

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2015

President Meinhold presiding
Meeting called to order: 2:02

President Meinhold: Good afternoon and welcome. A motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was moved, seconded, and passed.

- I. Chancellor's Report:
 - a. Just back from a visit to PPD – the president there is very pleased with our students, and interested in doing more with our interns, etc. Thanks to the staff who have worked vigorously since Friday to protect our students and our property in the face of the flooding. Some problems were found and corrected – the staff worked very hard. We received hundreds of likes on Facebook from parents, students, and faculty. Please thank all those who helped.
 - b. On legislative issues, the budget was put to rest after a grueling 9 months – we will receive about \$110 million, fueled by student credit hours. NC is one of the few states that still works on this model, so we're likely to get a little more money this year than last (we received about \$101 million last year). With that comes money for the library – this will be appropriately channeled to the library rather than to a general fund, where it disappears. We're happy that the legislature agreed on a \$2 billion bond to cover infrastructure, highways, etc., and higher ed. A health science building for UNCW will be part of the bond. Now we have to help convince the voters, who will decide about the bond.
 - c. On strategic planning, after lots of debate with GA over the past 3-4 years regarding our mission statement, our current statement is: "doctoral programs where we have expertise and where we meet state needs." This wording will be voted on by GA on Oct. 30, as will 2 Ph.D. programs (Psychology and Nursing Practice). This will be a big day for us. Seven teams are now at work on the strategic plan. I've been asked about the basis for the things included in my draft. These came "from my head" and serve as guideposts. I've met with chairs and suggested that they use these items as challenges. Nothing is set in stone. Once goals and objectives have been determined, each committee will hold open fora for suggestions, improvements, etc. About 50% of the teams are faculty. The first of the open fora was held last week; we focused on what's been done over the last 90 days. The next forum will be held on the 21st, to report back about what's happening, and each committee will report at these fora in the future. We are already hiring certain positions – some have viewed this as an indication that we're moving already forward with a strategic plan; positions include a CIO, an Associate VC for facilities, a university budget director, a director of institutional research (hire complete) – the cabinet will be mostly finalized very soon. Denise Dipuccio's previous position in International Programs has been upgraded and a search is underway. Lori Messinger is handling engagement, and we're starting a search for someone to focus on distance ed and on-line. Cherry Point is very interested in on-line programs. We should be seeing more activity in that area.
 - d. We've started the year very well. Faculty are doing a very good job of instructing our students who are excited about research at the undergraduate level. Thanks to the leadership of Cara Cilano, Carrie Clements, and Diana Ashe, we have 6 partners from

Pakistan visiting currently through a major grant from the State Department. We'd like to have more of those.

- e. Question for the floor: Regarding the position for International Programs, why not require a Ph.D. or the equivalent? There is faculty concern about this. If the leader of OIP hasn't been a researcher/artist at the highest level, how can this person support faculty appropriately? Faculty must be internationalized if students are going to be. Chancellor Sartorelli: I don't want to limit myself. A Ph.D. is preferable, but not necessary if there are other experiences. This individual needs to know about programs in other countries, how they work, and have experience with that. Some candidates may have Ph.D.'s and some may not. The person will have to be sensitive to needs of research and faculty, or they won't be chosen.

II. Provost's Report:

- a. A memo will go out today in relation to the missed day of classes. The message will be simple, and can be varied depending on needs of the faculty/class.
- b. The Chancellor and I attended an SGA meeting recently. I asked them what they find to be most outstanding about this university. Without exception, they said the faculty – with many examples of things done in and outside of the class. The students were very articulate – they are absolutely there for the faculty.
- c. There is a BOT meeting this week. We have been working with the chair of the Education Planning & Policy Committee about what they would most want to hear. The decision is that we will highlight one academic program each time. This time, Pam Seaton will attend and focus on Chemistry. It would be a mistake for you to think that the BOT knows how academic programs work – they don't. They want to hear about the general ed part of the curriculum, what happens as the students progress through the major, and where they go after graduation.
- d. There seems to be a general lack of understanding about how the budget process works in Academic Affairs. I've been trying to figure it out myself, and we are making changes – mainly to push decisions about the budget back out to the deans. It will take a while to get this done – probably to the end of the year. It's complicated. The support staff will have to get used to doing things certain ways too. We're committed to doing this, but it will take some time.

III. President's Report :

- a. My inbox is full of parking issues. I've gotten involved in working with the faculty parking concerns. Feel free to continue to fill my inbox. I will assemble these, and they will probably go to Faculty Welfare Committee.

IV. Faculty Assembly Report by Stuart Borrett:

- a. I'm one of 4 delegates to FA. We are an advisory body to the UNC President and the BOG (through appropriate channels). Jeannie Persuit, Steve Meinhold, and Candace Thompson are the other delegates. Our first meeting was Sept 11; its focus was on issues of Shared Governance, and how the FA works. The conversations were wide ranging – this is a good place to meet colleagues from across the system.
- b. Matthew Rascoff reported on championing on-line learning for the whole UNC system. There is clear indication of system-wide support for on-line education. Also with respect to academic affairs, there is work being done on arranging for previous military credit to earn academic credit. There is a new Academic Affairs scholarship available; this is an

opportunity for faculty to learn about how the system works. Few at GA have experience as a faculty member, so this could help to bring faculty expertise and experience into GA.

- c. There is a new UNC Data Dashboard that includes a collection of metrics about how the system works. The website provides information about the whole system, and about each school in it. It seems to be up-to-date, with numbers coming from IR. This is a new tool – taking it with a grain of salt might be useful.
 - d. The FA works hard on your behalf to promote faculty interests. There is continuous push with respect to the search for system President – we want faculty and staff to be able to participate in that process. The search process has blown up recently, with attempts to exert controls over the BOG. FA has come out against the recent bill that is trying to control BOG.
- V. Academic Standards Report by Nathan Grove – Motion 2015-10-M01
- a. Flow charts describing current and proposed policies for academic dismissal were presented. The argument was that students placed on academic probation after the spring semester have less time to make up their deficiencies than students placed on probation after the fall semester.
 - b. There was considerable discussion from the floor, with concerns expressed regarding: maintaining strong academic standards, the fact that we have an appeal process in place already, the increase in complexity this would add to our dismissal policies, the logistical difficulties inherent in dismissals at the end of the fall term, the fact that many students go through this process repeatedly, and other inadvertent inconsistencies that are likely to follow from the proposed motion.
 - c. Some classes aren't offered in the summer, so students put on probation at the end of spring don't have the opportunity to repeat them; however, some classes are offered only once a year, so having another semester would not make a difference in access to the course.
 - d. The committee was asked whether there had been consideration of the number of times a student could benefit from this policy. The answer was no, but the issue of limits can be taken back to the committee.
 - e. The question was called, and the motion passed by voice vote.
- VI. Announcements:
- a. Randall Library will be celebrating Open Access week. Open access makes articles freely available to the public. A panel discussion will be featured. Faculty and grad students are encouraged to sign up for Orchid.
 - b. Dates for future Senate meetings are listed on the website. Motions should be sent to President Meinhold.
 - c. Christo Brand, Nelson Mandela's prison warden, will be giving two talks at UNCW on Fri. Nov 13.
 - d. Faculty in the Biology Dept. have experienced problems with note-taking services impersonating students, sending spam to class distribution lists, and selling notes. John Scherer, UNCW's newly appointed General Counsel offered guidance from his office on this matter.

Motion to adjourn – 3:16.