

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Faculty Senate Minutes Wednesday, February 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Tom Dooling, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Members Present:

Allen C. Meadors, Chancellor, Ph.D., FACHE

Bill Gash for Roger Brown, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Irene Aiken	Cherry Beasley	Robert Brown	Bill Campbell
Robert Canida	Wes Cook	Tom Dooling	Dennis Edgell
Susan Edkins	Jim Frederick	Holden Hansen	Bonnie Kelley
Wright Killian	John Labadie	Beth Maisonpierre	Kay McClanahan
Liz Normandy	Jesse Peters	John Reissner	Cindy Saylor
Michael Spivey	Ray Sutherland	Tommy Thompson	Richard Vela

Guests: Monica Brown, Judy Curtis, Stephen Bukowy

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of December 9, 2002 were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted.

Reports from Administrators:

Chancellor Meadors summarized increases in a number of enrollment categories, including a 12% increase between spring 2002 and spring 2003. UNCP is below the national average for enrollment drop off between fall and spring, with a retention rate increasing from 67 to 72%. UNCP has increased in virtually every enrollment category including ethnic groups and there are 77 more students living on campus. A housing shortage on campus could limit enrollment growth in the near future. Currently, UNCP is working with a company that would build campus apartments which would be sub-let by the university. 335 beds would then be available by next fall. If this plan works out, monies earmarked for a new dorm would be used to build a new liberal arts building.

Bill Gash introduced Collie Coleman as the new Associate Provost for Outreach. He then read a policy statement from Academic Affairs involving classes held by faculty while the university is officially closed: "No student can be counted absent even if the instructor has class. Any information missed will be made available in some form by the instructor." This led to discussion and an explanation from the Chancellor as to how the decision is made on whether or not to cancel classes due to inclement weather. The Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol advise the University on when it is dangerous to be on the roads. Bonnie Kelley made a motion to endorse the policy from Academic

Affairs. After further discussion the policy was amended to read: “No student can be counted absent even if the instructor has class. Any **course related material** will be made available in some form by the instructor.” The amended motion was seconded and passed by voice vote by a margin of 22 to 1.

Reports from Operations Committees:

Committee on Committees and Elections:

Dr. Jim Frederick reported that the Committee did not meet, but that a committee preference form would be available on-line very soon.

Executive Committee:

Tom Dooling reported that an Ad Hoc Committee had been formed to review promotion and tenure policies and that Liz Normandy would be Chair. The committee is charged with the following: (1) to condense and make more clear the policies and procedures as listed in the faculty handbook; (2) to consider substantive changes in policy and procedures of promotion and tenure. The Committee would be merely advisory and would propose changes through normal channels of the Senate.

Faculty Governance Committee:

Stephen Bukowy stated that there was no report.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Academic Affairs Committee:

Curriculum proposals from the Departments of Mass Communications and Sociology were passed unanimously. A proposal from the General Education Subcommittee was presented for handling assessment of the General Education program. The proposal called for a “bottom up” approach by requiring departments to assess individual course offerings as to overall effectiveness in reaching goals and objectives of the General Education program. The results ultimately be considered by the General Education Committee. There was much discussion about the proposal. Chair Dooling called the question and the proposal was defeated: 10 for, 12 against, and 1 abstention.

Faculty and Institutional Affairs:

Dr. Beth Maisonpierre brought forth a proposal to insert the following policy statement in the Faculty Handbook: “It is the right of any employee of the University to examine a digest of any evaluation taken on their behalf.” After discussion, Chair Dooling called the question, and the motion carried 18 for, 3 against.

Student Affairs and Campus Life:

Cherry Beasley reported that a draft on student grievance policies has been submitted to SGA and that the Committee is working in with SGA and the University attorney on this document.

Faculty Assembly:

There was no report.

Teacher Ed:

There was no report.

Graduate Council:

The Graduate Council brought forth the following proposal: “To permit the option of assigning plus (+) or minus (-) grades for graduate courses. The plus and minus will not affect grade computation.” After discussion, the proposal was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

Liz Normandy announced that there was limited space available in the upcoming workshop on student learning styles, to be conducted in the University Center. Kay McClanahan announced that Faculty Forum would resume February 13.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.