

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
North Carolina A&T State University
Academic Classroom Building (A101)
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
3:00 p.m.

Tony Graham, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Alfredo Aquirre, Sherrie Cannoy, Angel Dowden, Brenda Faison, Bankole Fasanya, Tony Graham, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Floyd James, John Kizito, Roland Leak, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Ademe Mekonnen, Gregory Meyerson, Radiah Minor, Wayne Moore, Thomas Redd, Michael Roberto, Jerono Rotich, Octavious Spruill, Alice Stewart, Jane Walker, Lijun Wang, Hong Wang, Sheila Whitley, Kenneth Williams.

Departments Not Represented: Chemistry; Liberal Studies; Political Science; Psychology; Visual and Performing Arts; Chemical and Bioengineering; Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Nursing; Electronics, Computer, and Information Technology; Leadership Studies; Army ROTC; Air Force ROTC.

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

Senate Welcome

Dr. Tony Graham

A note of welcome was extended to all. A special thank you was expressed for the work involved in coordinating the college/school/area town hall meetings. Dr. Graham emphasized the privilege of democracy and pointed to the importance of expression particularly as draft resolutions are brought to the floor of the Senate. He asked that Senators keep in mind that they are representing their constituencies.

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded that the March 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes be approved with the following edit: Page 3, paragraph 2, line 1 change 'opened' to 'open.' The motion carried.

Athletic Policy Update

Mr. Earl Hilton, Athletic Director

Mr. Hilton shared two (2) draft athletic policy updates. They were 1) the Student Athlete Missed Class Policy (revision); and 2) the Drug Testing Policy. These policies have been presented to the University's administrative bodies including the deans' council and the cabinet. The policies will be posted on the University website for feedback. Mr. Hilton encouraged a review and input from all faculty members. He addressed questions and concerns from the floor and noted that he is available for additional follow-up.

Handbook Committee Report**Dr. Tony Graham**

The Handbook Committee is scheduled to wrap up its discussion of the PTR process on Friday, March 27th. Recommendations will be forwarded to Legal Counsel Charles Waldrup and disseminated to the general faculty at large. Dr. Alice Stewart distributed the Faculty PTR survey response. Dr. Graham reviewed the survey response and stated that there was no action needed on the survey. He asked the senators to take the survey back to their respective departments and share with the faculty.

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

Dr. Whitley brought to the floor four (4) proposal packages that were discussed in their committee meeting of March 11, 2015. It was properly moved and seconded that the proposals be approved as presented. The motion carried. The proposals are as follows:

1. Accounting and Finance: Twenty-five (25) undergraduate course changes; and two (2) revised undergraduate curriculum guides
2. Economics: Twenty (22) undergraduate course changes; one (1) new course; and four (4) revised undergraduate curriculum guides
3. Management: Forty-two (42) undergraduate course changes; and four (4) revised undergraduate curriculum guides
4. Visual and Performing Arts (Theatre): Thirty-seven (37) undergraduate course changes; and Two (2) revised undergraduate curriculum guides

Senate Executive Committee meeting with Provost**Dr. Tony Graham**

Dr. Graham reported that the Executive Committee of the Senate met with Provost Joe Whitehead to discuss the resolution on academic restructuring and how to proceed. At the end of the meeting the Provost assured the Executive Committee that he would share with Senators at the March 24, 2015 Senate meeting his disposition as related to the resolution. Dr. Graham noted Provost Whitehead's presence and stated that the Provost would be addressing the Senate.

New Business**Dr. Tony Graham**

Plus/Minus Issue – After some discussion, Dr. Graham stated that this issue would be brought back to the floor at a later date.

Senator/Alternate Elections – school/college/area senator and alternate elections should take place during the month of March. This item will come to the Senate floor at the April, 2015 Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Officers Election – This election is scheduled to take place at the April, 2015 Senate meeting.

Special Assistant to the Provost**Dr. Craig Rhodes**

Dr. Rhodes noted that a library tenure packet needs further review. In keeping with University policy, he requested of the Senate body five (5) tenured faculty who would be willing to serve as a slate of nominees from which a three (3) member standing committee would be formed. The following Senators agreed to serve: Dr. Radiah Minor, Dr. Thomas Redd, Dr. Wayne Moore, Dr. Hong Wang and Dr. Gregory Meyerson.

Provost Update**Provost Joe B. Whitehead**

Provost Whitehead addressed the Senate on his response to the Senate's resolution on University Reorganization. The response was outlined in a memorandum from Provost Whitehead to Dr. Graham dated March 24, 2015 with the subject: Academic Restructuring and Program Analysis. The Provost reviewed with the Senate his memorandum. It included the rationale for the academic restructuring and program analysis, the ultimate goal, the purposes of the External Review Committee, the Academic Restructuring Steering Committee, the Faculty Academic Restructuring Task Force, Staff Academic Restructuring Task Force and Chair Academic Task Force; and the membership composition and selection process of the Academic Restructuring Steering Committee, noting no change in design. The External Review Committee has been selected. The committee includes four (4) members who were selected because of their vast experience and knowledge in higher education administration. Provost Whitehead also discussed the schematic chart for committee recommendations, feedback and timelines. Additionally, he noted that there are budget challenges and fiscal uncertainty as the University undergoes the academic restructuring and program analysis.

Policy Postings**Dr. Tony Graham**

Dr. Graham stated that approved and draft policy postings are located on the web at the following sites: <https://www.ncat.edu/legal/policies/index.html> and <https://www.ncat.edu/legal/draft/index.html>, respectively. The Faculty Handbook Committee is currently reviewing and making recommendations for Chapter IV – Faculty Governance. Faculty members are encouraged to review this posting and provide necessary feedback. Final recommendations should be forwarded to legal within a few days.

Other Business

In other business, Dr. Michael Roberto, Department of History, tendered his resignation as senator, effective immediately.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101).

Nina R. Ingram
Recorder