

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 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
Tom Dooling	Dennis Edgell	Paul Flowers	Holden Hansen
Deok-Hyun Hwang	Bonnie Kelley	Wright Killian	John Labadie
Kay McClanahan	Liz Normandy	Jesse Peters	Cindy Saylor
Sara Simmons	Michael Spivey	RaySutherland	Richard Vela

Members Excused: Positions Vacated by Robert Canida, Susan Edkins

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of May 7, 2003 were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted with the following change: Melanie Clark will not give a presentation.

Reports from Administrators:

Chancellor Meadors reported on the following: (1.) There are approximately 100 less students enrolled than projected, for a total of around 4,700. (2.) Freshman enrollment is between 800-812, with an average SAT score for incoming freshman that is 10 points higher than last year. (3.) Plans are underway to renovate and upgrade University Center room 213. (4.) The parking situation should improve by this weekend when the University Apartments will be opened. In two weeks the track parking lot will be paved. 480 spaces will open up as a result. (5) Four years ago 768 students were living on campus. That number has increased to 1,470.

Bill Gash reported for Provost Brown on the following: (1.) Several General Education sections were added to accommodate the growing enrollment. Dr. Gash thanked all who assisted. (2.) There are a lot of new faculty at the university, including over 50 in the last two years. Dr. Gash urged everyone to make everyone welcome. (3.) A concern was raised about communication between Academic Affairs, the Registrar and the Department Chairs as course sections were increased.

Reports from Operations Committees:

Committee on Committees and Elections:

Jesse Peters reported that the Senate seat vacated by Robert Canida would have to be filled at a later date. The Committee brought forward a slate of nominees for vacant positions on the Enrollment Management (Tulia Lightfoot, Susan Cannata and Karen Jones) and General Education (Julie Smith, Swannee Dickson and Leon Jernigan) Subcommittees. The nominees were elected unanimously to these committees.

Executive Committee:

Tom Dooling reported that the Executive Committee will meet at the end of September. A slate of nominees (Richard Vela, Ralph Steeds and Sivanadane Mandjiny) was presented to serve on the new Student Grievance Committee. The nominees were elected unanimously to this committee.

Faculty Governance Committee:

There was no report.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Academic Affairs Committee:

There was no report.

Faculty and Institutional Affairs:

There was no report.

Student Affairs and Campus Life:

There was no report.

Special Committees

Faculty Assembly:

Bonnie Kelley reported that the first meeting of the Faculty Assembly will be September 19 and that faculty should bring any concerns to herself or fellow delegate Jeffery Geller.

Teacher Ed:

There was no report.

Graduate Council:

Kathleen Hilton reported that the Graduate Council will hold an orientation for new graduate students on September 13 from 8:45-1:30.

Other Committees

There were no reports

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

(1) A policy was discussed that if a student is dropped through no fault of their own, they can be added to a closed section. It was suggested that Academic Affairs could consider problems that may arise as a result of this policy. (2) A concern was raised that individual absence policies often prevent students from attending extra-curricular events without penalty. It was suggested that Enrollment Management could consider this issue.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.