

**Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate  
November 15, 2016 Minutes  
3:30 pm  
Room 233 University Center**

<b>Frankie Powell</b>	<b>Stephen Bukowy</b>	<b>Jesse Peters</b>
<b>Cherry Beasley</b>	<b>Ottis Murray</b>	<b>Sally Vallabha</b>
<b>Mabel Rivera</b>	<b>David Nikkel</b>	<b>Cliff Mensah</b>

**I. Call to Order:** All members were in attendance.

**II.** Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by the Chair, Dr. Peters.

**A. Selection of Secretary for 2016-2017 (Cherry Beasley)**

Cherry Beasley has agreed to serve as secretary for the Committee for this academic year. Group approved this selection by acclamation.

**III. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2016**

The minutes of September 20, 2016 were approved as distributed by consensus.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Accepted as distributed by consensus.

**V. Report from the Chair**

- Meeting in October was cancelled due to the University community's efforts to recover from Hurricane Matthew. Members noted the exceptional job the UNCP leadership and staff did to assure student safety, to keep everyone informed and to begin the recovery efforts.
- While the group applauded the efforts of the Chancellor's Office to begin the healing of the UNCP community by hosting a University community forum, during which the Chancellor and the Student Government President spoke, we also noted the need to have the Chair of the Faculty Senate speak as such future events. Will recommend this action to the Senate Executive Committee.

- The Provost is on a medical leave. Concerns expressed that the Promotion and Tenure requirements which will occur in the spring will be completed in a timely and efficient manner since the Associate Provost is assuming the responsibilities of both positions. We will continue to monitor the situation with the Provost and the additional responsibilities that the promotion and tenure process will require. No additional action may not be needed since the Provost may return prior to the extra demands promotion and tenure activities place on that office.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- Academic Partners- Several committee members attended the presentations offered by Academic Partners, a company interested in administering several of the graduate online programs. The committee members expressed interest that in each department considering adopting this third party's plan that faculty members be unequivocally involved in the decision. The reasons for this interest is that as currently proposed the implementation of the plan proposed by Academic Partners involves significant revisions in curricula and changes in teaching strategies. The Chair should express the Committee's concerns to the Senate Executive Committee. Committee members should participate in any further discussions on the topic especially since this directly influences faculty's ownership of the curriculum.
- The New Faculty social event to have been hosted by Governance was discussed. Examples supporting the need for such as event were presented. The New Faculty Governance Social will be deferred until after the first of the spring semester.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of Academic Support Services Subcommittee / Member title change**

Changes in title accepted as distributed in the agenda. Vote: 8-0-0

## **VIII. Announcements**

- The state wide Combined Campaign is underway. The Chair and several committee members searched for UNCP's name among the list of recipients, but there is no procedure to give to UNCP through the Combined Campaign. The Chair will contact Ms. Lowery in Advancement to have UNCP added in the future.

- The Chancellor is holding Campus Conversations with small groups. We applaud this effort. Each of us are encouraged to attend and to encourage our colleagues to attend.

**IX. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 4:45 P.M. Next meeting will be on January 17, 2017.