

# The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

## General Faculty Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Tom Dooling, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of December 12, 2003 were approved.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted.

**Approval of Candidates for Spring 2004 Commencement:** After one addition and one deletion, a motion to approve the list of candidates was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### **Report from Faculty Senate Chair:**

Dr. Tom Dooling reported on the following actions taken by the Faculty Senate during the 2003-04 academic year: (1) There were several minor changes to the curriculum; (2) The Faculty and Institutional Affairs committee passed a number of policies related to becoming more autonomous from the Board of Governors; (3) The creation of a committee to lead an inquiry into the closing of the Dial building led to recommendations to improve communication between faculty and administrators. The Chancellor and the Senate endorsed the recommendations in principle at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

### **Report from the UNC Faculty Assembly Delegate:**

Dr. Bonnie Kelley reported on the three Faculty Assembly meetings since December: (1) The President's report indicated that (a) salary raises and enrollment growth support will be the two top budget priorities, (b) a task force has been created to facilitate relationships with the community college system, and (c) surveys were conducted among senior faculty and faculty in phased retirement; (2) The Faculty Assembly conducted a survey among the 16 campuses regarding shared governance; (3) The results of a task force study on intercollegiate athletics among 12 campuses prompted an Assembly resolution advocating higher participation among faculty in developing policies and procedures for UNC athletics.

### **Report from the Provost**

Provost Brown thanked the faculty for working through unusual adversity this school year and reported on the following: (1) The School of Business has developed a new governance structure; (2) Monetary recognition for faculty promotions has been increased from \$500 to between \$1000-\$2000; (3) The 2004-05 catalogue revision is well under way and drafts have been sent out to departments; (4) New majors have been created in Biology, Environmental Science and Spanish; (5) Dr. Paul Flowers (Chemistry and Physics) and Dr. James Litty (Mass Communications) have become new full term Chairs of their respective departments; (6) Dr. Rich Kania has received a one

year Fulbright Scholarship; (7) Provost Brown read a special resolution honoring two long term Department Chairs retiring from their positions: Dr. George Walter and Dr. Jose D'Arruda; (8) Provost Brown handed out certificates commemorating 10 and 20 year employment anniversaries.

### **Report from the Chancellor**

Chancellor Meadors thanked Faculty for a great year, and reported the following: (1) Participation among international students has grown from 17 to over 50; (2) The *US News and World Report* will cite UNCP's successes in the September Best University Issue; (3) Many candidates graduating Saturday will be going on to law and medical schools. The incoming freshman class will see an increase in valedictorians and those who have graduated in the top five of their high school class; (4) The science building is on track for a fall opening, the Dial building will open in mid-July, the Regional Center will open in May or June, and the Jones Complex will open by Christmas. The Physical Plant building is open, and new several new building projects are set to begin. (5) Faculty are needed to assist with raising UNCP's retention rate; (6) The weather forecast for commencement is 91 degrees with no rain; (7) Next year's budget expectations include 3 to 4 per cent raises, although the Governor will permanently cut 1 to 2 per cent from university budgets. Assistant and Associate Professor salaries may be boosted by tuition increases.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Announcements**

Dr. Tom Dooling was recognized as the outgoing Senate Chair. Dr. Jesse Peters is the new Senate Chair. Holden Hansen returns as Secretary. Dr. Dooling thanked the Provost, the Chancellor and Senate Committee Chairs: Drs. Labadie, Flowers, McClanahan and Peters. The Faculty Appreciation Banquet is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Commencement is to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.