

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

General Faculty Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Main Gym: Jones Complex

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by David Zeigler, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of December 7, 2006 were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted.

Approval of Graduation Candidates for the May 2007 Commencement

A motion was made and seconded to approve the graduation candidates for the spring 2006 commencement, as distributed via email by the University Registrar. Prior to the motion, David Zeigler announced the deletion of four candidates from the list. The motion carried unanimously with the deletions.

Report from the Strategic Planning and Resource Council

Pat Valenti summarized the year end report of the Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC). Strategic planning has culminated in a written document articulating goals and initiatives, and approved by SPARC, the Faculty Senate, the Chancellor, and the UNCP Board of Trustees. The process was available for everyone associated with the university to provide input every step of the way.

Report from Faculty Senate Chair:

David Zeigler thanked Pat Valenti for her work and also recognized the Executive Committee, including Bonnie Kelley, and the past three Senate Chairs, Tom Dooling, Kay McClanahan and Jesse Peters, for their contributions and assistance over the past year, then summarized the major activities of the Senate during the 2006-07 academic year, including: (1) numerous accomplishments of the Traffic and Safety Board; (2) An Ad-Hoc Committee will be created next year to look at making the Faculty Handbook more user-friendly on-line; (3) the approval of the SPARC documents; (4) the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee charged with looking at Faculty copyright policy issues; (5) the Faculty Development and Welfare sub-committee is studying the feasibility of converting the student evaluation of instruction to an on-line format; (6) Numerous appointments to committees have been made for next year; (7) a proposal to encourage administration to increase, where possible, the ratio of tenure track compared to non-tenure track positions was approved; (8) a revision of the General Education Goals and Objectives and a new course proposal form was approved; (9) A Child Care Feasibility Study was completed revealing the need for child care was there, but the feasibility to open a child care center was not; (10) two honorary degrees were conferred on Irwin Belk and the Reverend Jerry Lowry; (11) an EPA Hiring Policy document was approved; (12) a temporary measure to fill a new third representative to the General Faculty Assembly was approved; and (13) numerous curriculum changes were

approved, as were new curriculum change forms.

Report from the UNC Faculty Assembly Delegate

Jeff Geller reported the following: (1) the next meeting will take place tomorrow. The assembly has increased the number of meetings from 4 to 5, and has met twice thus far; (2) many committees and task forces were formed; (3) UNCP now is eligible for three representatives due to the increase in enrollment; (4) a report on retention and graduation rates was completed; (5) a report on criminal background checks for the hiring of employees was completed; and (6) further discussion on the issue of textbooks, including high prices and mandatory common textbooks for faculty will ensue.

Report from the Provost

Provost Harrington: (1) Thanked Pat Valenti for her work on SPARC, and that the implementation initiative has begun with the task of matching resources to the strategic plan upcoming; (2) reported that a wireless footprint for the campus has begun; (3) reported that teaching technology will be refreshed by the fall semester; (4) recognized the work of David Zeigler, the Faculty Senate, and Tom Leach, retiring Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; (5) recognized the accomplishments of the Curriculum Committee, and well as numerous efforts in the areas of scholarship, service, and efforts to involve undergraduate and graduate students in research programs; (6) recognized numerous campus departments in successfully completing accreditation requirements; (7) reported the acquisition of Endowed Professorships in Business, Teacher Education and American Indian Studies; (7) recognized numerous faculty members for Longevity Awards; (8) recognized numerous faculty members for having achieved Promotion and/or Tenure, and awarded a medal commissioned for those achieving the rank of Full Professor; and (9) recognized Jose D'Arruda as the recipient of the Board of Governor's Award.

Report from the Chancellor

Chancellor Meadors: (1) thanked the faculty for an outstanding year; (2) noted the loss of numerous faculty who have retired or passed away; (3) noted that over 1,000 students will graduate for the first time this year; (4) noted an increase of full-time faculty from 148 to 290 over the past eight years; (5) noted that there will be no major outdoor construction next fall for the first time in 7 years; (6) noted that 11 new buildings will be opened and 5 new houses owned or leased by fall; (7) noted the recent business growth in the Pembroke area, including 10 new restaurants, the Wal-Mart and the anticipation of a hotel. The need for townhouses for new faculty is being discussed, as is a gated community with ties to Givens Performing Arts Center tickets; (8) acknowledged extra work done by faculty for faculty searches; (12) thanked Pat Valenti for her work on SPARC; and (13) noted that core values as it related to the teaching of students will not change.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

David Zeigler was reelected Chair of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for tomorrow night.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.