

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Minute of the Faculty Senate**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting No. 2 of the 69th Session**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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**Present:** Chair McGowan; Associate Chair Collins; Parliamentarian Bird; Senators Ange-van Heugten, Bernhard, Breen, Carrier, DePerno, Edmisten, Friend, Ghosh, Hakovirta, Koch, Kuznetsov, Lee, Lunardi, Morant, Phukan, Reiskind, T.Robinson, W. Robinson, Scalise, Taveirne, Tourino, Verhallen, and Zagacki

**Guests:** Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost; Allen Boyette, Senior Director of Energy Systems, University Facilities

**1. Call to Order and Announcements - Herle McGowan, Chair of the Faculty**

Chair McGowan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair McGowan reminded those in attendance of the September 20, 2022 General Faculty Meeting.

**2. Approval of the Minutes, Regular Meeting No. 1 of the 69<sup>th</sup> Session, August 23, 2022 - Maria Collins, Associate Chair of the Faculty**

Associate Chair Collins called for a motion to approve the minutes for the second meeting of the 69th session of the NC State Faculty Senate. A motion and second were made and the minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's Remarks - Herle McGowan, Chair of the Faculty**

In her remarks to the second meeting of the 69th session of the Faculty Senate, Chair McGowan stated, "Today we discuss sustainability. This topic is especially important for a land grant institution that has been charged with being a good steward of the environmental, financial, and human capital that has been entrusted to us. Our presenter today will focus on environmental and financial stewardship that impacts sustainable planning and development at NC State. I want to take a moment now to focus on the sustainability of our human capital, particularly our faculty. In this, I want to consider the

original definition of sustainability as ‘the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level.’ I view this as sustaining excellence without burnout (or at very least, minimizing periods of burnout). And with that, I transition to discussing work-life balance.”

She added, “One of my favorite things about being a faculty member at a university are the seasons we experience—our responsibilities and pace cycle with the beginning and end of each semester, and even during the semester with the schedule of midterm exams and academic advising, for example. While this keeps things from getting monotonous, it can pose challenges for maintaining balance. Speaking for myself, there have been several times in the past when good habits fall by the wayside during the busy seasons of the semester, and I imagine I’m not alone in this. Over the past few years, though, I’ve learned two important things. First, sustainable balance does not mean always doing the same thing. It means being flexible and willing to adjust as necessary. I describe this to my students as spinning plates—you are constantly moving to maintain balance. Second, giving up the activities that provide balance did not make me a better faculty member in the long run but keeping these activities in my schedule, even in modified form, does.”

She concluded: “So today I encourage each of you—especially new faculty—to prioritize yourself, make time for those activities that help you find the balance you need for a sustainable semester.”

#### **4. Provost’s Remarks and Q&A - Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost**

Provost Arden began by saying that the College of Design has submitted a formal recommendation that the name of the Department of Art + Design be changed to the **Department of Media Arts, Design, and Technology**. From the college’s recommendation for the name change:

- This new name better characterizes the academic content of the program, Art + Design Faculty expertise, and the recent major professional shift in the concentration areas reflected in the curriculum.
- The gradual evolution of the Art + Design program has focused on the emerging use of technology for creative use, so the curriculum is now designed to support a professional focus on media arts, design, and technology and their application in society.
- The College believes the name change will also highlight the STEM-focused areas of their programs. This name change will not immediately affect the degree program's name or the CIP code.
- The Department also consulted with all COD programs and the Courses and Curriculum Committee and presented the proposed name change to Associate Deans for Academic Affairs within all university colleges.

Provost Arden also announced that **Honorary Degree Nominations are being requested**. He stated that, "Awarding an honorary degree is the highest honor the university can bestow. It is a great way to acknowledge the work of outstanding individuals. Highly desired are nominees who could also be effective and engaging commencement speakers. Go to Provost's Office website or to [go.ncsu.edu/honorary-degrees](https://go.ncsu.edu/honorary-degrees) for more information."

Provost Arden announced that Dean Louis Martin-Vega, College of Engineering, will be stepping down from his position at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year to return to the faculty in the Fitts Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

He went on to announce that Dr. Courtney Thornton has been appointed Associate Vice Provost for Strategy, Implementation, and Communication.

Provost Arden concluded by saying that the official census concluded last night. NC State welcomed over 5,500 freshmen, over 1,300 transfer students and a little over 350 spring connect students.

### **Question and Discussion**

Question: With regards to the name change to the Department of Media Arts, Design and Technology, has a consultation been had with the communications department?

Provost Arden confirmed that consultations occurred with the college curriculum committee and associate deans.

## **5. Sustainability as a Core Value**

*Allen Boyette, Senior Director of Energy Systems, University Facilities*

Dr. Allen Boyette shared a presentation on sustainability as a core value. He started by giving a brief history of sustainability at NC State: the Campus Environmental Sustainability Team (CEST) was established in 2002; in 2008 the University Sustainability Office was created. The program completed its first strategic plan in 2011; the University Sustainability Council came about as a result. In 2011, the inaugural Sustainability Strategic Plan was adopted for 2011-2016. In 2021, sustainability was named one of the 7 core values of the university.

Mr. Boyette went on to give highlights that NC State has been recognized in sustainability efforts. The most recent was the Princeton's Review as #18 in the United States of Top Green Colleges and received recognition as Top 200 ranking by The Times Higher Education.

He went on to discuss ways to integrate sustainability into the academics at NC State. 807 courses include or focus on sustainability, and 78% of academic departments offer a sustainability-related or focused course. The course database can be accessed at [go.ncsu.edu/sdgcourses](https://go.ncsu.edu/sdgcourses).

Mr. Boyette continued by saying that 72% of incoming students in 202 indicated the university's commitment to the environment and sustainability influenced their decision to attend NC State. NC State's efforts to address food and housing insecurity were recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education with a 2021 Campus Sustainability Achievement Award.

In conclusion, Mr. Boyette provided ways that departments can get involved.

- Provide input for the new Sustainability Strategic Plan
- Incorporate a campus sustainability project into a course
- Submit a proposal to the Sustainability Fund
- Certify your department for sustainability.

### **Question and Discussion**

**Question:** Do other campuses have sustainability initiatives?

**Allen Boyette:** Yes, the UNC System has a broad commitment that was signed years ago.

**Question:** Is the air in buildings being recirculated?

**Allen Boyette:** Yes, we increased the filtration capabilities.

**Question:** Are there plans to start planting food-bearing plants?

**Allen Boyette:** There are a few places on campus that are growing fruits and vegetables and herbs.

**Question:** Two climate threats that any community faces are increased heat and increased flooding rains. Is the campus prepared for managing stormwater runoff we get from these new, intense events?

**Allen Boyette:** The biggest concern is north campus. There are some definite weak points. The university is looking at the drainage area and discussing whether to add back bricks that are impervious and send water downstream or do we try to do something to slow down the water or capture the water.

**Question:** How do we deal with heat?

**Answer:** The university is looking to move forward with renewable energy. Our first large solar project is happening here on campus on the roof of Fitz Woolard Hall. That will take heat, turn it into electricity, and we'll be able to use it right here on campus.

**Question:** Are there initiatives to help with emissions on campus?

**Allen Boyette:** There are efforts to reduce commuter traffic and trying to figure out how people move around campus. Transportation is continually trying to optimize the bus routes.

## **6. Old and New Business**

### **○ College Lead Senators**

Chair McGowan noted that lead senator information is still needed for CALS, Textiles and Design.

### **○ University Committees and Faculty Senate Standing Committees**

Chair McGowan noted that all committee members have been appointed. Committee updates will be given at the last meeting of the semester by the co-chairs of the committees.

## **7. Issues of Concern (IOCs)**

Chair McGowan asked the senators for future meeting ideas. All meeting topics will be added to a survey and sent to senators to rank. The meeting topics will then be added to the Faculty Senate agendas for discussion.

Chair McGowan reminded those in attendance that Faculty Issues of Concern can be submitted at any time to a senator or to the Office of the Faculty Senate via email [Faculty\\_Senate@ncsu.edu](mailto:Faculty_Senate@ncsu.edu).

## **8. Adjourn**

Chair McGowan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made and properly seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.