

**Faculty Governance Committee
Agenda, October 17, 3:30PM
University Center 233**

Membership: Cherry Beasley, Libby Denny, Scott Hicks, Dennis McCracken (Chair), Cliff Mensah, Ottis Murray, Frankie Denise Powell, Mabel Rivera, Sally Vallabha

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2017

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Seek a volunteer to be acting Secretary

V. Unfinished Business

VI. New Business

- a. Student Publications Board: Current structure of the Board is not consistent with the handbook description. Should we modify the handbook description of the composition of the board or should we consider modifying the status of the board so that it has greater freedom to involve those resource persons necessary to accomplish its mission.
- b. Faculty Senate Chair Vandermeer has requested that the committee explore strategies for assuring that there is sufficient Senate meeting time to allow for thoughtful debate on the issues of the day. (the FtGotO item on the agenda)

VII. Announcements

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment

Minutes of the Faculty Governance Committee
September 19, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
233 University Center

Members Present: Elizabeth Denny, Scott Hicks, Dennis McCracken, Cliff Mensah, Ottis Murray, Frankie Denise Powell (via phone), Mabel Rivera, and Sailaja Vallabha

Member Absent: Cherry Maynor Beasley

Guests: Aaron Vandermeer

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Faculty Senate Chair Aaron Vandermeer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2017
 - a) The minutes were approved by acclamation.
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - a) The agenda was approved by acclamation, and Chair Vandermeer introduced items of new business.
- 4) Election of Chair
 - a) Dennis McCracken was elected chair unanimously, 8-0-0.
- 5) Election of Secretary
 - a) Scott Hicks was elected secretary by acclamation.
- 6) Unfinished Business
 - a) The committee discussed the following items of unfinished business:
 - i) the lack of implementation of the Faculty Grievance Advisory Committee,
 - ii) the importance of administrative participation in shared governance,
 - iii) the status of routing forms and administrative responses thereunto, and
 - iv) the status and evaluation of non-tenure track faculty.
 - b) The committee by consensus requests that the status and evaluation of non-tenure-track faculty be addressed by the Faculty & Institutional Affairs Committee and its subcommittees.
- 7) New Business
 - a) The committee discussed the following items of new business:
 - i) The creation of a Committee on Academic Information Technology within the structure of the Faculty Senate and the reassessment of the role and membership of the Subcommittee on Academic Support Services
 - (1) The committee requests further information, such as background regarding the impetus for this addition, the minutes and agendas of the Committee on Academic Information Technology's meetings of AY 2016-2017, and the handling of this issue by Faculty Senates of other UNC system campuses.
 - ii) The addition to the membership of the Subcommittee on Faculty Development & Welfare of the director of the Teaching & Learning Center, a motion approved 7-0-1

- iii) The reassessment of the membership of the Faculty Research Advisory Board, including the number of members and the divisions they represent, the rotation and terms of members, and the regularity of meetings
 - (1) The committee will revisit this request pending further information from Chair Vandermeer regarding his efforts to assure that the membership of the current board is in alignment with the Faculty Constitution
- iv) The codification of the nomination of Student Grievance Panel faculty members to the duties of the Committee on Committees & Elections
 - (1) The committee requests further clarification and a rationale for this alteration.
- v) A stipulation in the Faculty Constitution and/or Bylaws that appointments made by the Faculty Senate Chair do not require Faculty Senate approval
 - (1) The committee will review the Bylaws and explore further.
- vi) The lack of clear reporting by and meeting of the Student Publications Board
 - (1) The committee asks that members of the Student Publications Board hold themselves accountable to legal requirements for open meetings and to the expectations of the Faculty Senate for regular meetings, the maintenance of records and minutes, and the reporting of Board actions to its parent committee, Student Affairs & Campus Life, and the Faculty Senate, a request that shall be communicated in writing to the Board.
- vii) The role of the Faculty Senate Chair as a Delegate to the UNC Faculty Assembly
 - (1) The committee will request further information from Chair Vandermeer.
- 8) Announcements
 - a) There were no announcements.
- 9) For the Good of the Order
 - a) There was no discussion.
- 10) Adjournment
 - a) The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.