

**The University of North Carolina at Pembroke**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
 Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.  
 213 Chavis University Center

Scott Hicks, Chair  
 Roger Guy, Secretary

Members of the Senate:

<b>To 2016</b>	<b>To 2017</b>	<b>To 2018</b>
<b>ART</b> Aaron Vandermeer	<b>ART</b> Jonathan Maisonpierre	<b>ART</b> June Power
<b>EDN</b> Susan Edkins	<b>EDN</b> Joe Sciulli	<b>EDN</b> Carol Higy
<b>LET</b> Polina Chemishanova	<b>LET</b> Cynthia Miecznikowski	<b>LET</b> Jesse Peters
<b>NSM</b> Patricia Sellers	<b>NSM</b> Tom Dooling	<b>NSM</b> Marilu Santos
<b>SBS</b> Rick Crandall	<b>SBS</b> Brooke Kelly	<b>SBS</b> Xinyan Shi
<b>At-Large</b> Jeff Bolles	<b>At-Large</b> Scott Hicks	<b>At-Large</b> Beverly Justice
<b>At-Large</b> Jose D'Arruda	<b>At-Large</b> David Nikkel	<b>At-Large</b> Cliff Mensah
<b>At-Large</b> Roger Guy	<b>At-Large</b> Sara Simmons	<b>At-Large</b> David Young
<b>Chancellor</b> Robin G. Cummings <b>Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</b> Zoe Locklear		

**Members Present:** Polina Chemishanova, Robin G. Cummings, Jose D'Arruda, Tom Dooling, Susan Edkins, Roger Guy, Scott Hicks, Carol Higy, Beverly Justice, Brooke Kelly, Zoe Locklear, Jonathan Maisonpierre, Cliff Mensah, Cynthia Miecznikowski, David Nikkel, Jesse Peters, Marilu Santos, Xinyan Shi, Sara Simmons, Aaron Vandermeer, David Young

**Members Absent:** Joe Sciulli

**Guests:** Cherry Beasley, Ottis Murray, Elizabeth Normandy, Melissa Schaub, Meredith Storms, Karen Stanley

**Order of Business**

- A. Roll Call**
- B. Approval of Minutes** The Minutes were approved, 18-0-0
- C. Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was adopted as amended, to included additions noted in bold in Sect. 1.b.1, 21-0-0
- D. Reports from Administration**
  - 1. Chancellor—Robin G. Cummings  
 Dr. Cummings noted that he was proceeding with the search for the vacant Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration position. He also discussed the optimistic future for the campus referring to a March 2016 bond issue that (if

passed) would direct \$23 million for a School of Business building on campus. The Chancellor stated that he would vigorously work to make up the projected \$12 million needed to complete the \$35 million needed to complete the building. Dr. Cummings also pledged to work on raising faculty salaries, especially those in the lower tiers. He described the importance of the University in making a difference in the lives of Robeson County residents, citing statistics concerning poverty, unemployment, and education.

2. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs—Zoe Locklear  
Provost Locklear briefed the Senate on the search for college deans, noting that she expected them to be open in the following week for applicants. Dr. Locklear also announced training for new department chairs under the direction of Arts & Sciences Associate Dean Richard Gay.

#### **E. Reports of Committees**

##### 1. Operations Committees

###### a. Executive Committee—Scott Hicks

Dr. Hicks announced that he had attended the Educational Planning Committee meeting of the most recent Board of Trustees meeting. He reported a trustees' statement regarding the issue of a soccer player threatened with failing a course to participate in scheduled competition as necessitating the April attendance policy and the wish of committee Chairman Jim Jones to hear from faculty as to their perspectives on attendance.

1. Proposal to accept the recommendation of the ad hoc committee on attendance for revision of Board of Trustees Pol. 02.05.06, "Attendance Policy for University Sanctioned Events," and development of comprehensive attendance policy through normal Senate structures. **(See Appendix B in the agenda)**

**Motion to substitute the proposed attendance policy with an alternative attendance policy (see below) passed, 13-10-0**

1. Overview of Attendance Policy For University Sanctioned Events
  - 1.1 If a student is representing the university in an official capacity (e.g.: academic conference, student government, course field trips, **service learning activities**, ROTC events, athletics, band), **it is recommended that the faculty member in charge of the course excuse the absence, for up to 15% of class sessions and, when it is feasible, allow the student to make up the missed work. However, the final decision on whether to excuse an absence rests with the faculty member.**
  - 1.2 It remains the responsibility of the student to communicate accurately and regularly with the professor or instructor about missed class due to any

reason, including for university sanctioned events. **During the first week of the semester**, students shall provide official documentation of proposed university sanctioned events that will result in excused absences ~~during the first week of each semester~~, unless such notice is impracticable (e.g., rescheduled events). Prior written documentation shall be provided for each excused absence, unless extenuating circumstances arise.

1.3 This policy shall become effective ~~fall~~ **spring, 2015 2016**.

**Motion to pass the revised attendance policy passed 13-10-0**

**Motion to extend the Senate meeting passed 18-0-0**

- b. Committee on Committees & Elections—Aaron Vandermeer
  - 1. Proposal to appoint Erik Tracy (S&BS, to 2016) to the Subcommittee on Academic Support Services; Chiuchu (Melody) Chuang (EDUC, to 2016) to the Subcommittee on Curriculum; Ashley Allen (S&BS, to 2016) to the Subcommittee on Faculty Development & Welfare; June Power (ARTS, to 2017) to the Faculty Evaluation Review Subcommittee; Frankie Denise Powell (to 2016) to the Committee on Faculty Governance; Carl Danis (ARTS, to 2017) to the Health, Safety & Environment Subcommittee; Motti Inbari to the Traffic Appeals Board; and **Sharon Mattila (to 2016) and Lisa Mitchell (to 2017) to the Campus Safety and Health Committee**  
**Motion passed 18-0-0**
- 2. Standing Committees
  - c. Committee on Faculty Governance—Jesse Peters - **No report**
  - a. Academic Affairs Committee—Jose D'Arruda
    - 1. Proposal to adjust major-specific General Education requirements in the Department of Nursing to increase flexibility (Academic Affairs Committee, 11-0-0) (See Appendix D in the Agenda)  
**Motion passed 18-0-0**
  - b. Faculty & Institutional Affairs Committee—Sara Simmons  
Dr. Simmons briefed the Senate about the work of the subcommittees of FIAC.
  - c. Student Affairs & Campus Life Committee—Brooke Kelly
    - 1. Proposal to accept revisions to the Academic Honor Code (See Appendix E in the Agenda)

**Motion to restore stricken phrase, "The normal penalty for a first offense is an F in the course," to Section 8.1.a in the Academic Honor Code passed 18-0-0**

**Motion to approve revisions in the Academic Honor Code passed 18-0-0**

- F. Faculty Assembly Report** (See Appendix F in the Agenda)  
**Motion that the UNCP Faculty Senate endorses the letters concerning Senate Bill 670 sent to the Governor and the North Carolina public from the UNC Faculty Assembly Executive Committee, because of its interest in keeping patrician politics out of higher education passed 18-0-0**
- G. Teacher Education Committee** - No report
- H. Graduate Council** (See Appendix G in the Agenda)
- I. Other Committees**
- J. Unfinished Business**
- K. New Business**
- L. Announcements**
  - 1. Please contribute as you are able or see fit to the State Employees Combined Campaign; Professor Jeff Frederick is happy to assist you if you are interested.
- M. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn Passed 17-0-0**

**Meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Guy, Secretary