

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
North Carolina A&T State University
Academic Classroom Building (A101)
Tuesday, November 22, 2016
3:00 p.m.

Dr. Dwedor Ford, President Presiding

Senate Members Present: Phoebe Ajibade, Obasi Akan, Geleana Alston, Shyam Aravamudhan, Emily Burch, Barbara Butler, Sherrie Cannoy, Temeka Carter, Sungjin Cho, Robert Cobb, Jr., Devona Dixon, Albert Esterline, Bonnie Fields, Dwedor Ford, Robert Gagnon, Julius Harp, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Joshua Kirven, Anna Lee, Robert Li, Zhichao Li, Ahmed Megri, Gregory Meyerson, Cephas Naanwaab, Elimelda Onger, Thomas Redd, Derick Smith, Octavious Spruill, George Stone, David Tidwell, Li-Shiang Tsay, Jenora Waterman.

Departments Not Represented: Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Natural Resources and Environmental Design; Chemical, Biological and Bioengineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Counseling; Administration and Instructional Services; History; Energy and Environmental Design; Built Environment; Physics; Applied Engineering Technology.

The meeting was called to order by President Dwedor Ford.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded to approve the October 25, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

Senate Welcome

Dr. Dwedor Ford

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

Faculty Assembly Report

Dr. Gregory Meyerson

Work on UNC's Strategic Plan is on-going. The Assembly spent time wordsmithing draft statements. The five categories of the plan - access, affordability and efficiency, student success, economic impact and community engagement; and excellent and diverse institutions - can be located at <https://www.northcarolina.edu/strategic-planning>. Moreover, during an Historically Minority Institution (HMI) luncheon meeting advising protocol was discussed. Thoughts on student retention are welcome. Input in narrative form is requested by December 8th. There is extensive concern about uneven faculty workload. President Spellings gave a brief address during the Assembly meeting.

Committee Reports
Faculty Handbook

Dr. Dwedor Ford

Dr. Ford reported that the work of the Handbook Committee is moving along according to schedule. The Handbook should be updated by early next semester. Handbook information and policies will be separated into two distinct documents that will be placed on the University's website. The policies will be separated out because they will need to be updated more than the Handbook information.

Constitution

Dr. Robert Cobb, Jr.

The Constitution Committee is updating and making recommendations to Chapter 4 of the Handbook. Due to University restructuring, appropriate language needs to be addressed. The correct language should make for a clearer document. Most of the Committee work is being done through member email exchanges. The email exchanges eliminate the need for formal sit-down committee meetings. Dr. Cobb, who serves as chair of the Constitution Committee, invited senators to become a member of the Committee.

In other business, Dr. Ford stated that she will report back to the Senate on the parking concerns communicated at the October 2016 Senate meeting as soon as she can secure a meeting with the appropriate area(s) heads.

Additionally, Dr. Ford noted that hopefully the Provost can join the Senate at the next meeting to discuss the non-tenure track information that he presented at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 24, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)

Nina R. Ingram
Recorder