

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
October 18, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting No. 4 of the 69th Session: Hybrid Meeting

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Present: Maria Collins, Associate Chair of the Faculty; Carolyn Bird, Parliamentarian; Senators Ange-van Heugten, Auerbach, Bernhard, Blessing, Carrier, DePerno, Edmisten, Friend, Ghosh, Hakovirta, Hergeth, Koch, Kuznetsov, Lee, Lunardi, Morant, Narayan, Phukan, Reiskind, T. Robinson, W. Robinson, Roland, Scalise, Stallman, Taveirne, Tourino, Verhallen, and Zagacki

Absent: Chair McGowan, Senators Allen, Breen, Edwards, Jacob, and Marchant

Guests: Katharine Stewart, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs; Art Bradley, Northeast District Extension Director; Dalton Dockery, Southeast District Extension Director; David Eggleston, Director of CMAST; Kerri Fowler, Director of Parent and Families Services; Don Hunt, Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Services; Tsailu Liu, College of Design Extension Specialist; David Tilotta, College of Natural Resources Extension Specialist; Rachel Vann, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Extension Specialist

1. Call to Order and Announcements - Maria Collins, Associate Chair of the Faculty

Associate Chair Collins called the fourth meeting of the sixty-ninth session of the NC State Faculty Senate to order at 3:02 p.m.

Associate Chair Collins made the following announcements:

- The Cybersecurity Awareness Month Keynote, “Back to Our Future: Where We’re Going, We Don’t Need Roads” by State Chief Risk Officer Rob Main is on October 21st at 10:00 a.m.; register via Reporter.
- The Chancellor’s Fall Address will be held in Talley Student Union; see University Events Calendar for additional information (including live stream link).

2. Approval of the Minutes, Regular Meeting No. 3 of the 69th Session, October 4, 2022 - Maria Collins, Associate Chair of the Faculty

Associate Chair Collins called for a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting No. 3 of the 69th Session Faculty Senate held on October 4, 2022. A motion was made and properly seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Chair's Remarks - *Maria Collins, Associate Chair of the Faculty*

Associate Chair Collins provided the following remarks on behalf of Chair McGowan:

“Textbook selections for the Spring semester are due by October 31st. At our previous meeting, students expressed concerns about the cost of course materials. Chances are, you cannot select an entirely new, cheaper textbook for Spring by the end of this month, but there are two things you can do in the short term to help address concerns about cost. First, select All-In if this is available for your textbook. This gives students the option to purchase digital access to the textbook which is less expensive than print. For those students who prefer print, All-In also provides the option to purchase a loose-leaf paper copy of the textbook, which costs less than the traditional hard-bound version. Second, verify that a hard copy of your textbook is on reserve at the library. If your book is required, this should happen automatically. If your book is optional or recommended, you can request that it be placed on reserve by clicking on the Course Reserves link on the main library webpage. You can currently view Fall course information; Spring course information should become available sometime after the October 31st bookstore deadline.

For a long term solution, using open educational resources can save your students hundreds of dollars each semester. Remember that you can apply for a grant through the University Libraries that will pay you to review, adopt, adapt, or create open resources. The deadline for submitting one of these grants is December 9, 2022. To learn more, google “alt textbook ncsu.””

4. Provost's Remarks and Q&A - *Katharine Stewart, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty & Academic Affairs*

Katharine Stewart provided updates on ongoing leadership searches and announcements.

Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of Libraries, is chairing the search for the Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues. The committee held a selection meeting for the first round candidates on October 14, 2022. First round interviews will be held through early November, with finalist visits scheduled for early December. The search for the deans of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Engineering, and the College of Sciences are currently being organized.

Red and White Week will be October 30 through November 5, 2022. On Monday, October 31st, Chancellor Woodson will give the annual Fall Address at 1:00 p.m. in Talley Student Union; Pack Appreciation Day for students will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Red and White Fest for employees will also be on November 2, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Miller Field. The details for all of the events are posted at www.redwhiteweek.ncsu.edu.

5. Champion Student Success through Parent Education

- *Don Hunt, Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Services, dehunt2@ncsu.edu*
- *Kerri Fowler, Director of Parent and Families Services, kafowler@ncsu.edu*

Don Hunt and Kerri Fowler provided information on the efforts that Enrollment Management and Services are taking on improving the support to students, as well as parents, faculty and staff. One unit specifically is focused on the parent conversation and the parent interactions.

The mission of the division is to provide critical services to students, parents and visitors to NC State University throughout the student lifecycle, from identifying prospective students through graduation and beyond. Ms. Fowler went on to say, "By collaborating with faculty, we can begin to build a better support system for families, one that provides adequate education and sets expectations for parent engagement early on in the college student's career. At this time, we are seeking broad insight to gain a robust understanding of the challenges faculty face when engaging parents and families."

Ms. Fowler then proposed two questions to the faculty to consider:

1. What are your experiences specific to parent and family engagement?
2. What support do you feel you need to better navigate those interactions with parents and families?

Enrollment Management and Services hopes to provide a virtual forum for faculty feedback. Thoughts, questions, and inquiries are welcome at any time.

6. Expanding our Community: Engagement and Service to North Carolina

- *Rachel Vann, Assistant Professor, Crop and Soil Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*
- *David Tilotta, Professor, Forest Biomaterials, College of Natural Resources*
- *Tsailu Liu, Professor and Head, Graphic Design and Industrial Design, College of Design*
- *Art Bradley, Northeast District Extension Director*
- *Dalton Dockery, Southeast District Extension Director*
- *David Eggleston, Director, Center for Marine Sciences and Technology (CMAST)*

David Eggleston began the conversation by giving the mission statement of Center for Marine Sciences and Technology (CMAST) and then highlighting the programs at the center. CMAST has faculty, staff and students from three colleges, five departments and a K-Stem education program.

Dr. Jeff Buckel, CALS, leads the Marine and Estuarine Fisheries Program at CMAST. His extension focuses on supporting State and Federal fisheries agencies and he also works with recreational and commercial fisherman in collecting data. Dr. Jie Cao, CALS, leads the Quantitative Fisheries Science Program and is also heavily involved in fisheries; he works directly with both Federal and State fisheries management agencies. Dr. Dave Eggleston, Sciences,

leads the Marine Ecology & Conservation Program. Much of his extension is related to aquaculture, so he also works with shellfish growers and NGOs.

CMAST has the only Seafood Technology Program in the State and one of the few in the United States. Dr. Alex Chouljenko, CALS, leads the program and provides work on seafood quality and safety. Dr. Craig Harms, CVM, leads the Aquatic Animal Health program and provides clinical care and teaching at the North Carolina Aquariums and the Sea Turtle hospitals.

Dr. Tal Ben-Horin, CVM, leads the NC Shellfish Disease & Pathology Program. This program was funded in part by recurring funds from the State Legislature. Dr. Maria Rodgers, COS/Biology, leads the Coastal Toxicology/Eco-Physiology Program and researches potential contaminants.

Question and Discussion

Question: Why is extension work important? Please highlight connections with and impact on NC.

Dr. Liu: In the College of Design, students have worked with companies to help them become more competitive. Many students with these opportunities are able to intern with these companies. Extension allows faculty to stay connected with the manufacturing industry within the design profession. Secondly, many faculty are able to use the opportunities to identify new knowledge, new processes, new pedagogical approaches; some projects develop into papers that help the faculty with the PTR process.

Dr. Dockery: Extension is important because it is one of the few avenues where the consumer has direct contact with the university. There is a lot of research that goes on in the university, but that information may not necessarily reach the people in communities. Extension provides that access, especially in rural areas.

Mr. Bradley: The strength that we bring is that our offices are connected with the needs and issues in the communities across the state, and we can target programs that address the needs that are specific to those communities.

Dr. Vann: NC State has one of the strongest extension systems in the country, and we should leverage that as faculty to make our research and teaching programs more effective. This system can be effective even if you do not have an extension appointment.

Dr. Eggleston: Extension is not only critical in terms of learning what these communities need from the University, but the ability to understand the belief networks of these communities and identify the underserved communities so we can effectively communicate solutions.

Question: How does NC State University support faculty in this work?

Dr. Eggleston: What we are seeing are funding agencies emphasizing the need to attract underserved students into stem fields and work in underserved communities where they are suffering from environmental justice issues. Extension helps to identify those areas.

Dr. Tilotta: NC State has been very supportive of extension work by providing people, money and time.

Dr. Vann: At the University level, one of the ways that extension is valued is the intentional incorporation of extension reporting activities and faculty activity reports, a clear intentional acknowledgement of the work that extension does.

Dr. Dockery: One thing that makes NC State University extension programs unique is that HBCUs and PWIs work together.

Question: What are some barriers/challenges to (effectively/efficiently) engaging in this work?

Dr. Eggleston: One barrier is awareness. I'm not sure how to do this, but if there was a way to make faculty within a department more aware of the opportunities for engaging with extension and the potential benefits within certain disciplines, I think that would probably make better use of our extension network.

Dr. Liu: Networking opportunities and connecting faculty with the community is really important. Sometimes we might see opportunities and problems in the community, but we do not convey the needs to the other parts of the college or university.

Dr. Dockery: Funding and retention is important; we actually have more demand than we do resources.

Mr. Bradley: Hiring talented people and retaining them is a challenge. It is a State job, so salaries are not that high, particularly compared to private industry. The work is very rewarding for someone who is passionate about this kind of work. They would have the ability to develop their own program, have access to tuition waivers to continue their education, and advance their career/degree. Getting them and keeping them is the biggest challenge.

A strength that we have is the strength of county government funding. The county government funds over half of our salaries for agents and provides most of the facilities in the counties, with the exception of CMAST and the Oxford Station.

Dr. Tilotta: From the university level specialists perspective, you have responsibilities beyond extension and so time management becomes a challenge.

Question: What advice would you give a faculty member who is interested in engaging in this work?

Dr. Eggleston: It would be up to the department head or senior faculty to be able to guide that faculty member in terms of making the connections with the right people in extension.

Dr. Tilotta: Sit down and talk with your department head and think through the benefits that doing extension work will bring to the department, not only from the outreach aspects to the citizens, but also the pipelines of students.

Dr. Vann: It's important for faculty to know that as they assemble large research teams to go after big grants and funding opportunities, that it should be a best practice to consider how you're going to leverage extension at the project's beginning and advocating for the resources that are needed for agents and extension specialists to do that outreach well.

Mr. Bradley: If you are thinking about addressing a need in a particular area, call the county director in that county and bounce ideas off of them to help flesh out your project. They frequently operate as department heads and have close connections with commissioners and other elected officials.

Dr. Dockery: Continue to look for ways to partner with agents and county directors. Also, please understand that the agents and county directors understand the cultural biases of the area and will better know whether or not your project would work for that area. It could save you a lot of time and effort putting a project together.

Dr. Liu: It is important to help build awareness. At new faculty orientation, continue to deliver a consistent message and encourage faculty to participate.

7. Old and New Business

- Exam modality

This is a follow-up to a question asked during the August 23rd Faculty Senate Meeting about requirements for in-person vs. online exams. There is nothing in the university's exam policy that prohibits faculty from giving online exams. Faculty who do not need to use their classroom for an in-person final exam should let their department scheduling officer know in advance of the semester.

- Results for agenda input survey

Thank you for completing this survey. Based on your responses, several topics had broad interest among senators. The most popular topic addresses Faculty Governance, from the role of Faculty Senate to how faculty input is handled in other decisions, for example in the hiring process. Given the importance of this topic, I am tentatively scheduling it for the Spring General Faculty meeting in February. The other topics of high interest will be covered over the next few meetings.

- Request for feedback

Please remember to complete the new input survey that focuses on academic freedom—another topic of great interest from the agenda survey—and the Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace

Regulation that was presented at our last meeting. Each of these topics will be discussed at a future Faculty Senate meeting. You will have the opportunity to bring up questions/concerns during the meeting; submitting them in advance allows you to remain anonymous and allows me to better tailor the meeting to your interests. This link for completing this survey was sent in the email with today's agenda and materials; you have until next Monday, October 25, to complete this survey.

8. Issues of Concern (IOCs)

Faculty Issues of Concern can be submitted at any time to a senator or to the Office of the Faculty Senate via email at Faculty_Senate@ncsu.edu

9. Adjourn

Associate Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.