele Bissiere (LA & S); Carole Runnion (Acting University Librarian); Ken Lambia (Dean, College of Arts & Architecture); Joseph Mazzola (Dean, College of Business)

Present (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT); Veronica Nmoma-Walker (AFRS); Dena Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); Maja Godlewska (ART); Sunjune Park (BISOM); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Shawn Long (COMM); Taghi Mostafavi (CS); Jack Culbreth (COUN); Anita Blowers (CJUS); Karen Hubbard (DANC); Mickey Dunaway (EDLD); Steve Kuyath (ET); Tony Scott (ENGL); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Steve Sabol (HIST); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Ed Hopper (LCS); Betty Ladner for Chuck Haymaker (LIB); Rick Conboy (MGMT); Ed Morse for Mesbah Uddin (MENG); Teresa Petty (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSIC); Eddy Souffrant (PHIL); Yasin Raja (PHYS); Brad Wright (POLS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Cynthia Cassell (PHS); Adriana Medina (REEL); David Mozina (RELS); Peggy Wilmoth for Marren Coffman (SON); Julie McLaughlin (SOC); Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Yuliang Zheng (SIS); LuAnn Jordan (SPED); David Fillmore (THTR)

Absent (unit representatives): Scott Rose (AERO); Dennis Livesay (Bioinformatics & Genomics); Jian Zhang (BIOL); Ted Amato (ECON); Ed Stokes (ECE); Louis Trosch (FINN); Sunil Erevelles (MKTG); Mohammad Kazemi (MATH); Curtis Lawrence (MILSCI);

Also present: Jay Raja (Academic Affairs); Mary Pat Young (Academic Affairs); John Mack (ITS); Kathi Baucom (Enrollment Management); Christopher Knauer (Registrar); Janet Daniel (OASES); Valorie McAlpin (Center for Teaching and Learning); Tina McEntire (Admissions); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Tony Carter (Student Financial Aid); Samuel Lopez (Multicultural Academic Services); Cindy Wolf Johnson (Academic Services); Phillip Brown (Public Relations); Rus Hardin (Enrollment Technologies); Brenda Sawyer (Residency Determination); Ken Burrows (Summer Programs); Cathy Sanders (Institutional Research); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)
1. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2009 Faculty Council Minutes**

Motion to approve made by Kim Harris; seconded by Charles Bodkin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Consultation on Name Change for the Department of Criminal Justice**

A motion was seconded by Anita Blowers to recommend the name change for the Department of Criminal Justice to the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Motion to Award Degrees**

Howard Godfrey seconded a motion from FEC to award degrees. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Posthumous Degree to Ms. Brittany Spaulding**

Rick Lejk seconded a motion from FEC to award this posthumous degree. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Motions from FEC to make changes to Standing Rules**

Several motions came from FEC to make changes to the Standing Rules. They all passed unanimously with no discussion except for #5.5, the assessment of the Dean of the Graduate School. Below is the breakdown:

- #5.1 Seconded by Dena Shenk. Approved unanimously.
- #5.2 Seconded by Steve Kuyath. Approved unanimously.
- #5.3 Seconded by Peggy Wilmoth. Approved unanimously.
- #5.4 Seconded by Gary Rassel. Approved unanimously.

#5.5 Seconded by Peggy Wilmoth. This motion concerning the evaluation of the Dean of the Graduate School raised some questions, including how would graduate faculty actually provide input. It was clarified that the Graduate Council would not be evaluating directly but would be designing the assessment process. After the data is collected, the Graduate Council would summarize it and forward the outcomes to the Provost. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of the slate of candidates or election.**

Alan Freitag, chair of the Nominations Committee presented the slate and secured the approval of each slot from Faculty Council. Except for the chair of FESC, there were no additions to the slate. Below is a summary of the actions.
President-elect: Moved: Rassel; seconded: Conboy. Passed unanimously.

Secretary: Moved: Shenk; seconded: Souffrant. Passed unanimously.

Chair, Faculty Advisory Summer Sessions: Moved: Harris; seconded: Kuyath. Passed unanimously.

FESC: Jackie Dienemann added David Pugalee’s name to the nominations. Moved: Kuyath; seconded: Harris. Passed unanimously.

Faculty Honorary Degree Advisory: Moved Bodkin; seconded: Rassel. Passed unanimously.

Chair, Faculty Information and Technology Services Advisory Committee: Moved: Godfrey; seconded: Blowers. Passed unanimously.

Chair, Graduate Council: Moved: Lejk; seconded: Shenk. Passed unanimously.

Faculty Assembly Delegates: Moved: Dienemann; seconded Kuyath. Passed unanimously.

Member, Bank of America Award Committee: Moved: Morgan; seconded: Graham. Passed unanimously.

Member, Hearing Committee. Freitag noted that with the recent change to the Standing Rules that increase membership on this committee, all three candidates will serve if appointed with 2/3 approval of FEC. Moved: Hopper; seconed: Godfrey. Passed unanimously.

Peggy Wilmoth moved to accept the entire slate; seconed by Souffrant. Approved unanimously.

Morgan moved that unopposed nominees be accepted by acclamation; Harris seconded. Motion did not pass. (17 for; 31 against).

7. Update on Summer Programs: Ken Burrows

Burrows said that Summer Programs is making no changes to the program from last year. He urged the faculty to “take ownership” of summer courses. In summer school, about 7500 students will graduate from UNC Charlotte; about 1,000 are out of state students.

8. Communications Across the Curriculum: John Smail

Smail outlined the process of developing a new CAC initiative on campus and pointed out that the success of this program depends on faculty and departmental support. He mentioned the May 7-8 CAC Institute that would emphasize critical thinking and problem solving. Dienemann asked why the
program is not in the CTL, and Valorie McAlpin, Director of CTL, said she would be interested in working with the CAC initiative.


**Budget.** Dubois gave a budget update: because the university saved for an 8.9% reversion, it will spend down to the 7% over the next few months. He will hold a campus-wide budget Convocation on April 24 to discuss the implications of the reversion. Because we will receive our enrollment increase monies, any cuts will not be into the base budget.

**Buildings.** 1. The groundbreaking for the Center City Building will be April 14. Because of the economic situation, costs will be 20-30% lower than expected. In addition, the EPIC building will be ready by fall 2009.

2. The University has purchased the Church of God building across 49 for $3.2 million. Development will move from Cato to that building and the Chancellor will move from Reese to Cato. University Honors will move to the present Student Government space in Cone when Student Government moves to the new Union.

A question from David Mozina about where the 2% monies will be spent was answered by Provost Lorden who said that the money would go to start-up costs for new faculty and purchases that can be gotten quickly.

10. Report of the Provost: Joan Lorden

Lorden reported that the budget situation forced Academic Affairs to determine what would happen with a 7% reduction. The economic situation has caused other demands, such as a 60% increase in requests for financial aid. She also mentioned that undergraduate applications are up 5.5% and graduate up 18%.

11. Report of the President elect: No report

12. Report of the President: Sonya Hardin

A four-year evaluation of the Chancellor by the Board of Trustees is in process.

Motion to adjourn: Ed Hopper. Passed unanimously,

Sincerely,

Meg Morgan

Secretary Pro Tem