

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

General Faculty Meeting Minutes Friday, May 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Jesse Peters, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of December 8, 2004 were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted with a minor correction: D. Report “of” Faculty Senate Chair.

Approval of Graduation Candidates for the Spring 2005 Commencement: The graduation candidates were approved unanimously.

Report from Faculty Senate Chair:

Jesse Peters summarized the key developments and achievements of the Faculty Senate during the past year: (1) Jesse Peters and Holden Hansen were re-elected as Senate Chair and Secretary, respectively; (2) A resolution to oppose a proposal instituting formal parent/teacher conferences passed unanimously; (3) The ad-hoc committee on Plagiarism presented recommendations to the Senate; (4) the Faculty Assembly’s Minimum Standards of Shared Governance was endorsed unanimously; (5) An emailed newsletter has been instituted by the Chair to outline all Senate business throughout the year; (6) Provost Brown was congratulated on his new position and recognized for his years of service to UNCP.

Tom Dooling, Chair of Faculty Governance presented two orders of business involving changes to Article V, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Faculty Senate: (1) Increasing reassigned time for the Senate Chair from 3 to 6 hours, and (2) The formation of a New Operations Committee entitled “The Health, Safety and Environment Committee. Both proposals carried unanimously.

Report from the UNC Faculty Assembly Delegate:

Bonnie Kelley reported the following activities of the Faculty Assembly: (1) A document detailing minimum standards for shared governance was adopted; (2) Two resolutions, one in support of academic freedom, and a second proposing to make academics a budgetary priority for 2005-2006 were adopted; (3) Molly Broad is stepping down following the 2005-2006 school year and a new search is underway. There is no faculty representation on the search committee; (4) A three year pilot healthcare program involving choice is scheduled to be instituted.

Report from the Provost

Provost Brown thanked Jesse Peters for his comments and credited the growth of UNCP as instrumental in achieving his new position. He also thanked Carolyn Thompson, his fellow Vice Chancellors and Chancellor Meadors for the past five years. He suggested that the Faculty Senate consider two proposals next year: (1) That promotion and tenure

be handled at the College and School level, and (2) That the School of Business be moved to the College of Arts and Sciences in order to be given increased representation.

Report from the Chancellor

Chancellor Meadors reported the following: (1) Several new degree programs were created this year; (2) Several major construction projects have been completed and many new projects are currently under way; (3) there are currently 229 full time faculty positions, representing a 53% increase since 1999; (4) Spring enrollment was higher than the fall enrollment, and enrollment numbers for next year look strong; (5) UNCP will deliver curriculum on Fort Bragg this fall; (6) It is anticipated that the state budget will hold very few cuts for higher education and a 2% salary increase is expected; (7) Chancellor Meadors thanked Provost Brown and Carolyn Thompson, Dean of the Honors College for their years of service.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

10, 20 and 30 year service awards were presented.

Announcements

(1) a reception for faculty and staff will be held at the Chancellor's residence immediately following the General Faculty Meeting, followed by the Faculty Appreciation dinner; (2) Commencement is Saturday at 10 a.m.; (3) A reception for Provost Brown will be held on May 18 from 2-4 p.m. in the University Center lounge.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.