

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**North Carolina A&T State University**  
**Academic Classroom Building (A101)**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Dr. Dwedor Ford, Chair Presiding**

**Senate Members Present:** Phoebe Ajibade, Geleana Alston, Shyam Aravamudhan, Sherrie Cannoy, Temeka Carter, Angel Dowden, Albert Esterline, Dwedor Ford, Galen Foresman, Tony Graham, Julius Harp, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Elizabeth Hopfer, Luba Kurkalova, Gary Lebby, Anna Lee, Robert Li, Zhichao Li, Ahmed Megri, Gregory Meyerson, Thomas Redd, Ruthie Rogers, Katherine Silton, Derick Smith, David Tidwell, Li-Shiang Tsay, Shengbin Wang, Jenora Waterman, Cindy Waters, Yunqiu Zhang.

**Departments Not Represented:** Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Natural Resources and Environmental Design; Management; Chemical, Biological and Bioengineering; Computational Science and Engineering; Administration and Instructional Services; Educator Preparation; Social Work and Sociology; Journalism and Mass Communication; Biology; Graphic Design Technology; Energy and Environmental Systems; Physics; Applied Engineering Technology; Graduate College.

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Dwedor Ford.**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

It was properly moved and seconded to approve the January 24, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes with the following corrections: Page one sentence one Senate Welcome: insert 'of' in second sentence. Sentence should read acknowledged the presence "of" . . . . Page two end of sentence two – New Program and Curricula Report: add . . . "and the need for corrections and/or revisions in the submitted documents." The motion carried.

**Dr. Ford's Comments: Draft Minutes.** A copy of the monthly Faculty Senate draft minutes will be placed on the Faculty Senate Blackboard website at least a week before the regularly scheduled monthly senate meeting. Senators are asked to read/edit and/or make any corrections to the draft minutes and forward same to Senate Office prior to regularly scheduled monthly senate meeting.

**Senate Welcome**

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

**Dr. Dwedor Ford**

## **Committee Reports**

### **New Programs and Curricula Committee**

**Dr. Galen Foresman**

Dr. Foresman brought to the floor five (5) proposals that were discussed in their committee meeting on February 15, 2017. It was properly moved and seconded (with changes presented) that the proposals be approved. The motion carried. The proposals are as follows:

1. Agribusiness, Applied Economics, and Agriscience Education. One (1) new graduate course; one (1) graduate curriculum guide – International Agricultural Development and Engagement PB Certificate
2. Family and Consumer Sciences. One (1) concentration name change
3. Nanoengineering. One (1) new graduate course; one (1) graduate curriculum guide – Nanoengineering Ph.D. program curriculum structure/guide
4. Nursing. One (1) new undergraduate course
5. Revision of two (2) curriculum forms

### **Welfare Committee**

**Mr. David Tidwell**

There is on-going committee work with reference to chair appointment, reappointment and evaluation guidelines; course load guidelines and policies; merit pay; guidelines for new faculty funds availability; and a resolution to reaffirm the UNC State-mandated smoking regulations and the establishment of safe smoking locations. Chair Tidwell and Committee Member Phoebe Ajibade presented a committee draft of the resolution for approval. After some discussion, it was agreed that the resolution be tabled for the March senate meeting agenda. The Committee will gather additional information, clean up the language and forward the resolution to senators for input prior to the March meeting.

### **Faculty Handbook Committee**

**Dr. Dwedor Ford**

Dr. Ford presented the Handbook Committee report. Dr. Ford stated that Chapters 1, 2, and 3 will be placed on the senate Blackboard website for review and feedback. The Constitution Committee is reviewing Chapter 4. Chapters 5, 6, and 7 are under administrative review. These chapters may be affected by the Faculty of the Future Model. Chapter 8 may be linked directly with Human Resources. Chapters 9 and 10 are pending review and final recommendations.

Dr. Craig Rhodes noted that the timeline for the complete review of the Handbook is the Spring Semester, 2017.

### **Education Policy Committee**

**Dr. Dwedor Ford**

The Education Policy Committee is reviewing program specific policy related to “C” or better for prerequisite courses. Recommendations are forthcoming.

In other business, Dr. Ford reminded senators of the March senate elections. She encouraged senators to remind faculty in their departments of the election. Dr. Ford noted that the Nomination Committee is working on the election/membership.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)

*Nina R. Ingram*

*Recorder*