FALL FACULTY MEETING
September 6, 2012
McNeill Hall Room 1005
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order. Dr. Gabriel Lugo, President of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. He welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Keith Fraser, President of Student Government Association (SGA).

II. Greetings from SGA President. Mr. Keith Fraser introduced himself as the new Student Body President of SGA for this academic year 2012-2013. He discussed some of the goals the SGA will work on throughout his term. He stated that he considers it a privilege to serve in this role at UNCW, and that the Vice President and alumni have several platform roles as well, which have been shared with the Student Senate, Academic Affairs Committee, and Provost Denise Battles.

Mr. Fraser affirmed SGA’s commitment to addressing questions from the new Provost, Dr. Battles, and strongly believes in her concept of shared governance. He has been in communications with Dr. Lugo in finding students to serve on faculty senate committees, and looks forward to the good work they will produce and solutions found to any gaps between faculty and students.

As a student advocacy group, he urged SGA to increase efforts to reach fellow Seahawks and brand their organization to represent the voice and vision of the students.

He stated that there will be more forums in order to increase SGA presence on campus. The SGA will be in all residence halls on campus over a period of a few weeks, in order to discuss any issues facing the essential population of new freshmen. He added that they are working diligently to market the services that UNCW provides, such as the new amphitheater, legal services, bike pumps and safe rides and funding for student organizations. In order to accomplish this they have launched a streamline of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

III. Faculty Senate Report. Dr. Gabriel Lugo presented this year’s Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award to Dr. Lynn A. Leonard, Director of the Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program, Chair for the Departments of Geography and Geology and Physics and Physical Oceanography. This award includes a medallion, a $1,500 award and a reserved parking space.

Dr. Lugo also gave recognition to Dr. Martin H. Posey for his efforts on behalf of the University’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process.
IV. **Provost’s Report.** Dr. Denise Battles, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, reiterated that there are important initiatives on our docket for this coming year as were outlined in Chancellor Gary L. Miller’s address to faculty and staff on September 5, 2012.

A. The first initiative is developing a strategic action plan which will enable us to operationalize our strategy and incorporate the elements of vision presented by the Chancellor, a process which she will be overseeing.

B. The second initiative is innovation. The University Innovation Council, of which she is co-chair, is the primary mechanism to support this endeavor. She looks forward to working with these colleagues and all members of the campus community to identify opportunities to innovate, think about things differently, move toward improved achievement and efficiency and quality in what we do.

She spoke of the reaffirmation of our institutional accreditation by SACS, a ten year activity which allows us to document our quality and efficacy of what we do and also provide framework for our improvement. The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a fundamental element to that aim.

Dr. Battles announced that UNCW is moving to a performance based budgeting system rather than the traditionally focused enrollment growth funding. The new performance based funding will be based on a set of performance measures. Five of these are core, shared by all higher education institutions within the system, and five identified in consultation with the University of North Carolina General Administration that reflect our specific campus priorities. We will be measured against our own past achievement rather than against our sister institutions.

Dr. Battles affirmed the value she places on shared governance. She is currently working with faculty and deans for immersion opportunities to get to know the colleges, programs, people and places and encouraged participation.

V. **Faculty Awards Presentations.**

A. Dr. Battles recognized the following 2011-2012 award recipients which were announced last spring:

**Chancellor’s Teaching Excellence Award**
- **College of Arts and Sciences**
  - Dr. Patricia H. Kelley, Geology and Geography
  - Dr. Sridhar Varadarajan, Chemistry and Biochemistry
- **Cameron School of Business**
  - Dr. Jessica M. Magnus, Management
- **Watson College of Education**
  - Dr. Kathy R. Fox, Elementary, Middle Level and Literacy Education
- **College of Health and Human Services**
  - Dr. Steven M. Elliott, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences
Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Michael Messina, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Distinguished Scholarly Engagement and Public Service Award
Dr. Lisa Pollard, History

B. Mr. Wallace West of the Alumni Association presented the J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award to Dr. Caroline Clements. She received a $500 award, a plaque and a hand carved bowl by Dr. J. Marshall Crews.

C. Dr. Battles presented the following 2011-2012 awards, accompanied by Chancellor Gary L. Miller:

Lecturer of the Year Award
Ms. Jennifer Chin, Department of Communication Studies
Ms. Terry Fleck, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Each received a plaque and a $750 award.

Graduate Mentor Award
Dr. Michael White, Department of Creative Writing

Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award (Note: only two awards were funded this year)
Dr. Herbert Berg, Department of Philosophy and Religion
Dr. Robert Buerger, Department of Environmental Studies

Each received a medallion and will receive a $5,000 annual award for three years.

Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award
Dr. Herbert Berg, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Dr. Berg receives a medallion, a $1,500 award and a designated parking space.

D. Dr. Robert D. Roer, Dean, Graduate School, recognized faculty who have received research funding of one million dollars for the university, new members of the James F. Merritt Million Dollar Club, and those who have received research funding of five million dollars or more.

One Million Dollar Inductees
Dr. Paulo Almeida Dr. Mahnaz Moallem
Dr. Andrea Bourdelais Dr. Laurie Paarlberg
Mr. Lance Horn Dr. Alison Taylor
Dr. Michael McCartney Dr. David Webster
Five Million Dollar Inductees
Dr. Brooks Avery
Dr. Richard Dillaman
Dr. Robert Kieber

VI. Old Business. None was presented.

VII. New Business. None was presented.

VIII. Announcements. None was presented.

IX. Adjournment. Dr. Lugo adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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