**The University of North Carolina, Pembroke**

**Meeting of the General Faculty**

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Givens Performing Arts Center

Aaron Vandermeer, Chair

June Power, Secretary

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes of the General Faculty Meeting held on May 4, 2018 (Appendix A of agenda) – The minutes were approved by acclamation.

III. Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

IV. Reports

1. Faculty Senate Chair—Dr. Aaron Vandermeer welcomed new faculty to the University and encouraged faculty participation in shared governance. He informed the faculty that the faculty evaluation of administrators was completed over the summer and submitted to the Chancellor. There were a number of comments on the assessment instrument, and the Senate welcomes further suggestions. He also encouraged voting in faculty elections, as the current participation rate averages 48%. The Committee on Committee and Elections will do more to recruit candidates in an attempt to avoid single candidate elections. Dr. Vandermeer reminded faculty that disciplinary statements go into effect this year, and are available on the Academic Affairs website. He informed faculty that work is being done on a reporting mechanism for academic achievements to contribute to the UNCP Digest, which at the moment is heavily focused on athletics. He encouraged faculty to send to the Senate any topics for the year they wish considered. Some topics already suggested include a review of the student evaluation of instruction instrument, a revision of the faculty conciliator process, protocol for review and revision of disciplinary statements, making the faculty handbook gender neutral, and adding a Native American studies requirement to General Education. Lastly, Dr. Vandermeer recognized Joshua Busman for being the first senate-appointed member both to serve on and co-chair the Braves Kickoff Committee.

B. Chancellor—Dr. Robin Gary Cummings – Dr. Cummings reiterated Dr. Vandermeer’s encouragement of participation in shared governance and re-extended his invitation to this year’s schedule of coffee with the Chancellor. Dr. Cummings spoke of the increase in accountability at the system level, and the dashboard system created by the BOG to monitor the progress of constituent universities in comparison to our peer institutions. He noted that there is a lot of support for UNCP at the system level and across the state. Dr. Cummings also noted that the BOG is forming a HMI Committee, which UNCP’s Cherry Beasley will chair, which will focus on the smaller institutions of the UNC System as opposed to the flagship institutions.

C. Provost—Dr. David Ward – Dr. Ward gave a quick overview of the fair number of big initiatives taking place on campus, including the two new Colleges – Health Sciences and University College. He mentioned the need to ensure this year that not just the new areas were being reviewed but the standard ones as well in order to ensure periodic comprehensive evaluation. He reminded faculty of the forthcoming Convocation, for which faculty should be robed. It will be held Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6 pm at the Givens Performing Arts Center.

D. Registrar—Ms. Christina Reeves – Ms. Reeves gave a presentation on the updates to the roster verification system. The new system will eliminate multiple verifications and will only need to be done one time after the add/drop period. Roster verification will be open for one 72 hour period.

V. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business – There was no new business.

VII. Installation of Senate Leadership for the 2018-2019 academic year – Dr.

Vandermeer thanked last year’s Senators and Executive Committee for their service.

1. Secretary Joe West
2. Chair Mitu Ashraf – Dr. Ashraf thanked the out-going chair and secretary

for their service.

VIII. Announcements

1. Training is being provided on new classroom technologies.
2. Make an appointment with DoIT for faculty computing refresh needs.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Power

Faculty Senate Secretary