

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

Dr. Tony Graham, Chair Presiding

Senate Members Present: Phoebe Ajibade, Ronnie Bailey, Sherrie Cannoy, Devona Dixon, Albert Esterline, Yewande Fasina, Bonnie Fields, Dwedor Ford, Galen Foresman, Roger Gagnon, Tony Graham, Julius Harp, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Louis Jackai, Floyd James, Alvin Keyes, John Kizito, Luba Kurkalova, Roland Leak, Robert Li, Patrick Martin, Stephen McCary-Henderson, Mahour Mellat-Parast, Thomas Redd, Ceola Ross Baber, Derick Smith, Octavious Spruill, Paul Staniser, David Tidwell, Lewis Waller, Hong Wang, Patricia Whitfield, Sheila Whitley.

Departments Not Represented: English; Liberal Studies; Sociology and Social Work; Energy Environmental Systems; Chemical Engineering; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Electronics, Computer and Information Technology; Graphic Design Technology; Army ROTC.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dr. Dwedor Ford.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded to approve the February 23, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

Senate Welcome

Dr. Dwedor Ford

Dr. Ford extended greetings and thanked everyone for their presence. She noted that Dr. Graham would be 20 minutes late for the meeting.

Update

Provost Joe B. Whitehead

Provost Whitehead provided an update on (a) HB97; (b) the Restructuring Transition Team; (c) Chapter IV Faculty Handbook – BOT approved; and (d) UNC President Margaret Spellings' visit to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCATSU).

HB97 – Provost Whitehead provided a summary statement of the Analysis of Findings and Recommendations Regarding NC Guaranteed Admission Program (NCGAP) Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management submitted by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, and the State Board of Community Colleges, Reviewed by RTI, International dated

March 6, 2016 as required by: Section 11.7 of Session Law 2015-241. The link to the document is as follows: http://www.northcarolina.edu/sites/default/files/report_on_nc_gap_2016.pdf. Included in the report are numbers and percentages of how this legislation would affect enrollment at UNC Institutions.

Restructuring Transition Team – The approved (November 2015) Board of Trustees recommendations will subsequently be presented to the Board of Governors for approval. In the meantime, the University is planning for the transition. An operation transition team will work under an executive transition team. Degree codes, budget and financial systems as well as other University services will be affected by the transition. Faculty and administrative input will be solicited. The University community will be continuously informed during the transition process.

Chapter IV-Faculty Handbook. The Board of Trustees approved Chapter IV of the Faculty Handbook at its November 2015 meeting. The approved version of Chapter IV is on the Board of Trustees website. Provost Whitehead will ask Legal Counsel Charles Waldrup to activate the approved Chapter IV on other University websites as well.

UNC President Margaret Spellings' Visit to NCATSU on March 24th. Thursday, March 24, 2016 is a special day for NCATSU. It is Founder's Day. The University will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary. President Spellings will participate in Founder's Day. Other activities will include a focus group discussion with President Spellings and a Birthday Bash in Aggie Stadium.

Recommendation for Approval of Spring 2016 Commencement Services Honorary Doctorate Degree Recipient from NCATSU. Provost Whitehead presented for Senate approval the University Awards and Convocation Planning Committee recommendation of Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx to receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree from NCATSU at the Spring 2016 Commencement Services. After some discussion, it was properly moved and seconded that Secretary Foxx be offered an Honorary Doctorate Degree, as recommended by the University Awards and Convocation Planning Committee. The motion carried.

Guest Presenters

- **Interim Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Dr. Ericka Smith.** Dr. Smith provided information on the Chronicle's 2016 Great Colleges to Work For study. The study is designed to recognize institutions that have built great workplaces. An email survey (designed for higher education) from Modern Think, a survey provider, will be forwarded to a random sample of 600 full time faculty, staff and administrators at the University. Dr. Smith encouraged faculty participation. Feedback will provide an opportunity to make the University an even better place to work. Dr. Smith stated that she would be glad to share the results of the survey with the Senate.
- **Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Ms. Erin Hart.** Ms. Hart provided a brief update on enrollment figures and other strategic focus in the Office of

Enrollment Management. She reported that as of this same time last year there is an increase in both the freshmen and transfer student applicant pool. The freshmen applications are up 67 percent. The number of freshmen students admitted is up 47 percent. There is a 21 percent increase of transfer admitted students as of this same time last year. She noted that the Enrollment Management Office is encouraged by how these numbers are tracking. Additionally, Ms. Hart included discussion on community college articulation plans stating that targets are in place for transfer process re-engineering where appropriate; the development of a comprehensive communications plan; and a small work group is looking at re-engineering the registration process.

Committee Reports

New Programs and Curricula Committee

Dr. Sheila Whitley

The New Programs and Curricula Committee met on March 4, 2016 and March 16, 2016. Dr. Whitley brought to the floor 25 proposals that were reviewed and approved in their committee meetings. Curricula change proposals were from the following departments: Family and Consumer Sciences; Social Work (Joint Masters); Agribusiness, Applied Economics, and Agriscience Education; Animal Science; Computer Graphics Systems; Built Environment; Airforce ROTC; Computer Systems Technology; MBA; Agricultural and Environment. Sciences; Mechanical Engineering; Curriculum and Instruction; Human Development Services; and Leadership Studies. It was properly moved and seconded that the proposals be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Faculty Handbook Committee

Dr. Tony Graham

The Faculty Handbook Committee is meeting regularly with the Provost Office to address how to move forward especially with the restructuring. A tremendous amount of work needs to be done with the Handbook. Policies and procedures need to be established. Dr. Graham extended an invitation to senators to join the Handbook Committee.

Faculty Welfare Committee

Dr. Tony Graham

The Welfare Committee is working on a Faculty Senate resolution of opposition to HB97 and is prepared to present the resolution to the Senate; however, inasmuch as Provost Whitehead provided a summary statement on HB97 to the Senate during his presentation, Dr. Graham suggested that the resolution of opposition be brought to the Senate floor for vote at the April 26, 2016 Senate meeting. This will allow an opportunity for further discussion and input. Dr. Graham pointed out that other sister institutions have done similar resolutions.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Tony Graham

Faculty Senate nominations and elections will take place in April 2016. Dr. Graham asked senators to please let the Nominating Committee know of nominees. Dr. Roland Leak reminded the Senate that Faculty Assembly delegate nominees need to be added to the slate as well.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)

Nina R. Ingram
Recorder