

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

General Faculty Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 25, 2004

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

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of May 6, 2004 were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted.

Report from Faculty Senate Chair:

There was no report.

Report from the UNC Faculty Assembly Delegate:

Bonnie Kelley reported she and Jeff Geller were the delegates this year. Michael Spivey and Sandra Cross are the alternates.

Report from the Provost

Provost Brown thanked Tom Dooling for his two year service as Chair of the Faculty Senate and reported the following: (1) New staff, Chairs and Faculty were introduced; (2) an update on building relocations was given; (3) an overview of six strategic goals was summarized, including: develop a plan to improve academic advising; improve infrastructure to enhance student-faculty communication; develop a funding plan for the student information component of the "Banner" software system; develop and deliver certificate programs through the Regional Center; and appoint a Director of Sponsored Research. The Provost then gave the floor to Jackie Clark, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, who spoke about UNCP's declining retention rates and retention rate goals for the new academic year.

Report from the Chancellor

Chancellor Meadors reported the following: (1) Regarding his health, he plans to be here this time next year; (2) Senator Weinstein has given UNCP an opportunity to start a School of Optometry, for which there is a demonstrated need in this area; (3) faculty are encouraged to participate in team teaching initiatives and nocturnal course offerings; (4) the *US News and World Report* has given UNCP a high ranking in four categories: student diversity; the small amount of money students owe on student loans; the number of international students enrolled; and the number of classes with less than 20 students enrolled. The latter ranking has been achieved in part due to a 45% increase in employed faculty over the past five years.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

Patricia Fields, Director of GPAC made a programming presentation.

New Faculty Chair - Transfer of Power

Tom Dooling transferred the Chair of the Faculty Senate to Jesse Peters.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.