

Student Matters Committee
Update of Activities – Nov. 13, 2012

1. **Academics First.** This initiative aims to establish uniform policies UNC system-wide for issues such as credit hour limits, drop/add/withdrawal, admissions and transfers. UNCW is mostly in line with these recommendations but there are a few places where changes may be required. Provost Battles has been representing the campus in discussions with the other UNC Chief Academic Officers, and Student Matters has been represented in the on-campus discussions.
2. **Search for Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid.** Cetin Ciner agreed to serve on the search committee for the new director, representing the committee and the Senate.
3. **Enrollment Management Issues.** Enrollment issues are coming into focus given the system-wide shift from an enrollment growth funding model to a performance funding model, and other developments such as the expansion of graduate programs and the Chancellor's innovation initiative. Future UNCW funding will increasingly depend on measures such as student retention, graduation rates, and transfer student success. The faculty must be aware of how academic and administrative decisions will affect our standing in the funding model. The committee has been represented in discussion of the campus-specific performance metrics chosen by UNCW.

Our main contact in this area is Terry Curran, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management. Terry seeks faculty input and wants to develop a better mechanism for faculty involvement in establishing goals and strategies.

4. **Education Advisory Board.** Christine Hughes attended a meeting with Terry Curran and the Education Advisory Board. This group is developing a program for identifying students at risk of not graduating, as a tool for improving retention/graduation rates. The university is contemplating "buying in" to this program, or at least developing similar tools internally.

The committee welcomes comments and suggestions on these items.

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