

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Faculty Senate Minutes Wednesday, March 12, 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

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

Members Excused: Irene Aiken, John Labadie

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of February 5, 2003 were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted.

Reports from Administrators:

Chancellor Meadors introduced Lela Clark as the new Director of Admissions, then reported on the following: (1.) The percentage of students who have left the university between the fall and spring of this year is 4.9%, which is under the national average of between 7 to 8%. Enrollment is currently 4,217. UNCP has accepted 224 more students as compared to this time last year for the 2003-2004 academic year. Of these students, SAT scores, the number of 4.0 students, and the number of Valedictorians indicate that the quality of students admitted to the university is increasing. It is anticipated that UNCP will next year surpass the number of new freshman who were admitted last year (722). The goal for next year is 833; (2.) The university has agreed to manage a new apartment complex to be built by Mills Construction Company by August 15. The monies originally earmarked for a new dormitory will be allocated for a new classroom building of forty-five to fifty thousand square feet; (3.) The Governor's budget contains a 4 1/2 to 5% budget cut, but enrollment growth will result in a net growth of 5%, which translates into over one million dollars in funding; (4.) Chancellor Meadors thanked the faculty for their continued good work.

Provost Brown recognized the faculty and registrar's office on adapting well to the on-line mid-term grading system, then reported on the following: (1.) General

Administration has delivered instructions for reporting on “low productivity” degree programs. The definition of low productivity are Bachelor programs with 19 or fewer majors in the past two years, unless 25 have enrolled recently, and Masters programs with 15 or fewer majors, unless 9 have enrolled recently. Criteria for retaining low productivity programs include centrality to UNCP’s mission, quality of program, faculty involvement, connection to facilities and equipment, demand, cost, duplication of services, and the impact a program would have if eliminated. UNCP will deliver a recommendation on whether or not to retain programs, along with a report. This evaluation is occurring system-wide. Dr. Brown read a list of the programs to be evaluated. These programs will have to make an argument for viability as a part of the process. Reports are due by April 15. Chancellor Meadors mentioned that if programs were eliminated, tenured faculty members would be given an opportunity to re-train for new positions; (2.) Faculty recruitment is in high gear as a new crop of faculty is anticipated next year. Dr. Brown congratulated those who were participating in that process; (3.) Dr. Brown thanked Dr. Robert Brown and Dr. Bonnie Kelley for their efforts on the Dean Search Committee.

Reports from Operations Committees:

Committee on Committees and Elections:

Dr. Jim Frederick reported that the Committee did not meet, but that another email referencing the on-line committee preference form would be sent out. The first ballot will be sent out soon.

Executive Committee:

Tom Dooling reported on the following: (1.) the Office of Business Affairs is currently reformulating a new van policy. Chancellor Meadors mentioned that UNCP is acquiring a 51-passenger touring bus; (2) a concern has been raised that sufficient controls are not currently in place for Academic Departments to oversee distance learning. After discussion, Chair Dooling indicated that he would work on this issue with the Provost and Dr. Leach, as well as retrieve data from faculty and students involved in distance learning.

Faculty Governance Committee:

There was no report.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Academic Affairs Committee:

Curriculum proposals from the Departments of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, English Theatre and Languages, and the Music Department were passed unanimously. A new policy for dealing with freshman students who have received all “F’s” was passed unanimously.

Faculty and Institutional Affairs:

Dr. Beth Maisonpierre reported that the Committee is working on the following: (1.) A

proposal for Faculty Evaluation of Administrators is anticipated in April; (2.) Provost Brown will attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss the issue of automatic tenure for distinguished faculty and administrators; (3.) The Governance Committee is working on language describing the creation of a Promotion and Tenure Review Committee in conjunction with a policy initiative instituting a periodic review of Promotion and Tenure policies.

Student Affairs and Campus Life:

Cherry Beasley reported that the Committee did not officially meet due to Homecoming events. The Committee continues to work on a student grievance policy that will handle any grievance except those related to grades and Affirmative Action. The Committee is also formalizing a grading system for University Marshals.

Faculty Assembly:

Tom Dooling reported that faculty salary increases and the reinstatement of matching funds within the State Employees retirement system are being advocated. It has been suggested that a member of the Faculty Assembly be given a seat on the Board of Governors, but a state law will have to be changed to achieve this. Faculty are urged to be more active with their legislators. A resolution honoring Molly Broad upon completion of her first five years in office was adopted. Molly Broad is prepared to argue that permanent and further cuts will hurt the UNC system this year, as opposed to accepting the cuts without question. There is talk that the legislature may try to cut overhead in the budget for next year. Bonnie Kelley was re-elected as UNCP's representative to the Faculty Assembly. A Teaching and Learning Technology conference will be occur in Greensboro March 27-29. Faculty are encouraged to participate.

Teacher Ed:

There was no report.

Graduate Council:

There as no report.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

Tom Dooling reported that the State Region IV Science Fair will take place in the Jones building on March 26. Cindy Saylor reported that the Library and ETL Department would be presenting a reception for Allan Gurganus at 7:00 p.m. on March 14 and that the Friends of the Library will be presenting a silent auction/fundraiser April 4th. Tickets are available through Lillian Brewington.

Adjournment:

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