



Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House

Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Spoma Jovanovic, Chair of the Faculty Senate

Since our last meeting there have been some major developments, news that we both struggle with and welcome. First, Tom Ross was asked to step down; and second, the COACHE survey is out today. As always, thank you for your service on the Senate and its committees. We are going to take a minute for small group discussions at your tables so that you can share your good news and your challenges.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Carmichael, Secretary of the Faculty Senate:

December 3, 2014 & January 14, 2015 minutes presented. (Enc. A)

Carmichael called for motion to approve. So moved and seconded. Minutes approved.

Remarks

Linda Brady, Chancellor, Union Square Campus

Chancellor Brady presented a slide show and discussed features of the financing and development of the Union Square Campus, designed under the 501c umbrella of Opportunity Greensboro—a public/private partnership—to enhance collaboration between the seven college and university campuses in the area, several local businesses and private supporters. Phase 1 is focused on Nursing. The project addresses the need for space on campuses, provides for a more efficient use of resources, and allows for a simulation center in the downtown space. The campuses lease space, the City provides land, parking and infrastructure. Costs are construction: \$22 million; technology \$2.8 million; less \$8.6 million from fundraising, leaving a total mortgage of \$16.2 Million, of which UNCG's share is \$660,000 up to \$775,000, the range approved by the Board of Trustees given that our lease might come in under that high figure. UNCG has the largest lease, as the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program we are offering predicates the largest need for space. The building will be located on the corner of Lee and Arlington Streets. Chancellor Brady's Union Square Power Point is posted to the Faculty Senate website under Events, Forums, and other FS activities. (<http://facsen.uncg.edu/Content/Forums/t.Union%20Square%20Presentation%20.pdf>)

Dana Dunn, Provost

The COACHE survey is being distributed today. Please take the time to complete the survey. It will take a bit of time to complete both, approximately twenty-five minutes. I have both good news and bad news. First the good news: census enrollment data are available and enrollment is up 1.6% at the undergraduate level and 1.4% at the graduate level. The bad news is that further budget cuts require a one-time 1.25% holdback, which means \$1.85 million in revenue university-wide. We will mitigate cuts to instruction bearing programs. We are applying \$700,000 in excess tuition to mitigate the cuts to the colleges and schools. This will reduce the hold back amount to 0.5% for instruction-bearing programs. Other news that you may have already heard: Tim Johnston is stepping down as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences after long and excellent service, and returning to the faculty ranks after 2015-16 academic year. Jim Eddy has had the "interim" removed from his title and is now permanent Dean of Continual Learning. David Nelson, who has been heading the Quality Enhancement Program is stepping down in May as Chair, and we will be looking for his replacement. Jerry Pubantz is stepping down as Dean of the Lloyd International Honors College. A committee has met and developed a very detailed position description document for his job. Please share this information with your colleagues.

Committee Briefs

Lynda Kellam, Faculty Teaching & Learning Commons, Faculty Senate Scholarship



The Faculty Scholarship fund has about \$12,000 to award, money that has accumulated since we last awarded money in 2009. The scholarship is designated for rising Juniors or Seniors with a 3.5 GPA, leadership excellence, and demonstrated financial need. The committee developed timeline and a form on the Faculty Senate website. We will vet candidates in March, bring names to the Faculty Senate for a vote. The award(s) will be advertised via *Campus Weekly* and the Financial Aid office.

Presentations

Deb Hurley, Registrar's Office, unable to appear today.

Lisa Levenstein, Scholars for North Carolina's Future

SCNF helps faculty use the knowledge from their discipline to inform public conversations about politics and poverty in the state. It addresses gaps in linking our academic research more broadly to current debates. We have already hosted several larger and smaller events in churches, synagogues, and campuses around the state that have been very well attended, such as the student voting booths we set up as early voting sites. We represent 26 institutions of higher education in North Carolina. We are hosting list-serves, and reaching faculty members who feel isolated on their campuses.

For more information, please check our website <http://sites.dule.edu/sncf> or email scholarsNC@gmail.com.

Q: There is a rumor that Faculty Assembly is being disbanded. Is that true?

A: (Jovanovic) The FA has always been a consulting body and thus may be funded for operation or not, at any point. If she hears of any plans for dismantling the body, she will report to this Faculty Senate.

Levenstein clarified that SNCF addresses the entire educational spectrum, not just higher education. Carmichael interjected that Levenstein has been asked to appear on a panel at the upcoming AAUP state meeting at Elliott University Center on March 28th.

Jim Clotfelter, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Services, Academic Learning Spaces (Enc. B)

Academic Learning Spaces include classrooms, labs, and the equipment that is in them. Our current model for supporting classroom equipment needs is unsustainable. Most monies come from the Provost's Office from a non-recurring fund that has shrunk significantly. We now have a shortfall of around \$389,000 a year just to replace or maintain what we have with no options to upgrade or improve equipment. We have formed an Academic Learning Spaces Council to come up with a "rightsizing" approach to match equipment needs with faculty and drive down the costs to the campus. We will be figuring out how to better use classroom space in a 3-tier system (tier one: projection only; tier two: plus computer, optical drive for DVD playback; tier three, plus document camera). We circulated a survey that had a poor response rate, so we are trying to get additional feedback as we move through the process. We are considering check in/checkout service. Council members Mike Crumpton and Todd Sutton have been talking with faculty.

There were several questions relating to the advisability of including delivery of equipment with a checkout service, and data from the survey that was circulated. Provost Dunn commended the work of the council. While we need some forensic data analysis, it is important that the new system be put in place by Fall 2016.

New Business/Old Business

Anne Wallace, Chancellor Search Committee

Wallace gave an explanation of the "expanded confidential" process for the Chancellor Candidate visits. Finalists will visit with a select group of people who will be invited to participate in the sessions. Those invited will have to sign confidentiality agreements. Wallace presented a proposal for how these additional people could be selected. The Senate took a straw poll of support for Wallace's proposal, and it was unanimously accepted.



Spoma Jovanovic, Faculty Assembly Resolution to Board of Governors re: President Tom Ross

Jovanovic shared a proposal drafted by the Executive Committee of Faculty Assembly. The full Faculty Assembly will vote on the resolution at the February 2015 meeting. The resolution was circulated to the Senators for consideration, but not a vote.

Sue Dennison pointed out that not all campuses are in support of singing Ross's praises per the resolution (Chapel Hill is still bitter about how he spoke during the athletic scandal, for example), but many faculty members are unhappy with the Board of Governors' move to ask Ross to step down without providing any reasons for such action.

Motion to adjourn (Shelmerdine). Seconded (Neufeld).

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Carmichael, Secretary of the Faculty Senate

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