Meeting Minutes, Faculty Senate, full meeting, October 25, 2022

These minutes were reviewed and approved during the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

In attendance:

Phoebe Ajibade (A); Uchenna Anele (S); Mohammad Azad (S); Bishnu Bastakoti (S); Jennifer Beasley (A); Stephen Bollinger (S); Kelvin Bryant (S); Kimberly Bunch-Crump (S); Zachary Denton (S); Nicole Dobbins; Paula Faulkner; Marka Fleming (S); Yvonne Ford (S); Tiffany Fuller (S); Corey Graves (S); Nina Ingram; Mahmoud Mahmoud (A); Nicole McCoy; Kimberly McNeil (S); Ahmed Megri (S); Devang Mehta (S); Carmen C. Monico (S); Farr Niere; Emmanuel Obeng-Gyasi (S); Venktesh Pandey (A); Ronald Pedroni (S); Ginger Redd; Jacqueline Roebuck Sakho (S); Raymond Samuel; Amy Schwartzott (S); Belinda Shipps (S); Vijay Singh (A); Arwin Smallwood; Kalynda Chivon Smith (S); Simone Smith (A); Davi Thornton (S); Maylee Vazquez (A); James Wood (S); Qingan Zeng (S)

(S): Senator

(A): Alternate

Meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by the Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Scott Harrison. Roll call was taken by Dr. Harrison and Dr. Fuller.

Minutes from the September 27, 2022 full Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed. Dr. Ford motioned for their approval and Dr. Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the April 26, 2022 full Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed. Dr. Singh asked for information regarding the vote tally on a specific curriculum package (PHYS 115). Dr. Harrison indicated that although the outcome of the vote was known, there was not a specific record of the vote tally. Dr. Dobbins motioned for the April 26, 2022 minutes to be approved and Dr. Beasley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with the exception of one abstention from Dr. Sakho.

Dr. Dobbins provided an update from the UNC System Faculty Assembly. Dr. Dobbins described that there were retention dollars. This information had been sent from the UNC System to the Provost, and this information is needing to transmit further toward colleges and departments. Retention dollar considerations do not need an offer letter regarding employment prospects elsewhere. Raising the out-of-state capacities for student enrollments is an active area of consideration underway at the UNC System.

Tiffany Seawright presented the Aggies Activate get out the vote initiative.

Committee reports occurred. Dr. Denton reported from the Education Policy committee regarding its consideration of policies involving academic minors. In particular, the committee was investigating how many credits could overlap with academic majors and was interested to promote clarity and uniformity with respect to this.

The academic calendar meeting reported progress with seeking and clarifying those days during the Spring when classes would not be in session, due to the extra set of days in the Spring 2023 calendar.

The Senate then reviewed and voted on a UNC System Faculty Assembly delegate and alternate. The floor was opened for nominations. Dr. Dobbins and Stephen Bollinger motioned and seconded for Dr.
Kristen Rhinehardt to be nominated and considered for this position. The motion carried unanimously.
Dr. Harrison and Dr. Dobbins motioned and seconded for Dr. Nicole McCoy to be nominated and considered for the position of UNC System Faculty Assembly delegate. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Harrison then presented recent drafts from the Office of the Provost regarding a set of university faculty-led committees surrounding university-level evaluation of curricula and a faculty handbook revision. Dr. Harrison further presented a proposed section-by-section response to these recent drafts. The following was motioned and seconded by Dr. Ford and Stephen Bollinger – “Does the full faculty senate concur with the current response being put forward and also request opportunity for additional evaluation as a representative body regarding further revisions?” The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Harrison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.