Dr. Meg Morgan  
Faculty President  

Dr. Cheryl Brown  
Faculty President-elect  

Dear Meg and Cheryl:

The retirement of Dr. Mike Allen, who has been serving as a University Marshal, will leave a vacancy in that position. When the University initiated two commencements a day, the Chancellor began to appoint two faculty members to the position of University Marshal. Dr. Dan Morrill continues to hold his appointment.

A formal policy was established by the Faculty Council in 1988 concerning the criteria to be used in the selection of University Marshals. As the Chancellor and I have discussed an appointment to begin next academic year, it seemed an excellent opportunity to slightly amend the policy.

There are so many members of the faculty who merit being selected as “a symbol of faculty excellence and leadership” that we would like to propose the small change indicated in the attached policy.

Instead of a two-year term appointment, the Chancellor would select for each commencement a member of the faculty to be so honored. In most cases we anticipate that the appointee would be a recipient of a major award, e.g. the Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence, First Citizens Scholars Medal, the Harshini de Silva Graduate Mentoring Award, or the Professor of the Year Award.

In this way we would be able to formally honor these individuals at our most important event each semester.

Sincerely,

Joan F. Lorden  
Provost and Vice Chancellor

Attachment

cc: Chancellor Dubois

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TO: E. K. Fretwell Jr. Chancellor
FROM: James H. Wernitz, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
DATE: May 13, 1988
RE: University Marshal Policy

At its meeting on May 5, 1988 the Faculty Council voted unanimously to accept the following University Marshal Policy.

The position of University Marshal is an honor bestowed by The University on a distinguished senior professor. The University Marshal represents the faculty at ceremonial functions of The University and serves as the symbol of faculty excellence and leadership in teaching, professional achievement, and service to campus and community.

The Chancellor, with the advice of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, shall select as Marshal a senior faculty member who holds the rank of Professor. The Marshal shall be chosen from among eligible professors on the basis of outstanding teaching and professional achievements, leadership in the University community, and length of service. Awards for teaching and research such as the Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence and First Citizens' Awards, recognition by peers on campus and in the wider scholarly community, election to faculty offices, and seniority are among the factors which will be weighed by the Chancellor. Seniority, an important but not the sole criterion, will be determined by considerations such as the year of appointment at UNCC, the year of appointment as Professor, and the year of conferral of Tenure.

The Marshal shall be chosen on the basis of his or her service as a faculty member. This does not preclude selection of a professor who is serving a term as a Chairperson or in another office, but does exclude persons whose careers have been primarily devoted to full-time administrative positions.

The Marshal will serve for a term determined by the Chancellor, but in most cases it will be to serve for one semester and Commencement. When a vacancy occurs, the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs shall, after consulting with such Deans and/or Chairpersons as he or she deems appropriate, recommend one or more candidates to the Chancellor, who shall make the appointment.