

Faculty Council
Cameron Applied Research Center 101
September 27, 2007

Present (ex officio): Kim Harris (President); Sonya Hardin (President Elect); Jeanie Welch (Secretary); Meg Morgan (Past President), Richard Toenjes (A & S); Mike Corwin (A & S); Charles Bodkin (BUS); Ken Chen (C & I); Warren DiBiase (EDUC); James Conrad (For 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 Lambla (Dean, College of Architecture); Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Arts & Sciences); John Gandar (for Steven Ott, Interim Dean, College of Business); Robert Johnson (Dean, College of Engineering); Mirsad Hadzikadic (Dean, College of Computing & Informatics); Karen Schmaling (Dean, College of Health & Human Services); John Smail (Dean, University College)

Absent (ex officio): David Walters (ARCH); Gary Rassel (A & S); Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education)

Present (unit representatives): Veronica Walker (AFRS); Dean Shenk (ANTH); Chris Beorkrem (ARCH); David Edgar (ART); Mark Clemens (BIOL); Thomas DuBois (CHEM); Johnny Graham (CENG); Shawn Long (COMM); Teresa Dahlberg (CS); Beth Bjerregaard (CJUS); Jae Hoon Lim (EDLD); Delores Lee (EDLD); Ivan Howitt (ECE); David Murphy (ET); Tony Scott (ENGL); Louis Trosch (FINN); Walt Martin (GEOG/ES); Dan Morrill (HIST); Tricia Hubbard (KNES); Doug Pugh (MGMT); Sunil Erelles (MKTG); Joe Quinn (MATH); Harish Cherukuri (MENG); Leslie Cook (MDSK); Jay Grymes (MUSC); Eddy Souffrant (PHIL); Susan Trammell (PHYS); Jane Gaultney (PSYC); Jessica Hartos (PHS); Peggy Wilmoth (SON); Lisa Rashotte (SOC); Suzanne Boyd (SOWK); Bill Tolone (SIS); Lu Ann Jordan (SPED)

Present (unit alternates): Lyndon Abrams (COUN); Fumie Kato (LCS); Brian Kissel (REEL)

Absent (unit representatives): Howard Godfrey (ACCT); Scott Rose (AERO); Tony Stylianou (BISOM); E.E. Balcos (DATH); Stan Radchenko (ECON); Chuck haymaker (LIB); Eddie Johnson (MILSCI); Saul Brenner (POLLS); Richard Cohen (RELS)

Also present: Susan Sell (Graduate School); Sallie Ives (Faculty Assembly Delegate); 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); Connie Martin (Continuing Education); Denise Dwight Smith (University Career Center); Julie Putnam (Academic Affairs)

Dr. Kim Harris called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. She welcomed everyone back for the Fall semester and announced that the Teaching Week speaker, Dr. Delia Saenz, will present “*Creating Optimal Learning Environments In The Diverse Classroom*” Thursday, September 27,

at 2:00 p.m. in McKnight Hall. She thanked the College of Education for providing refreshments.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2007, meeting of the Faculty Council.

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

2. Consultation Regarding the Proposed Name Change of the Department of Finance and Business Law (Provost Joan Lorden)

Dr. Harris introduced the consultation to change the name of the Department of Finance and Business Law to the Department of Finance. Dr. Bodkin moved and Dr. Gandar seconded the motion to support the name change. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Report on Campus-Wide Serial Needs Assessment (Mr. Chuck Hamaker)

Discussion was tabled.

4. Greetings and Welcome from the Chancellor (Chancellor Phillip Dubois)

Chancellor Dubois reported on the following:

- a. The FY 2007-2008 budget passed by the State Legislature, including salary increases; there have been some trade-offs regarding efficiency reductions.
- b. Construction of the new Student Union has begun; its expected completion date is Summer, 2009;
- c. Construction on the front entrance has been delayed but should start by late October;
- d. The Center City campus should be completed by 2010;
- e. The UNC Charlotte mission statement is being revised;
- f. The UNC Tomorrow meeting for UNC Charlotte will be held from 9 am – noon on Wednesday, October 3;
- g. The football feasibility study is ongoing; there will be 3 forums on campus. The faculty forum will be at the Harris Alumni Center on Thursday, October 27;
- h. There has been a study on determination of North Carolina state residency for tuition purposes; there will be one office of residency determination on campus;
- i. Space issues:
 - i. There will be a new building to house the Office of University Development and the UNC Charlotte Foundation; it will be opposite the Harris Alumni Center;
 - ii. When the Development Office vacates the third floor of the Cato Building, the Chancellor's Office will move to Cato from the Reese Building.

There were questions concerning the Center City campus and the recent transit tax study. Chancellor Dubois stated that the Center City campus should open in Fall, 2010. A letter of complaint about the transit tax study was addressed by a panel formed by the Provost which is the standard procedure for allegations of research misconduct. The panel found that there was no basis for the complaint. The General Administration has requested a copy of the report.

5. Report of the Provost (Provost Joan Lorden)

Provost Lorden reported on the following:

- a. This summer's SOAR sessions were successful; students reported a high degree of satisfaction;
- b. The University Advising Center has opened for undeclared majors;
- c. Dr. Smail is now Dean of the University College;
- d. General Administration is recommending revision of the Tenured Faculty Performance Review procedures and the procedures for reviews of administrators;
- e. There is also a review of the tenure and promotion policies regarding extending the "tenure clock;" this will be referred to the Faculty Employment Status Committee;
- f. There will be a survey of childcare needs on campus;
- g. The UNC Tomorrow initiative is influencing the General Administration in promoting online education and its role in program approval; General Administration may become more proactive and request proposals for new programs in the UNC System; UNC Charlotte has submitted a plan for recruitment of students into teacher education programs;
- h. The new budget includes out-of-state graduate school tuition waivers for science and technology and funding for the development of online courses; online courses are on the University of North Carolina Online Web site;
- i. There is a study to facilitate students registering for courses on other campuses in the UNC System;
- j. A task force is submitting a proposal for a College of Art and Architecture.

There was a question on President Bowles' "demand driven" statement. Discussion followed.

6. Report of the President Elect (Dr. Sonya Hardin)

Dr. Hardin reported the following:

- a. She formed a committee to nominate a candidate for the O. Max Gardiner Award. The nominee is Dr. Kenneth Bost of the Department of Biology;
- b. The Faculty Assembly will be meeting on Friday, September 28. She hope to mention the Faculty Center for Teaching and eLearning and their Second Life initiative.

7. Report of the President (Dr. Kim Harris)

Dr. Harris reported on the following:

- a. A well-attended program of Mr. Greg Mortenson, co-author of *Three Cups of Tea*, sponsored by Honors Program under Ms. Connie Rothwell;
- b. On October 16, 2007, Mr. James McBride, author of *The Color of Water*, will speak on campus;
- c. The October 9 program with Drs. Kathy Reichs and James Tabor, part of the Library's Millionth Volume celebration, is sold out;
- d. The UNC Tomorrow for UNC Charlotte will be held from 9 am to noon on October 3 at the Government Center;
- e. The faculty football feasibility forum will be held on October 25;
- f. The Teaching Week speaker, Dr. Delia Saenz, will present "*Creating Optimal Learning Environments In The Diverse Classroom*" Thursday, September 27, at 2:00 p.m. in McKnight Hall;
- g. Representatives to the Faculty Assembly will be Dr. Sonya Hardin, Dr. Meg Morgan, and Dr. Sallie Ives;
- h. The Faculty Academic Practices and Standards Committee will be considering a plus or minus grading system;
- i. The issue of smoking on campus has been raised concerning NC Senate Bill 862, which went into effect on July 1, 2007. Chancellor Dubois also spoke on this issue in regard to smoking outside buildings; Mr. Justin Ritchie, President of the Student Government Association, spoke to the Student Government Resolution on House Bill 24 and Senate Bill 862 that recommended a ten-foot radius no-smoking "courtesy zone" at campus building entrances.

8. New Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanie M. Welch
Secretary of the Faculty

