

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
North Carolina A&T State University
Academic Classroom Building Auditorium (A101)
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
3:00 p.m.

Tony Graham, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Alfredo Aquirre, Ronnie Bailey, Caroline Booth, Phil Carey, Maya Corneille, Lauren Davis, Christopher Doss, Dwedor Ford, Tony Graham, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Floyd James, Ioney James, Roland Leak, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Ademe Mekonnen, Gregory Meyerson, Radiah Minor, Thomas Redd, Michael Roberto, Jerono Rotich, Octavious Spruill, Alice Stewart, Vanita Vactor, Jane Walker, Lewis Waller, Lijun Wang, Hong Wang, Sheila Whitley, Kenneth Williams, Wanda Williamson.

Departments Not Represented: Chemistry; Liberal Studies; Political Science; Chemical and Bioengineering; Mechanical Engineering; Computational Science & Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Business Education; Electronics, Computer, and Information Technology; Graphic Design Technology; Applied Engineering Technology; Leadership Studies; Army ROTC; Air Force ROTC.

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

A moment of silence

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded that the November 2014 Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried. The following observation was raised and agreed upon for clarity: Senate leader will carry the title of 'President' until further discussion is held concerning the use of 'Chair'.

Senate Welcome

Dr. Graham greeted Senators and thanked everyone for their presence.

Dr. Tony Graham

COACHE Faculty Satisfaction Survey

An email has been sent from the Office of the Provost inviting faculty to participate in a Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) faculty satisfaction survey. This survey is done in cooperation with Harvard University. A faculty participation rate of 50 percent or greater is desired. April 10th is the survey close date. Outcomes will be reported in the fall, 2015. Senators were asked to encourage faculty in their departments to provide full participation. A similar COACHE survey was done in 2011.

Dr. Alice Stewart

Nomination Committee Report**Dr. Floyd James**

Dr. James announced that Faculty Senate Secretary Dr. Wendy Hamblet will no longer serve in this capacity. He extended a note of thanks for Dr. Hamblet's services. Dr. James called for nominations for a new Faculty Senate secretary. After some discussion, it was properly moved and seconded that Mrs. Nina Ingram, Administrative Assistant to the Faculty Senate, serve as ex-officio secretary of the Faculty Senate until the position is filled. The motion carried.

New Program and Curricula Report**Dr. Sheila Whitley**

Dr. Whitley brought to the floor the proposal packages discussed in their committee meeting of January 13, 2015. It was properly moved and seconded that the proposals be approved as presented. The motion carried. The proposals are as follows:

1. Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience – 1 undergraduate course change; and 1 undergraduate curriculum guide
2. Marketing, Transportation and Supply Chain – 29 undergraduate course changes; and 3 revised undergraduate curriculum guides

Handbook Committee Report**Dr. Dwedor Ford**

The Handbook Committee has scheduled a series of meetings to discuss restructuring of PTR and RPT. The committee is meeting every other Thursday. The last meeting was held on January 22nd. They are currently addressing PTR issues and concerns; after which, RPT matters will be addressed. A survey on PTR is forthcoming that hopefully will capture the thoughts of all faculty. A note of thanks was extended to all committee members. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5th at 3:15 pm at the Senate House.

Dr. Ford received questions and concerns from the floor. The questions and concerns related to existing PTR Handbook guidelines and procedures. President Graham noted that the questions and concerns are taken very seriously and pointed to the importance of Legal Counsel Charles Waldrup and Provost Office Representative Dr. Alice Stewart roles on the Handbook Committee.

Handbook recommendations are expected to be finalized by the March 2015 Senate meeting.

Welfare Committee Report**Dr. Roland Leak**

The Welfare Committee is holding regular meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2nd in Room 300 Merrick Hall. This Committee is prepared to address issues that may lead to policy recommendation(s).

Faculty Town Hall Meetings**Dr. Tony Graham**

Discussion was received for ideas and an agenda for faculty town hall meetings. After much discussion, it was properly moved and seconded that the Senate begin working immediately on a

resolution that will call upon the administration to provide the latest information on the reorganization plan and also move expeditiously to appoint a committee to include faculty so it can move forward; and that the Welfare Committee draft the resolution. The motion carried. The resolution is to be forwarded to the Provost's office before the next Senate meeting.

After additional discussion, it was moved and seconded that scheduling of town hall meetings begin in February or before the next faculty senate meeting. The motion carried. An amendment to the motion follows: Senators will be identified today who will begin initiating this process. In favor of motion – 12; not in favor of motion – 4.

Senators were identified who agreed to serve as facilitators for respective college/school town hall meetings. Town hall meeting schedules will be forwarded to the Senate office for compilation and dissemination to all senators for information.

The town hall meeting agenda will include discussion on the question of University reorganization (ref. composition of the 2 committees); restructuring of PTR and RPT; and an open forum.

Senate Going Forward

Dr. Tony Graham

There was discussion on the faculty senate strategic plan and faculty incentive/compensation based on annual performance.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Nina R. Ingram
Secretary/Recorder