

**North Carolina A&T State University**

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012**

**3:00 p.m.**

**2014 Smith Hall**

**Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, President Presiding**

**Senate Members Present:** Elizabeth Barber, Diane Birch, Shearon Brown, Linda Florence Callahan, LeAnder Canady, Betty Chapman, David Chen, Roy Coomans, Samuel Garren, Tony Graham, Wendy Hamblet, Julius Harp, Floyd James, Ioney James, Roland Leak, Gary L. Leppy, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Valerie McMillan, Radiah Minor, Francene Moore, Comfort Okpala, Janis M. Oldham, Lt. Col. Robert Payne, Jr., Xiuli Qu, Michael Roberto, Jerono Rotich, Messiha T. Saad, Brian Sims, Divi Venkateswarlu, Lijun Wang, Hong Wang.

**Departments Not Represented:** Political Science; Sociology and Social Work; Energy and Environmental Systems; Chemical and Bioengineering; Civil, Architectural, and Agricultural Engineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Accounting; Electronics, Computer, and Information Technology; Graphic Communication Systems and Technological Studies; Manufacturing Systems; and Army ROTC.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, President Presiding.

**A moment of silence**

**Approval of the Minutes (January 24, 2011)**

The February Minutes were unanimously approved and passed.

**Callahan Comments**

- Dr. Callahan gave an overview of the Agenda.
- Dr. Callahan asked senators to alert their students, faculty and friends to vote for Re-tool You School at <http://retoolyourschool.com/vote-now.aspx>
- Dr. Callahan brought to the senators' attention an article in this week's *A&T Register* that misinformed its readers that the senate had voted to change the university policy that permits general enrollment into the MATH 102 course with a prerequisite grade of D in MATH 101. The policy remains: when a student takes MATH 101 as a Gen Ed course (and not as a major), a D grade permits enrollment into MATH 102. Dr. Callahan asked that advisors clarify this policy with their students. The Registrar's Office has put the mistaken policy into the system, so please override it if you see this happening, until the Registrar's Office corrects the system.

## **SPEAKERS**

- **Dr. Winser Alexander, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs** on “Faculty Workload”: UNCGA requires that universities report on faculty workload each year, so A&T completed an internal audit in this regard, finding that very few faculty teach four 3.0 credit courses per semester, as directed in the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Alexander stressed that since A&T is designated a research university, even those faculty teaching and advising graduate students should have a load of at least five 3.0 courses per year. Faculty in non-graduate studies programs should have a heavier load, depending upon whether they can show evidence of research and service accomplishments in their Faculty Activity reports each spring. Dr. Alexander urged everyone to submit their reports in a timely manner, and also encouraged the Senate to complete by the end of Fall 2012 the Faculty Workload policy that our subcommittee has been developing for the past year and a half. He recommended viewing East Carolina University’s workload policy, on their Provost’s webpage, as a good example to guide ours, since UNCGA has urged that we consider similar institutions in creating our own policy.

“Distance Education courses”- teachers have previously been receiving overload pay for teaching courses online during the semester; this practice will no longer be followed except in the case where the faculty member has a true teaching overload. Distance learning should be counted as part of the regular workload of faculty.

## **Committee Reports**

**New Programs and Curricula Committee, Dr. Brian C. Sims**, chair: The New Programs and Curricula (NP&C) Committee met on March 13th, 2012 from 3:30-4:30pm in Room 360 New Science Building. The committee members in attendance included Drs. Jerono Rotich, Elizabeth Barber, Shelia Whitley, Hong Wang, Messiah Saad, Brian Sims, Ms. Shearon Brown, Mr. Derick Smith and Ms. Elsie Moore. The committee reviewed, discussed and approved curricula changes submitted by the Departments of Management, Business Education, Mechanical Engineering, Leadership Studies, and the School of Nursing. Those changes, listed below, were voted upon and passed by the Senate, with the single change that NURS 100, not UNST100, be granted a new title and course description.

### ***Department of Management***

- **Four (4) proposed course changes:** MIS500, MIS640, MGMT361, MGMT462

### **Department of Business Education**

- **Two (2) proposed course changes:** BUED360, BUED342
- **Proposed curriculum guide changes to the Business Education MAT**

### **Department of Mechanical Engineering**

- **Fifty-four (54) proposed course changes (42 changes and 12 deletions):** MEEN602, MEEN604, MEEN606, MEEN608, MEEN610, MEEN613, MEEN614, MEEN618, MEEN626, MEEN630, MEEN642, MEEN649, MEEN650, MEEN652, MEEN653, MEEN654, MEEN655, MEEN656, MEEN667, MEEN668, MEEN675, MEEN680, MEEN685, MEEN702, MEEN706, MEEN716, MEEN719, MEEN731, MEEN732, MEEN733, MEEN742, MEEN743, MEEN785, MEEN804, MEEN808, MEEN810, MEEN813, MEEN814, MEEN820, MEEN822, MEEN824, MEEN834, MEEN838, MEEN840, MEEN846, MEEN847, MEEN848, MEEN849, MEEN850, MEEN858, MEEN860, MEEN995, MEEN997, MEEN999
- **Twelve (12) proposed new courses:** MEEN669, MEEN799, MEEN841, MEEN845, MEEN852, MEEN854, MEEN826, MEEN835, MEEN827, MEEN836, MEEN815, MEEN816

**Department of Leadership Studies.....**

- **Eight (8) proposed new courses:** LEST801, LEST813, LEST814, LEST815, LEST816, LEST817, LEST864, LEST865
- **Four (4) proposed course changes:** LEST811, LEST861, LEST863, LEST999

**School of Nursing**

- **Eight (8) proposed course changes:** \*UNST100, NURS320, NURS400, NURS405, NURS412, NURS414, NURS418, NURS513
- **Seven (7) course changes proposed:** NURS226, NURS326, NURS420, NURS455, NURS456, NURS457, NURS461
- **Seven (7) proposed course deletions:** NURS300, NURS310, NURS350, NURS351, NURS416, NURS518, NURS524

**Faculty Assembly Report – Dr. Janis Oldham and Dr. Floyd James**

The UNC system is considering offering state-wide “portal” classes available across the state to replace low enrolled classes, so low enrolled classes and programs should wait to learn more before dissolving their low enrolled courses. There will be a significant increase in student health insurance fees next year, due to losses in projected expenditures the past year. For this reason, UNCGA is considering dropping the “mandatory” clause regarding student health coverage. In Fall of 2013, all schools in the UNC system are required to maintain stricter enrollment standards: students must have an 800 combined score in their SATs or a 2.5 high school GPA to be admitted into state universities. Dr. James figures 19% of our freshmen would be excluded under this new standard and that minority students from poorer high schools would be the worst hit by the change. UNCGA may need to amend the policy, but at present, it stands.

**Old Business**

- **Plus/Minus Grading – Dr. Floyd James.** The discussion was renewed once again with a poll. not a formal vote, taken, which showed the majority of senators favoring the change to a +/- system of grading. Dr. Roberto moved that we exclude A+ (D- is already excluded from the proposed new grading strategy) and return to our departments one more time to ascertain our faculty’s position on

the matter. His suggestion was passed and thus senators will vote on this in our April meeting.

**Announcements**

- *April 10, 2012, Chancellor's Faculty Forum, Academic Classroom Building Auditorium, 3-5 p.m. is CANCELLED.*
- *April 24, 2012 @ 3 p.m.-The next Faculty Senate Meeting, Smith Hall, Room 2014*

**Adjournment** at 5:05 p.m.

*Professor Wendy C. Hamblet  
Secretary*