

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
North Carolina A&T State University
Academic Classroom Building (A101)
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Tony Graham, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Phoebe Ajibade, Ronnie Bailey, Sherrie Cannoy, Angel Dowden, Albert Esterline, Bonnie Fields, Roger Gagnon, Tony Graham, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Floyd James, Alvin Keyes, Luba Kurkalova, Roland Leak, Robert Li, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Mahour Mellat-Parast, Gregory Meyerson, Elizabeth Newcomb, Thomas Redd, Ceola Ross Baber, Derrick Smith, Octavious Spruill, Hong Wang, Sheila Whitley.

Departments Not Represented: Chemistry; Biology; Liberal Studies; Sociology and Social Work; Visual and Performing Arts; Energy Environmental Systems; Chemical Engineering; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Animal Sciences; Natural Resources and Environmental Design; Electronics, Computer, and Information Technology; Graphic Design Technology.

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

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded to approve the November 17, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

Senate Welcome

Dr. Graham extended greetings and thanked everyone for their presence.

Dr. Tony Graham

Committee Reports

Welfare Committee

There were discussions on HB97 NCGAP, academic restructuring, and faculty workload/course load at the January 12, 2016 Welfare Committee Meeting. Welfare Committee meetings and discussions are on-going and the Committee will seek faculty input and involvement as concerns/issues are addressed. Mr. David Tidwell is the Chair of the Welfare Committee.

Dr. Gregory Meyerson

Handbook Committee

The Handbook Committee met on January 21, 2016. The Committee is in the process of reviewing all chapters of the Handbook. Comparisons are being made with *The Code* and sister institutions. Updates, as needed, will be recommended and revisited with the Provost. It was concluded that the Handbook should have a more positive tone. The Board of Trustees approved changes to Chapter four at the November 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting. Term limits are two

Dr. Roland Leak

(2) and two (2). Two (2) years for officers and two (2) years for senators. These changes will take effect beginning with the fall semester, 2016.

New Programs and Curricula Committee

Dr. Sheila Whitley

Dr. Whitley brought to the floor four (4) proposals and one (1) General Education Council packet that were discussed in their committee meeting on January 12, 2016. It was properly moved and seconded that the proposals and the General Education Council packet be approved as presented. The motion carried. The proposals and General Education Council packet are as follows:

1. Human Performance and Leisure Studies. Four (4) undergraduate course changes; three (3) undergraduate 120 credit hours curriculum guides
2. Industrial and Systems Engineering. Thirty-two undergraduate course changes; one (1) undergraduate 120 credit hour curriculum guide
3. Accounting and Finance. Three (3) new undergraduate courses; one (1) undergraduate 120 credit hour curriculum guide
4. Applied Engineering Technology. One (1) course change; Six (6) new courses; two (2) undergraduate 120 credit hour Curriculum Guides
5. General Education Council Packet. Changes to General Education Curriculum: 1) Decoupling the sub-categories of Global Awareness and Knowledge of African-American Culture and History from the Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Humanities and Fine Arts; 2) Lower the Student Success Course hours from two credit hours to one.

Restructuring Update

Dr. Scott Jenkins (Representing Provost Whitehead)

The Cabinet has been presented a draft reorganizational structure of colleges and schools. Plans are underway to set a date with senators for another town hall meeting to secure feedback on the restructuring plan. Town halls will also be held for staff and students. A final draft restructuring document will be available as soon as all feedback is received.

HB97 Update

Dr. Scott Jenkins

This Bill has received state budget approval. There is a concern because final language is not specific. There are vigorous conversations going on surrounding HB97. A study on the Bill will go to the legislators in March, 2016. The senators will be kept abreast on the study. The Bill would affect the 2017 admission class. Dr. Jenkins noted that the summer bridge program is a concern.

New Business

Dr. Tony Graham

- February 2016 Town Hall Meetings - The February 2016 Town Hall Meetings will be posted to the University listserve. Dr. Graham stressed the importance of faculty attendance at these meetings particularly as related to University restructuring concerns.

The senators host and facilitate the town halls. The Chancellor and the Provost need the Senate's input in preparation for the Board of Trustees meeting in February, 2016. The final model of the restructuring document is scheduled to be presented at the February Board meeting.

- The Board of Trustees will meet on February 18, 2016.
- The February Senate Meeting Date is subject to change
- HB97 NCGAP handout was distributed. Dr. Graham asked senators to take the handout back to their constituencies and engage in meaningful conversations concerning the Bill. The Faculty Assembly is tracking the Bill. As a senate body we would like to express our concerns.
- Chancellor's Luncheon with Faculty. These luncheons will start next month. Faculty will be invited to attend the luncheons. Dr. Graham noted that this is a great opportunity for dialogue. Senators were asked to encourage faculty to support this opportunity.
- Senator/Alternate attendance concerns. Dr. Graham stressed the importance of senator attendance at senate meetings. A quorum is needed to conduct business.
- The Welfare Committee and the Handbook Committee are in need of additional members. If anyone is interested in joining these two committees, please let us know.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)

Nina R. Ingram
Recorder