

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting Special Session  
April 3, 2013  
3:00, Virginia Dare Room  
John Lepri, Chair**

*Approved Unanimously by the Faculty Senate on September 4, 2013*

Agenda Item & Presenter	Discussion/Motion	Outcome
Welcome: <i>Senate Chair John Lepri</i>	The Senate Chair opened the meeting at 3:00, and brought to the attention of the Senate the unusual order of agenda items	
Review/Approve Minutes of March 6, 2013: <i>Senate Chair John Lepri</i>	Approval of minutes from the March 6, 2013 Motion to accept: Susan Shelmerdine Second: Patti Sink Vote: Unanimously in favor	Minutes approved unanimously
Resolution #FS04032013-01, To revise the Constitution of the Faculty: <i>Faculty Government Committee, Bruce Kirchoff, Chair</i>	<p>Bruce Kirchoff presented resolution #FS04032013-01: To revise the Constitution of the Faculty. The resolution was read:</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, the Senate as the legislative arm of the General Faculty, periodically reviews and revises the Constitution of the Faculty, <b>and</b> <b>Whereas</b>, it has been more than five years since the last comprehensive review of the Constitution, <b>and</b> <b>Whereas</b>, the Faculty Government has completed a comprehensive review and revision of the Constitution, <b>therefore</b> <b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the <i>Constitution of the Faculty</i> be retitled <i>The Constitution of the General Faculty</i>, and be revised as indicated in the attached documents, with changes to the <i>Bylaws of the Constitution of the Faculty</i> also as indicated.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion to resort to the Committee of the Whole for general discussion for 10 minutes: Stuart Marcovitch Second: Michael Frierson Vote: Unanimously in favor</p> <p>A general discussion of amendments to the <i>Constitution</i> ensued. Bruce Kirchoff of the Faculty Government Committee presented specific items not in the handout of the revisions of the <i>Constitution</i> that needed to be added to the attention of the Committee, to wit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line 11—restore deleted “in” after “faculty”</li> <li>• Line 143—change “action” to “actions”</li> <li>• Line 145—delete “of members present and voting”</li> <li>• Line 253—add “General” before “Faculty”</li> <li>• Line 317—add “appointed or” before “elected”</li> <li>• Line 319—add “or elected” after appointed</li> <li>• Line 369—add “the Senate” before “By Laws”</li> <li>• Line 370—italicize “viva voce”</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion to accept these minor changes: Steve Yarborough Second: Stuart Marcovitch Vote: Unanimously in favor</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion to change Line 363, on p. 9 from two thirds majority to a simple majority so that in case of an emergency the agenda could be changed: Spoma Jovanovic Second: Patti Sink</p>	<b>Resolution Approved</b>

Discussion of Motion: Dan Winkler explained why two-thirds was generally needed from a procedural standpoint, but Jovanovic maintained that a quick turnaround might be needed at present. The Chair called for a vote.

Vote: Majority in favor

Motion to eliminate “suggested minimum duration of 48 hours” Line 380: Spoma Jovanovic

Second: Jim Carmichael

Discussion of Motion: Susan Shelmerdine cautioned the Senate about moving too fast on changing the voting system. Josh Hoffman suggested adding “at the discretion of the Chair.” Tom Jackson asked whether we were leaving out the 48 hour stipulation. Stuart Marcovitch stated that he was not comfortable with shortening the time length. Lepri suggested referring to Government Committee for resolution, but Spoma Jovanovic suggested that we act on the motion now. Tom Jackson offered new language for Line 380: “unless the Chair of the Faculty Senate determines that a shorter period is necessary and announces it before the vote.” Spoma Jovanovic accepted the change. Chair called for a vote.

Vote: Unanimously in favor.

Discussion: Spoma Jovanovic suggested that voting for the revised *Constitution* should not be construed as support for an increase in the proportion of non-tenure-track faculty generally. Dan Winkler indicated that a two-thirds minimum of tenure-track faculty may be needed to make decisions about promotion and tenure. Winkler recommended adding a sentence after Line 211 (i.e., 3.c): “d. The percentage of tenure-track faculty elected from each electoral division shall be a minimum of fifty per cent.”

Motion to accept Winkler's addition: Jim Carmichael

Second: Tom Jackson and Josh Hoffman

Discussion of Motion: Stuart Marcovitch indicated that he did not wish to vote on this motion today. He Also was not comfortable with a voting time less than 48 hours and a hurried discussion. John Lepri called the question.

Vote: Majority in favor

Motion and Second to add 5 minutes to general discussion: Josh Hoffman, and Veronica Grossi; Unanimously in favor

Discussion: Bruce Kirchoff recommended that the same language about minimum times for voting also needed to be used on Line 154

Motion to accept Kirchoff's recommendation: Patti sink

Second: John Lepri

Vote: Majority in favor

Motion and Second to add 5 minutes to general discussion: Patti Sink, and Jim Carmichael; Unanimously in favor

Motion to accept the previously introduced motion regarding non-tenure-track faculty: Spoma Jovanovic

Second: Tom Jackson

Discussion of Motion: Jackson read the previously introduced motion: “This action should not be construed as compromising the institution of tenure or endorsing the replacement of tenure-track faculty with non-tenure track faculty.”

Vote: Unanimously in favor

The Chair called for a vote to accept the revised *Constitution* .

Vote: Unanimously in favor. **Ovation for Bruce Kirchoff.**

<p>Remarks: <i>Chancellor Linda Brady</i></p>	<p>The Chancellor first congratulated the Senate on the hard work on revising the Constitution, and commended Spoma Jovanovic's stand on tenure and shortened voting times. These are indeed perilous times for state universities. The Chancellor gave a Power Point summary of features of changes to the Proposed University Budget now moving through Senate revision and gubernatorial review will move into the House of Representatives where the most severe cuts are being proposed (see attachment). The most disturbing features among key indicators (slide 2) are the change of the ration of Appropriation to tuition and Appropriations per student (down 12.4% since 2007-08). It is not clear yet where savings per Strategic {Plan recommendation will come from specifically. The Board of Governors has made a compelling case has been made for restoration of \$25 million in Lottery Funds designated for Education but diverted to other purposes in the current year. Also a positive recommendation made by the BoG is increases in the option retire plan contribution rate increase that will not catch NC University employees up to the national median but will at least have made a difference over a two year period from 6.84% state contribution to 8.0%. As for the governor's recommended budget, non-resident tuition is being raised 12.3% at six campuses, and 6% at all others, and taking away resident tuition for those on full academic scholarship for non-residents. This is expected to have a very negative effect on non-resident enrollment and consequently, on for the part of our revenues that come from enrollment changes, since maximum enrollment is not possible without of state cuts. It is estimated that an additional 300-500 positions will be lost in 2013-2015 over the whole UNC system. Note also that the traditional 50.50 split with State government on allocation of Repair and Renovation has now been revised with only a 33% contribution from the State. Worst of all, with regards to need-based financial aid, 8400 eligible students would lose or not receive financial aid. State Senate Budget revision will end on May 9, whereupon the House Budget Process will begin (May 13-30). The Conference Process will last until June 13, and the deadline for the 3013-2015 budget will be on June 30. The Chancellor reminded Senators of how important staying engaged with the budget process is, as 29/32 members of the BoG have come on the Board since President Ross was elected. Governor McCrory will be addressing the BoG next week at UNC-Pembroke.</p>	
<p>Remarks: <i>Provost Perrin</i></p>	<p>In the interest of time, Provost Perrin briefly referred Senators to the attached document, Process for Determining Priority of Proposed Program, and Criteria for Evaluation of New Undergraduate and Graduate Program Proposals, that was mentioned in the last Senate meeting and which he encouraged the Senators to read and become familiar with. He will be glad to answer any questions. Second, John Lepri and the Provost have formed a Task Force on Advising consisting of twenty members. They are now engaged in preliminary planning with Sue Stinson and Cathy Williams, and between now and the end of June, will do an inventory of the current advising situation, study best practices, and formulate a plan for next year, primarily for undergraduate students.</p>	
<p>Elections for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect and Secretary</p>	<p>Lepri reported that two nominations had been received, Spoma Jovanovic for Chair-Elect, and Jim Carmichael, to continue as Secretary. The Chair called for a vote. Vote: Both candidates were elected unanimously.</p>	

<p>Resolution #FS04032013-02, To Revise the Undergraduate Appeals Policy: <i>Academic Policies &amp; Regulations Committee, Maura Heyn, Chair</i></p>	<p>Maura Heyn, Chair of the Policies and Regulations Committee, read the Resolution.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the section on Academic Appeals in the 2012-2013 <i>Undergraduate Bulletin</i> states that . . . ; <b>therefore</b></p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b>, that the Academic Appeals subsection in the <i>Undergraduate Bulletin</i> be revised to read:</p> <p>“In cases where circumstances beyond the student’s control have interfered with the student’s academic performance, students placed on academic suspension or academic dismissal may request immediate reinstatement by submitting an Academic Suspension Appeal or Academic Dismissal Appeal to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Appeals must be submitted by the published deadlines, which are located in the academic calendar and the <i>Undergraduate Bulletin</i>. Events and/or circumstances that merit an Appeal include officially documented unanticipated personal life events; officially documented unanticipated, serious medical difficulty (excluding chronic conditions – students are responsible for properly balancing academic work with known chronic conditions); and/or officially documented serious psychological difficulty. Students are strongly encouraged to contact the Students First Office for assistance before officially submitting an Appeal.</p> <p>An Academic Suspension Appeal or Academic Dismissal Appeal will be reviewed by the Academic Appeals Committee and/or the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Once an Appeal has been submitted, students will be notified of the results of their Appeal in writing. All Academic Appeal decisions are final.</p> <p>As mandated by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, a student whose Academic Suspension Appeal or Academic Dismissal Appeal is approved must agree to participate in the Academic Contract for Excellence (ACE), a non-credit bearing academic support program, during the next term of enrollment. Students will be notified in writing about the ACE program by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Failure to participate in this program or meet any condition of this program will result in immediate academic dismissal."</p> <p>Discussion of Motion: Bill Karper: Resolution highlights chronic physical pain but not psychological. It seems discriminatory. Should include both.  Maura Heyn: Does it matter? Elizabeth Van Horn: Chronic conditions for which we hold students responsible can be exacerbated by the stresses of the academic environment. A student appealing a dismissal should be able to include these. Ian Beatty: You can’t determine this in the resolution.  Psychologist may have to determine.  Motion to table Resolution: Josh Hoffman  Second: Jim Carmichael.  Vote: Majority in favor</p>	<p><b>Resolution Tabled</b></p>
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<p>Resolution #FS04032013-03, To Amend the Language Regarding Waivers of Marker Courses for Transfer Students: <i>Academic Policies and Regulation Committee, Maura Heyn, Chair</i></p>	<p>Maura Heyn, Chair of the Policies and Regulations Committee, read the Resolution.</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, the Undergraduate Bulletin currently states that “For students who initially transfer to UNCG as juniors or seniors, SI and WI courses outside the major requirements and two GL/GN courses are waived,” . . . ; <b>therefore</b></p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b>, that the language in the Undergraduate Bulletin be amended to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waivers of Marker Courses for Incoming Students Transferring in 60 or More Hours</li> <li>• Students who initially enroll with 60 or more transfer hours are required to take just one SI course and one WI course, both in the major, and two Global Perspectives courses, one of which must carry the GN marker.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Resolution: Josh Hoffman: I find confusing why this is necessary? Maura Heyn: This resolution applies, for example, to the early college students from Guilford College—they are not transfer students because they are not college students. Bill Karper: Does this resolution increase hours necessary to finish? Maura Heyn: No. Students can waive GN course and two marker courses. Bill Karper: This will not take effect this fall, but rather next fall.</p> <p>Motion to accept Resolution: Bill Karper Second: Patti Sink Vote: Unanimously in favor</p>	<p><b>Resolution Approved</b></p>
<p>Report of the Unit Election &amp; Appointment Results for 2013-2016: <i>Committee on Committees, Julie Hersberger, Chair</i></p>	<p>Julie Hersberger referred senators to handout with election results and asked for questions. There being none, she thanked the committee.</p>	
<p>Remarks: <i>John Lepri, Faculty Senate Chair, &amp; Patti Sink, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect</i></p>	<p>John Lepri thanked Jim Carmichael for taking minutes (applause); he thanked Josh Hoffman for his council (applause); and stated he wished especially to thank Brenda Bey, who will be leaving the university in May to rejoin her family. (Ovation). John presented Brenda with a card and gift. She thanked him and the Senate, and stated that in working at three universities over her career, she commended the integrity of this university (looking in direction of Provost and Chancellor). (Ovation).</p> <p>Patti Sink thanked John Lepri for his leadership throughout 2012-2013. (Ovation) Sink indicated that she was looking forward to the coming year, and all the challenges. She said that our priority in 2013-2014 would be to deal with the new budget and its ramifications, and to help prepare for Strategic Planning. Sink also asked Senators to note the corrected Faculty Senate calendar for next year.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Sink asked for motion to adjourn. Motion and Second: Bill Karper &amp; Josh Hoffman Vote: Unanimously in favor, and the Senate adjourned.</p>	<p>Adjournment Approved</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Carmichael  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate 2013-2014