

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**Academic Classroom Building (A101)**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Tony Graham, President Presiding**

**Senate Members Present:** Sherrie Cannoy, Maya Corneille, Lauren Davis, Angel Dowden, KC Dukka, Brenda Faison, Bankole Fasanya, Dwedor Ford, Galen Foresman, Tony Graham. Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Floyd James, Ioney James, John Kizito, Gary Lebby, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Gregory Meyerson, Wayne Moore, Thomas Redd, Jerono Rotich, Derick Smith, Octavious Spruill, Vanita Vactor, Jane Walker, Lijun Wang, Hong Wang, Jenora Waterman, Cindy Waters, Sheila Whitley, Kenneth Williams, Wanda Williamson.

**Departments Not Represented:** Chemistry; Liberal Studies; Energy Environmental Systems; Chemical and Bioengineering; Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Economics; Marketing, Transportation and Supply Chain; Electronics, Computer, and Information Technology; Leadership Studies; Army ROTC; Air Force ROTC; Provost Office Liaison.

**The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tony Graham, President Presiding**

**Senate Welcome**

**Dr. Tony Graham**

Dr. Graham extended greetings and thanked everyone for their presence. He gave an overview of the agenda, noting that presentations would be made by the following administrators: Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Joe B. Whitehead; Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Ms. Akua J. Matherson; and Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Services and CIO Dr. Darryl McGraw.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was properly moved and seconded that the March 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried with one abstention.

**Provost Update**

**Provost Joe B. Whitehead**

Provost Whitehead discussed transparency and shared governance related to the academic restructuring and programming committee. His discussion included the rationale for restructuring and realignment of academic affairs; why the University is restructuring; and realigning. He stated that the University needs to position itself to meet the goals of Preeminence 2020 – to establish a structure to reach the goals of a preeminent land-grant University; to enhance visibility and strengthen academic programs; to examine configurations to enhance synergy and collaboration both in curriculum and in research; to examine configurations that

provide faculty more opportunity for innovative teaching, research and engagement; and to examine configurations that provide effective and efficient use of academic resources. He provided discussion on the University's current college/school structure compared with Clemson University, the University of Texas at El Paso, South Dakota State University and Florida A&M University.

The Provost emphasized that the restructuring and realignment process is designed to be inclusive and transparent. He discussed composition of all committees and stated that updates and information will be provided on the University website. Provost Whitehead reported that the external committee has been formed, a campus visit took place on April 9 &10, 2015 and a report is being developed. The next step is forming the Academic Restructuring Steering Committee. He asked for two (2) representatives from the Faculty Senate to serve on this committee.

Following the Provost's update, nominations were received for senate representatives to serve on the Academic Restructuring Steering Committee. Dr. Tony Graham, Dr. Thomas Redd and Dr. Gregory Meyerson were nominated. It was moved and properly seconded that the nomination close on the three (3) stated names. The motion carried. Votes follow:

<i>Vote One</i>	<i>Count</i>
Dr. Tony Graham	16
Dr. Thomas Redd	16
Dr. Gregory Meyerson	20

<i>Vote Two</i>	<i>Count</i>
Dr. Tony Graham	10
Dr. Thomas Redd	16

It was properly moved and seconded that the Faculty Senate representatives to serve on the Academic Restructuring Steering Committee are Dr. Gregory Meyerson and Dr. Thomas Redd. The motion carried.

### **Impact of Plus/Minus Grading on Students**

**Mrs. Akua J. Matherson**

**Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management**

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Matherson discussed a powerpoint presentation on the impact of the plus/minus grading on students. She noted that the powerpoint was developed for students who had questions centered around plus/minus grading. Academic standing comparisons were presented. Academic standing data from 2014 was compared with academic data from 2013. She stated that the powerpoint will be provided to Faculty Senate President Dr. Tony Graham for information and use.

### **Faculty Senate Website Demo**

**Dr. Darryl McGraw**

**Vice Chancellor, Information Technology Services and CIO**

Vice Chancellor McGraw presented a faculty senate website demonstration. This is a pilot to demonstrate how to engage the faculty at large and use the website to the senate's advantage. The demonstration included infrastructure/portal services. The website has the capability of

making announcements, having a published calendar, and handouts can be attached. Public/group discussions may be held on the discussion board. Surveys can be done. Training sessions will be held during the summer and in the fall.

Dr. Graham noted that this is a powerful way to address transparency and shared governance.

### **Handbook Committee Report**

**Dr. Dwedor Ford, Chair**

The Handbook Committee has reviewed Chapter 4 (Governance) of the Handbook. Careful attention has been given to language content including membership limits and PTR expectations and implications. University Legal Counsel Charles Waldrup is assisting with this process. Dr. Ford stated that she is available to receive faculty concerns and feedback. Dr. Graham pointed out that all Faculty Handbook recommendations and criteria are faculty driven.

### **New Program and Curricula Report**

**Dr. Sheila Whitley**

Dr. Whitley brought to the floor 16 proposal packages that were discussed in their committee meetings on April 14, 2015 and April 15, 2015. It was properly moved and seconded, with one abstention, that the proposals be approved as presented. The motion carried. The proposals are as follows:

1. Business Education. Thirteen (13) undergraduate course changes; three (3) new courses to mirror graduate courses; and two (2) revised undergraduate curriculum guides
2. Animal Science. Sixteen (16) undergraduate course changes; six (6) new undergraduate courses to mirror existing graduate courses; and three (3) undergraduate curriculum guides
3. Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education (Graduate). Fifteen (15) graduate course changes; Two (2) new graduate courses; three (3) graduate curriculum guides
4. Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education (Undergraduate). Twelve (12) undergraduate course changes; two (2) undergraduate curriculum guides
5. Family and Consumer Sciences. Eighteen (18) undergraduate course changes; Five (5) new courses; Four (4) course deletions; One (1) new concentration; and Three (3) undergraduate curriculum guides.
6. Natural Resources and Environmental Design. Twelve (12) undergraduate course changes; Seven (7) new undergraduate courses to mirror graduate courses; One (1) undergraduate course deletion; One (1) change in credit hour for graduation; Four (4) undergraduate curriculum guides
7. Speech. Seventeen (17) undergraduate course change; and two (2) undergraduate curriculum guides

8. Nanoengineering. Six (6) new graduate courses; and two (2) graduate curriculum guides
9. Visual and Performing Arts (Music). Twenty-one (21) undergraduate course change; Six (6) undergraduate curriculum guides
10. Human Development and Services (Masters). Fifty-six (56) graduate course changes; Six (6) new graduate courses; and three (3) graduate curriculum guides
11. Human Development and Services (Ph.D.). Twenty-four (24) graduate courses changes; Three (3) new graduate courses; and One (1) graduate curriculum
12. Visual and Performing Arts (Visual Arts). Fifty-six (56) undergraduate course changes; Three (3) undergraduate curriculum guides
13. Curriculum & Instruction (CUIN). Eleven (11) undergraduate course changes; Two (2) new Undergraduate courses
14. Curriculum & Instruction (Elementary Education). Twenty-six (26) undergraduate course changes; and One (1) undergraduate curriculum guide
15. Nursing (Traditional entry Option). One (1) undergraduate course deletion; One (1) new undergraduate course; and One (1) undergraduate curriculum guide
16. Certificate Corrections. Thirteen (13) undergraduate certificate programs

**New Business**  
**Faculty Senate Elections**

**Dr. Tony Graham**

Vice President: Two (2) year term.

One (1) nomination – Dr. Dwedor Ford

It was properly moved and seconded that Dr. Dwedor Ford serve as Faculty Senate Vice President

Secretary: Two (2) year term

Nomination deferred to Fall semester, 2015

Faculty Assembly Delegate: Term not defined

Upon motion, it was properly moved and seconded that Dr. Patrick Martin serve as Faculty Assembly Delegate. Dr. Martin joins Dr. Tony Graham, Dr. Roland Leak and Dr. Jerono Rotich as Assembly delegates. The election of an alternate delegate was deferred to Fall semester, 2015.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

*Nina R. Ingram*  
*Recorder*