

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**Academic Classroom Building Auditorium (A101)**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2014**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Tony Graham, Chair Presiding**

**Senate Members Present:** Alfredo Aquirre, Ronnie Bailey, Sherri Cannoy, Angel Dowden, Dwedor Ford, Phyllis Ford-Booker, Tony Graham, Wendy Hamblet, Julius Harp, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Floyd James, Ibraheem Kateeb, John Kizito, Roland Leak, Gary Lebby, Z Li, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Gregory Meyerson, Radiah Minor, Thomas Redd, Jerono Rotich, Octavious Spruill, Alice Stewart, Jane Walker, Lewis Waller, Hong Wang, Lijun Wang, Sheila Whitley, Kenneth Williams, Wanda Williamson, Yunqui Zhang.

**Departments Not Represented:** Political Science; Sociology and Social Work; Visual and Performing Arts; Energy Environmental Systems, Chemical and Bioengineering; Computer Science and Engineering, Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Graphic Design Technology; Applied Engineering Technology; Leadership Studies; Army ROTC; Air Force ROTC.

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

**A moment of silence**

**Approval of Minutes**

The October 2014 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Senate Welcome**

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

**Dr. Tony Graham**

**Hearing and Reconsideration Resolution**

Dr. Kathryn Cort, Chair, reported on the resolution drafted by her committee in preparation for a meeting on RPT w/Provost on December 3, 2014. This resolution, drafted by nine members, one from each of the A&T schools, focuses on the concern of a breach of the Handbook regulations that ensure standards for promotion, tenure and post-tenure review remain in the control of the departments. Recent actions suggest that standards are being levied from administration and above the departmental level, in an attempt to align RPT standards and PTR standards. A new form issued by the Deans suggests that those faculty undergoing PTR are re-applying for their

**Dr. Kathryn Cort**

positions. The committee argues that this presents a potentially litigious situation that must be rectified immediately. An inquiry was made as to why the Provost is still holding faculty portfolios from last year, giving faculty to suppose that the provost is reviewing them rather than simply ratifying departmental decisions.

### **New Program & Curricula Report**

**Dr. Sheila Whitley**

Dr. Sheila Whitley presented changes in courses and numbering that were unanimously approved by senators.

### **Textbook Information**

**Mrs. Catrina L. Jackson**

Mrs. Catrina L. Jackson, Barnes & Noble Store Manager, explained that A&T has a full rental program in place for textbooks, with the exception of those texts that require an access code, newly provided each term, that permit access to special supplementary materials. They also have a rental and purchase options for a full range of used books. Purchases can be made through mobile phone or through the registration portal. Books can be shipped free to the A&T bookstore. December 5<sup>th</sup> is a double-discount day for faculty. Customized products can be purchased at wholesale at ncatpromos.com. A senator asked why UNCG faculty receive a discount at Barnes & Noble bookstores but A&T faculty do not. Ms. Jackson explained that university bookstores and retail store are entirely different companies and no faculty should receive discounts at any retail stores.

### **UNC System Faculty Teaching Workload Report**

**Dr. Roland Leak**

Dr. Leak explained that workload studies from GA across the NC campuses do not consider service and teaching in their calculations of workload.

### **Faculty Assembly Report**

**Dr. Roland Leak**

Dr. Leak reported changes in admission standards with the goal of 80% retention among students with 30 credit hours and 2.0 minimal GPA: SATs may fall into disuse in favor of the ACT test, which all NC students are being required to take. A pilot program is taking place, but does not include A&T.

### **New Business**

**Dr. Tony Graham**

- a. AAUP chapter- senators should speak to faculty about joining, since there are many benefits which protect and serve faculty, including a superior journal.
- b. Senator attendance/committee appointment
- c. RPT/PTR and Handbook Committee meetings Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar 2015- seeking input from faculty in the very short term.
- d. Term limits to BOT (April 2015)

### **Senate Going Forward**

**Dr. Tony Graham**

Faculty Senate Strategic Plan

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

**- Next Senate Meeting: January 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)**

*Professor Wendy C. Hamblet*  
*Secretary*

Attachment:

- (1) Faculty Senate Hearing and Reconsideration Committee Resolution Concerning Post Tenure Review Submission Requests