

GENERAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Langworthy Auditorium

MINUTES

Call to Order

The 2010 General Faculty Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Stephen Luttmann.

Approval of the March 31, 2009 Minutes

The March 31, 2009 minutes of the General Faculty Meeting were approved without objection.

Announcements and Communications

Stephen Luttmann, Senate Chair announced today's reports would include the Chair's Report, as well as reports from President Norton, Provost Harraf and Faculty Trustee Iyer.

Reports

Faculty Senate (Stephen Luttmann, Senate Chair)

Luttmann reviewed activities the Faculty Senate has been involved in this year:

*Formation of a special committee to review policies and statements concerning sexual harassment, which is working on the final draft to be presented to the Senate, administration, and Board.

*Sabbatical Leave Policy, noting there is a copy of amendments on the website and faculty can contact Luttmann with any questions.

*University Regulations: Rank, classifications, converting term to tenure track, Associate Professor alignment regarding years of service.

*Faculty Senate Officer Workload Reassignment: Course release compensation for Senate responsibilities (no clear policy in place prior, now have a policy in place). Information can be found on Faculty Senate website.

*Catalog Language Change: the Academic Policies Committee proposed language change in the Students with Disabilities Statement in the catalog, and changes regarding syllabi/grading system.

* Teaching Responsibilities 2-3-402: proposed changes.

* Academic Appeals Policy: Luttmann stated that in the next one to two months there will also be a proposal for amendments to the Academic Appeals Policy.

* The Faculty Welfare Committee is working with the Provost concerning Faculty Classification, with a goal to have a proposal by the end of the academic year or the beginning of the next academic year.

*Luttmann also noted there are three constitutional amendments to be presented to the faculty today, which will be covered in New Business.

President (Kay Norton, UNC President)

The President spoke about the State Budget and goals of the University. She updated the faculty on the state budget situation and the University's timeline for developing a FY10-11 budget to recommend to the Board of Trustees. The President stated it is extremely unlikely that FY10-11 Budget will include any salary increases. UNC expects a \$3.5 million decrease in combined state and federal stimulus funding next year, which means \$40.6 million in state and stimulus funds can be expected. The President also reiterated the need for the University to build enrollment through academic programs, development of research focus, and to continue to develop community and campus relations. There will be additional campus meetings, and the President welcomes input from

faculty/staff, and students focusing on enrollment, academic programs, and fulfilling missions by working together using common ideas. A meeting of “budget leaders” consisting of the President, Provost, Deans, Vice Presidents, Assistant Vice Presidents and the Senate Executive Committee members will be held on March 24, 2010 to discuss the multi-year financial plan and FY10-11 Budget.

Faculty Questions/Comments:

Todd Allen addressed the President concerning UNC marketing material availability in public libraries. He stated that most community libraries have literature for Aims and other community college course offerings, etc. but seem to be lacking information on taking a class at UNC. The President agreed with Allen that there may be gaps in the marketing campaign and she welcomed the faculty to offer any input/ideas to help promote the current marketing strategies.

Stephen Luttmann commented on the media interpretation of higher education program duplication, referring to an article in the Denver Post. The President commented on the variety of competition the University presently has with online courses offered, as well as other universities in the surrounding area. She also noted that higher education administrators are not happy with certain regulations, and she emphasized the importance of rationale behind adding a new program.

Academic Affairs (Abe Harraf, Provost/VPAA)

The Provost presented and reviewed the document “Academic Affairs Update.” The following areas were discussed: New Degree Programs (Completed, In Progress), New Academic Staff, Enrollment, Initiatives (Completed, In Progress), and Opportunities Ahead. Provost Harraf summarized goals, projections, and rationale behind each area outlined, stating the ultimate goal is to accommodate students in a realistic, productive manner, and the importance of working together in obtaining goals for the University. The Provost welcomed any questions/comments. For further information, please see attachment regarding Provost Report.

Board of Trustees (Vish Iyer, Faculty Trustee)

Faculty Trustee Iyer announced the UNC Foundation structure will change effective July 1, 2010, where the UNC Foundation will come back to the University for better coordination and control.

New Business (Changes to Faculty Constitution)

Chair Luttmann provided handouts and reviewed the following items, stating there will be a ballot sent out next week for a faculty vote. He welcomed any questions/comments.

2-3-107(3) affecting Graduate Council membership numbers

2-3-107(1) clarifying student representation on the Undergraduate Council

2-3-107(1) adding to Powers and Duties of the Undergraduate Council

Adjournment

MOTION: Temkin

SECOND: Landeira.

The faculty voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Charmayne Cullom
Senate Secretary

Lori Riley
Recording Secretary