

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

Dr. Dwedor Ford, Chair Presiding

Senate Members Present: Phoebe Ajibade, Obasi Akan, Geleana Alston, Shyam Aravamudhan, Sherrie Cannoy, Sungjin Cho, Robert Cobb, Jr., Angel Dowden, Albert Esterline, Bonnie Fields, Dwedor Ford, Tony Graham, Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, Elizabeth Hopfer, Louis Jackai, Abebe Kebede, Luba Kurkalova, Anna Lee, Robert Li, Zhichao Li, Jianzhong Lou, Ahmed Megri, Mahour Mellat-Parast, Gregory Meyerson, Robert Newman, Thomas Redd, Kim Smith, Octavious Spruill, David Tidwell, Li-Shiang Tsay, Shengbin Wang, Jenora Waterman, Cindy Waters, Dwana Waugh.

Departments Not Represented: Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education; Computational Science and Engineering; Educator Preparation; Social Work and Sociology; History; Political Science and Criminal Justice; Chemistry; Energy and Environmental Systems.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dwedor Ford.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

It was properly moved and seconded to approve the February 28, 2017 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

Senate Welcome

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

Dr. Dwedor Ford

Tobacco Policy Proposal

Faculty Welfare Committee Chair David Tidwell presented the committee's revised (and tabled February 28, 2017) draft resolution to reaffirm the UNC State-mandated smoking regulations and the establishment of safe smoking locations; moreover, it was properly moved and seconded to un-table the February 28, 2017 meeting resolution. After which, upon discussion it was properly moved and seconded to accept the final (draft) resolution with the following changes: Change faculty senate 'president' to faculty senate 'chair' (Item 5 line 1); and delete 'NC' (Item 3 line 3). The motion carried. (See resolution attached to these minutes.)

Mr. David Tidwell

Committee Reports

New Programs and Curricula Committee

Dr. Laquanda Leaven

Dr. Leaven brought to the floor proposals that were discussed in their committee meetings on March 15 and 16, 2017. She stated that the proposal packets had been uploaded to Blackboard. Following Dr. Leaven's presentation, it was properly moved and seconded that the proposals be approved as submitted. The motion carried. The proposals are listed below:

- Accounting and Finance. Six (6) undergraduate course revisions; one (1) revised curriculum guide
- Management. One (1) undergraduate course revision
- Economics. Nine (9) undergraduate course revisions; Three (3) new courses; one (1) graduate course revision; One (1) revised curriculum guide.
- Marketing, Transportation and Supply Chain Management. Five (5) marketing undergraduate course revisions; revised curriculum guide to achieve 120 course hours (MKTG); Fourteen (14) Supply Chain Management undergraduate course revisions; Revised curriculum guide to achieve 120 course hours (TSCM)
- Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education. One (1) new undergraduate course; Revised curriculum guide
- Nursing. One (1) undergraduate course revision; two (2) undergraduate course deletions; revised curriculum guide
- Psychology. One (1) undergraduate course revision; one (1) new undergraduate course; revised curriculum guide
- Social Work and Sociology. One (1) undergraduate course deletion; two (2) undergraduate course revisions; revised curriculum guide
- Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering. Five (5) Civil Engineering undergraduate course revisions; seven (7) Architectural Engineering undergraduate course revisions; one (1) new Architectural Engineering undergraduate course; revised curriculum guide to achieve 120 course hours (Civil Eng.); revised curriculum guide to achieve 120 course hours (Arch. Eng.)
- Chemical and Biological Engineering. Two (2) curriculum guides (M.S. Bio. Eng. & M.S. Chem. Eng.)

- College of Engineering (ISE, ME, CSE). Three (3) new graduate COE courses; one new graduate concentration (Industrial and Systems Engineering); One New graduate concentration (Mechanical Engineering); One New Graduate Concentration (Computational Science and Engineering)

Education Policy Committee

Dr. Angel Dowden

The education policy committee reported on the review of program specific policy related to “C” or better for prerequisite courses. University department chairs were asked to report on the policy as related to his/her respective area. Based on feedback, the education policy committee shared the following recommendations:

- Remove the C- from the undergraduate grading policy;
- A grade of C will be 76-70;
- The grade and grading scale would be adopted by all undergraduate programs and used to accept and assist undergraduate students matriculate in major programs;
- C+ still exists and is used to distinguish students who have excelled at a higher rate.

Dr. Dowden asked the senators for other recommendations. The committee plans to bring forth additional information at the April senate meeting.

Constitution Committee

Dr. Robert Cobb, Jr.

An editorial mark-up of proposed comments/changes (made by the constitution committee) to Chapter IV of the faculty handbook was shared with senators. Additionally, the editorial mark-up of Chapter IV will be distributed to senators from the senate office. Dr. Cobb asked the senators to please read Chapter IV thoroughly and if there is anything that will better serve the University, please make the necessary suggestions and email comments back to him. Chapter IV should line up with the University’s restructuring.

Faculty Welfare

Mr. David Tidwell

The committee is continuing its work on several agenda items that include chair appointment, reappointment and evaluation guidelines; course load guidelines and policies; merit pay; and guidelines for new faculty funds availability.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Academic Classroom Building (A101)

Nina R. Ingram
Recorder

Attachment: Resolution on Tobacco Policy

Resolution to reaffirm the UNC State-mandated smoking regulations and establish safe smoking locations on the NC A&T State University campus

Presented by: Faculty Senate Welfare Committee

Whereas North Carolina A&T State University is dedicated to maintaining a healthy work and learning environment, actively supports employees' and students' efforts to quit smoking and offers resources for smoking cessation, and is dedicated to reducing the potential for exposure to secondhand smoke;

whereas the UNC Universities and North Carolina A&T Policy prohibits smoking inside its buildings and facilities beginning January 1, 2008, and prohibits smoking in State-owned vehicles and in the outdoor areas controlled by the University up to 100 feet from University facilities;

whereas the North Carolina A&T 2016-17 Student Handbook section XIV.D.10 states: "Smoking Policy -Residence halls operate under a "no smoking" policy, which will be strictly enforced;"

whereas proper signage is essential to communicate the UNC Policy established for smoking on the NC A&T campus, its buildings, grounds and vehicles; and

whereas current signage is contrary to established policy and creates confusion: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of North Carolina A&T State University:

1. requests that all existing signage and notifications be updated to reflect the current established policy of non-smoking areas on campus, specifically the 100 foot distance buffer around all campus buildings;
2. requests that visitors, contractors, administration, faculty, staff and students who violate the no smoking policy should be politely reminded of the policy and asked to comply by putting out the lighted tobacco product or extinguish the electronic cigarette product;
3. acknowledges that the Faculty Senate of North Carolina A&T State University affirms its continued commitment to the policies of the University of North Carolina, and endorses the faculty, staff and students privilege to pursue any legal activity on the North Carolina A&T campus grounds, in areas not regulated by established state code or UNC policy;
4. requests a study of the North Carolina A&T State University grounds to ascertain, fund, and establish specific locations around the campus, where faculty, students, and staff can legally and safely exercise their smoking privileges without impinging on the rights of others; and
5. requests the Chair of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Faculty Senate communicate this resolution to: UNC President Margaret Spellings; NC A&T Chancellor Harold L. Martin; the Presidents of the other UNC Faculty Senates; and other interested parties the NC A&T Faculty Senate deems appropriate; and be maintained in the permanent records of the NC A&T Faculty Senate dated this 28th day of March, 2017.

David Tidwell, Chair, Faculty Senate Welfare Committee

Signed: _____

Dr. Dwedor W Ford, Faculty Senate Chair

Signed: _____