

Appalachian State University
Faculty Senate Minutes

December 10, 2007 (Approved)

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chair Marking at 3:20 pm in the William Strickland Conference Room in I.G. Greer on Monday, December 10, 2007. Senators Werts, Malloy, and Ulmer were excused. Senators Davison, Lambert, McKinney, and Stallworth were not in attendance.

I. Announcements:

- A. Chair Marking welcomed senators and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Visitors were Dr. Dave Haney (Academic Affairs), Dr. Richard Howe (LES), Dr. Jim Denniston (PSY), Dr. Dennis Grady (PS/CJ), Mrs. Susan Pettyjohn (Advancement), Mr. Jeff Williams (ITS), and Mr. Don Rankins (Registrar).

II. Visitors Reports:

- A. Mrs. Susan Pettyjohn, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, shared information she gleaned from conversations with administrators, faculty, students, staff, Board of Trustees, alumni, and other constituents about Appalachian State. Mrs. Pettyjohn is confident that Appalachian State is in a prime position to implement numerous fundraising activities which include broadening our outreach to alumni, increasing endowments, enhancing communication, increasing corporate and foundation giving, and developing a donor relations program. She has submitted a draft of her 100 day plan to Chancellor Peacock.
- B. Mr. Jeff Williams, Chief Information Officer, discussed the recent computer outages that affected campus email, Banner, and Novell. An unexpected hardware failure was the cause. Email and Banner are now on separate servers. All systems have been stable for three weeks. Mr. Williams commented that there is a national trend to outsource student email systems. UNC-Greensboro is in the midst of a pilot program.
- C. Mr. Don Rankins, Registrar, discussed how the recent computer outages affected student registration. His office is still learning about the new Banner system. Two problematic areas which have been analyzed are how to connect labs with lectures and how to code for prerequisites and transfer work.
- D. Dr. Jim Denniston (PSY) informed the Senate that a new electronic activity reporting software program, Activity Insight from Digital Measures, was recently purchased by the University in order to standardize and streamline the annual report process. "This initiative was developed jointly out of the Faculty Evaluation and Development Task Force and a committee formed by the Provost

in the Spring of 2007 to provide recommendations for the adoption of software to facilitate faculty activity reporting, assessment, and e-portfolios.” Furthermore, “This software is an online database that allows faculty to enter scholarly and service activities that would typically be reported on their annual report...” An additional module “Course Response” provides online course evaluations which the committee will be exploring.

Senator Butts expressed concern about who will have access to the online information and in what form. Senator Rardin noted that the “Course Response” information sheet states the customized reporting feature will “Enable key stakeholders to access the results, including students”. Senator Rardin stated that “student evaluations should not be for public consumption”. Senator McBride stated his support of this software adding that it will help streamline and expedite the annual report process. The Provost remarked that there is wide variability in what is included or not included on annual reports from department to department. The General Assembly has mandated that faculty report on their out of class activities. Senator Marland moved and Senator McBride seconded a motion that the Faculty Senate create an ad hoc committee to study revamping the annual report process. **Motion FS 07-08/12-01** to create an ad hoc committee to study revamping the annual report process passed. (Vote #1). Senator Butts recommended that the committee should include some department chairs. Senator Mamlin moved and Senator Butts seconded a motion to have three Faculty Senators and three department chairs on this committee. The Provost moved to amend this motion by recommending that Dr. Jim Denniston (PSY) be an ex-officio and non-voting member of this committee. Motion passed. (Vote #2). The motion pertaining to the composition of this ad hoc committee passed as amended. (Vote #3).

- E. Dr. Dennis Grady (PS/CJ) reported that the UNC Tomorrow Commission Final Report has been approved. “The purpose of the University of North Carolina Tomorrow Initiative was to determine how the University of North Carolina can respond more directly and proactively to the 21st century challenges facing North Carolina both now and in the future through the efficient and effective fulfillment of its three-pronged mission of teaching, research and scholarship, and public service. The outcomes of this Initiative will guide and shape current and future priorities, resource allocations, existing and future programs, strategic plans, and missions of the University of North Carolina, its 17 constituent institutions and its affiliated entities to ensure that UNC not only becomes more proactive and responsive to the needs of our state, but remains so in the years to come as the people of North Carolina continue to confront the myriad challenges of the rapidly changing, knowledge-based global economy and environment of the 21st century.” Dr. Grady remarked that the entire report can be viewed at www.nctomorrow.org. Moreover, the UNC Board of Governors and President Bowles in consultation with UNC institutions and the UNC General Assembly

will develop specific plans to respond to the UNC Tomorrow Commission's findings and recommendations.

III. Minutes:

- A. Chair Marking asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2007 Faculty Senate minutes. Senator B. Williams moved and Senator Scherlen seconded. Motion was passed. (Vote #4).

IV. Provost's Report:

- A. Dr. Aeschleman stated that he submitted a report to Chair Marking concerning his responses to the 22 motions pertaining to emeritus status.

V. Committee Reports (Chairs' names are capitalized):

- A. Academic Policies (ARNOLD, Butts, LAMBERT, Stallworth)
No Report.
- B. Agenda Committee (MARKING, Butts, Marland, Scherlen)
No Report.
- C. Budget Committee (STRAZICICH, Malloy, McBride, Price, Werts)
No Report.
- D. Campus Planning Committee (W. WILLIAMS, Mitchem, Rardin, Tiller)
No Report.
- E. Committee on Committees (MAMLIN, Marland, Ramey, B. Williams)
No Report.
- F. Faculty Handbook Committee (MARKING, Arnold, Marland, Weitz)
No Report

G. Faculty Welfare and Morale Committee (DAVISON, Carpenter, Fischer, Grube, Scherlen)

Senator Fischer remarked that he serves on the Non-Smoking Policy Taskforce. Recently, the Taskforce received a memorandum from Mr. David Larry, University Attorney, which stated that Appalachian State cannot lawfully make the entire campus smoke free. “Because the University is not authorized by statute to regulate outside smoking beyond a 100-foot perimeter, a policy making the entire campus (including areas beyond 100-foot perimeter) smoke-free would render the University vulnerable to a lawsuit alleging that the University’s policy exceeds statutory authority and is thus unlawful.” Senator Arnold asked whether porches are considered parts of buildings. Senator Marland wants to enter campus buildings without having to walk through plumes of smoke. Senator McBride noted that restricting smoking within 100 feet of buildings would keep smokers away from entrances and would essentially make the campus smoke free. Senator Rardin stated it was absurd to talk about a policy that cannot be enforced. Senator Mines was concerned about increased littering from cigarette butts. Senator Strazicich stated that a 25 foot restriction would be more feasible. Senator Tiller asked if signs would be posted where smoking was permitted. Senator Arnold moved and Senator Marland seconded a motion to prohibit smoking within 100 feet of campus buildings. **Motion FS 07-08/12-02** passed. (Vote #5).

H. Welfare of Students Committee (ULMER, McKinney, Mines, Winn)

No Report.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

Chair Marking asked for a motion to postpone discussion of Unfinished Business and New Business until the January 14, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. Senator Tiller moved and Senator McBride seconded. Motion passed. (Vote #6).

Chair Marking asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Marland moved and Senator McBride seconded. Motion passed. (Vote #7). The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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FACULTY PRESENT AND VOTING SHEET for December 10, 2007

Y = Yes N = No A = Abstain

SENATORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Arnold, Chip	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Butts, Jeff	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		
Carpenter, Ellen	Y	Y	Y				
Davison, Beth	A	B	S	E	N	T	
Fischer, Craig	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grube, Vicky	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lambert, Monica	A	B	S	E	N	T	
Malloy, Mark	E	X	C	U	S	E	D
Mamlin, Nancy	Y	Y	Y				
Marland, Eric	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
McBride, Jeff	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
McKinney, Harold	A	B	S	E	N	T	
Mines, Diane	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Mitchem, Pam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Price, Jammie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ramey, Michael	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rardin, Patrick	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Scherlen, Allan	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Stallworth, Lynn	A	B	S	E	N	T	
Strazicich, Mark	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Tiller, Jeff	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	
Ulmer, Connie	E	X	C	U	S	E	D
Werts, Margaret	E	X	C	U	S	E	D
Williams, Betsy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Williams, Wayne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Winn, Wendy	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

Vote Number	Action
1	Motion FS 07-08/12-01 to create an ad hoc committee to study revamping the annual report process.
2	A motion to amend Motion FS 07-08/12-01 .
3	A motion pertaining to the composition of the ad hoc committee.
4	A motion to approve the November 12, 2007 Faculty Senate minutes.
5	A motion to prohibit smoking within 100 feet of campus buildings.
6	A motion to postpone discussion of Unfinished Business and New Business until the January 14, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting.
7	A motion to adjourn.