

Year-End Report of the 2013-2014 UNCG Faculty Senate and General Faculty

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This report consists of a summary of the UNCG Faculty Senate and General Faculty meetings, and list of action items considered by the Faculty Senate and General Faculty during the 2013-2014 Academic Year. At the end of each Faculty Senate meeting, UNCG Delegates to the UNC Faculty Assembly reported on the Assembly meeting preceding the Faculty Senate meeting.

September 4, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Senate discussed presentations from the Chancellor and Provost, and an update on the Global Engagement QEP @ UNCG, stressing the important role of the QEP in the SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation review, with the review team's on-campus visit during March 2014. John Lepri, 2012-2013 Chair, and Jim Carmichael, 2012-2013 Secretary, presented reports on the 2012-2013 Senate action items, and from the 2012-2013 Faculty Committees, respectively. The Faculty Senate reviewed and *approved the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2013*.

September 18, 2013 General Faculty Meeting

Chancellor Brady called the meeting to order, and presented opening remarks, in which she indicated that Dr. David Perrin, after a long and successful tenure as Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, informed the campus of his decision to return to the UNCG Faculty, effective June 30, 2014. She described the general process of conducting the search for Provost Perrin's replacement, and announced that during the October 16th Faculty Forum, the Search Committee would seek input from the faculty regarding desired qualities of UNCG's next Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor. Following a short business meeting of the General Faculty, in which the *General Faculty Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2013 were approved*, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Perrin presented his final Convocation. The Convocation concluded with an extended question-answer period of the General Faculty and Provost Perrin.

October 2, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting

Senators discussed presentations focused on: (a) searches for three Associate Provosts; (b) the Faculty Mentoring Program; (c) intercampus collaborative programs; (d) a study of relationships among Department Chairs/Heads and their Deans and Faculty; and (e) curricular tracking and mapping. The Faculty Senate reviewed and acted upon the following items.

- *Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2013 (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-10022013-01: To revise Academic Calendars of Summer 2014, 2015 & 2016 by adding Memorial Day as a University Holiday (Approved)*

November 6, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting

Senators discussed presentations focused on: (a) the new recreation center and enrollment, with an extended question-answer period; (b) the appointment of Dr. Bryan J. Terry as Vice Provost for Enrollment Management; (c) the UNC General Administration's request for proposals to assure high quality degree programs via e-Portfolio assessment of core competencies (i.e., *critical thinking* and *written communication*); (d) findings and recommendations of the Taskforce on Academic Advising; and (e) recommended core competencies and student learning outcomes from the UNC General Education Council. The Faculty Senate reviewed and acted upon the following items.

- *Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2013 (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-11062013-01: To endorse the two UNC system-wide core competencies passed by the UNC General Education Council and UNC Faculty Assembly (Approved)*

December 4, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting

During the opening remarks of the Senate meeting, information was presented about the need for a study of faculty morale at UNCG, and about forthcoming resolutions from the Online Learning Committee. Senators discussed presentations focused on: (a) the Campus Master Plan and the Downtown University Campus; (b) UNCG's 2013-2017 Strategic Enrollment Management Plan & Strategy; (c) special student fees; and (d) the NC concealed weapons law. The Faculty Senate reviewed and acted upon the following items.

- *Faculty Senate Minutes of November 6, 2013 (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-12042013-01: To endorse the UNC Faculty Assembly Resolution 2013-10 on System-wide Student Success Policies (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-12042013-02: To revise the policy on Academic Good Standing at UNCG to be in compliance with the UNC Board of Governors Regulation 400.1.5[R] on "Fostering Student Success" (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-12042013-03: To revise the parameters of general education courses (Tabled)*
- *Resolution #FS-12042013-04: To adopt student learning outcomes for the Speaking-Intensive and Writing-Intensive General Education categories (Approved)*

February 5, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

Senators discussed the Provost's presentation, focused on possible planning scenarios for the 2014-2015 budget cuts. Additionally, Immediate Past Senate Chair John Lepri and Provost David Perrin presented a detailed report on the *Joint Working Group on Employment Analysis*, with an extended question-answer period, as related to the report. The Faculty Senate reviewed and acted upon the following items.

- *Faculty Senate Minutes of December 4, 2013 (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-12042013-03: To revise the parameters of General Education courses (Revised Tabled Resolution from December 4th meeting; Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-02052014-01: To endorse UNC Faculty Assembly Resolution 2014-09 on Faculty Senate communication with Boards of Trustees (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-02052014-02: To endorse UNC Faculty Assembly Resolution 2013-12 on program closings and general education (Approved)*

February 20, 2014 Special Faculty Senate Meeting

A special Faculty Senate meeting was convened, based upon a formally submitted request by the majority of Faculty Senators (N = 27 of 37 Senators). As expressed by Senator Deborah Bell, the primary objectives of the meeting were to: (a) understand the Chancellor's rationale for the proposed budget cuts; (b) ask questions, offer suggestions, and entertain alternatives solutions; (c) recommend a maximum amount of the budget cuts that should come from Academic Affairs, and (d) acquire clarification of the timeline for making decisions about the forthcoming budget cuts. Senators heard presentations from Immediate Past Chair Lepri on the relevance of the *Joint Working Group Employment Analysis*, and from Chancellor Brady on the history of UNCG's budget cuts since 2008 and on the possible timeline of the upcoming budget-reduction decisions. Following the two presentations, the floor was open for an extensive question-answer and discussion period among the Senators, Chancellor, Provost, and other attendees, including UNCG students, faculty, administrators, staff, and Board of Trustees members. Based on the information discussed during the special meeting, the Faculty Senators were asked to submit recommendations to offer to the Chancellor during the March 5th Senate meeting. The Faculty Senators' recommendations were included in the March 5th agenda packet (Enclosure D).

March 5, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

Following the call to order of the meeting, Senators reviewed the meeting agenda. The majority of attending Senators (N = 21 of 30 senators) approved the addition of a second resolution to the agenda for consideration. Senators received a copy of the new resolution, labeled #FS-03052014-02. Prior to the

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consideration Resolutions #FS-03052014-01 and -02, Senators experienced a presentation, focused on recommendations associated with the study of Department Chair/Head Policies and Practices, and a panel discussion of the 2014-2015 Budget Reduction Plan. Because of time constraints due to crucial and critical discussions of the 2014-15 Budget Reduction Plan, approval of the minutes from the February and March Faculty Senate meetings were postponed until the April 2nd Faculty Senate meeting. The Faculty Senate discussed, reviewed and acted upon the following two resolutions in the agenda order, approved by the Senators.

- *Resolution #FS-03052014-02: To recommend that the UNCG Faculty Senate assert the right to evaluate if the UNCG Administration's final budget cut plan indicates that, to the best of their ability, they have protected and ensured the integrity and quality of the academic program at UNCG (Tabled)*
- *Resolution #FS-03052014-01: To affirm and endorse the UNCG Academic Unit Deans' recommendation for a campus-wide strategy to protect UNCG's academic mission (Approved)*

April 2, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

Senators discussed presentations focused on: (a) the 2014-15 Budget Reduction Plan; (b) future proactive work and reports by the Faculty Budget Committee; (c) future directions of the Faculty Teaching and Learning Commons; and (d) a prospective resolution to be proposed during the 2014-15 Academic Year, based on the *Study of Department Chairs/Heads Policies and Practices*. The Faculty Senate discussed, reviewed and acted upon the following items.

- *Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2014 (Approved)*
- *Special Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2014 (Approved)*
- *Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2014 (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-04022014-01: To Express the Senate's Opposition to the Proposed Recommendations of the UNC Post-Tenure Review Working Group (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-04022014-02: To revise the Withdrawal from the University Policy (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-04022014-03: To permit active duty service members and students, released from active duty for a specific amount of time to attend college through a Military Degree Completion Program, to have priority registration ahead of the undergraduate registration window for their class (Approved)*
- *Resolution #FS-04022014-04: To permit students with declared Online Majors to have priority registration ahead of the undergraduate registration window for their class (Approved)*
- *Elections of members to the 2014-15 University Promotion and Tenure Committee, and of the 2014-15 Chair-elect [need to be reviewed and considered for modifications during the September 3, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting.]*

April 23, 2014 General Faculty Meeting

Chancellor Brady called the meeting to order, and presented opening remarks that highlighted and recognized the 2013-14 excellence, productivity, and solutions resulting from the many contributions of students, faculty, administrators, and staff. Additionally, the Chancellor also recognized members of the UNCG community who passed away during the 2013-14 Academic Year. The Chancellor introduced UNC President Tom Ross who discussed the 2013-14 state of the UNC System and Campuses. President Ross spent the majority of his time with the General Faculty responding to questions. Chancellor Brady introduced Provost David Perrin who presented his farewell speech to the UNCG General Faculty. The Faculty Senators presented the Provost with a plaque expressing their deep appreciation for his dedication, leadership and contributions. During the meeting's conclusion, Chair Patti Sink and Chair-elect Spoma Jovanovic thanked everyone for their dedicated contributions, and highlighted the future meetings and work during the 2014-15 Academic Year. During the business session of the meeting the *General Faculty Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2013* were approved. Chair-elect Jovanovic also presented Patti a plaque of appreciation from the Faculty Senators, for which she is deeply grateful.