

NC STATE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the Faculty Senate
Regular Meeting No. 8 of the 70th Session
January 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

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Present: Herle McGowan, Chair of the Faculty; Chris DePerno, Associate Chair of the Faculty; Carolyn Bird, Parliamentarian; Senators Ange-van Heugten, Bell, Burke, Daley, Diaconeasa, Drake, Edmisten, Edwards, Friend, Hajbabaie, Hajibabai, Hou, Hyman, Jasper, Kedrowicz, Lee, Morant, Mullins, Narayan, Reiskind, Robinson, Roland, Taveirne, Tourino, Verhallen, Zagacki

Guests: Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost; Damon Armour, Director of Information Security Risk & Assurance, OIT; Fashaad Crawford, Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation; Randy Woodson, Chancellor

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

Chair McGowan called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and began the meeting by reading the announcements.

2. Approval of the Minutes, Regular Meeting No. 7 of the 70th Session, January 9, 2024 - *Christopher DePerno, Associate Chair of the Faculty*

Associate Chair DePerno called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously without any corrections.

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

Chair McGowan began by discussing the upcoming Board of Governors meeting scheduled for January 24-25, 2024. She mentioned that the agenda and meeting materials are available online, with a QR code provided for easy access. McGowan emphasized that January 24th would consist of committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting on Thursday, both of which will be live-streamed via PBS. She assured that the same link for the live stream is consistent.

Additionally, McGowan highlighted a significant item for faculty's attention during the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs meeting on Wednesday, titled 'Foundations of American Democracy,' to be proposed by the System office. She mentioned that President Peter Hans would address this proposal during his remarks to the Full Board on Thursday, and a summary of the proposal is available online. Specifically, the proposal includes the adoption of two system-wide student learning outcomes related to America's founding and the ongoing implementation of the nation's ideals.

McGowan acknowledged the motivation behind this proposal, citing concerns about declining civics knowledge in the general public. She encouraged faculty to review the proposal, watch the live stream, and voice their questions or comments during the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting on February 6, 2024. McGowan also suggested reaching out to Faculty Senators or members of the UNC Faculty Assembly delegation for further inquiries or feedback. She concluded by advising a conscientious tone and wording in communication about the topic, recognizing its inherent political nature.

4. Chancellor's Remarks and Q&A - Randy Woodson, Chancellor

In Chancellor Woodson's remarks, he discussed several important topics:

- Spring Semester: The Chancellor acknowledged the beginning of the spring semester and thanked everyone for their efforts in making it a smooth start.
- Updates on Poe Hall: Chancellor Woodson addressed the challenges related to Poe Hall and the need to vacate the building temporarily due to environmental concerns. He praised the resilience and adaptability of the faculty, staff, and students who had to find new accommodations for classes and offices.
 - He recognized the hard work of Deanna Dannels from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Paola Sztajn from the College of Education, who played a significant role in managing the challenges posed by Poe Hall.
 - Chancellor Woodson expressed gratitude to different departments and teams on campus, including Enrollment Management and Services, Libraries, and the Office of Real Estate, for their tireless efforts in finding solutions and supporting the affected students and faculty.
- Positive Enrollment Trends: The Chancellor shared positive news about enrollment, mentioning the arrival of new students during the spring semester, including transfer students. He also highlighted the strong demand for NC State, with a record number of applications for the upcoming fall class.
- Faculty Achievements: Chancellor Woodson celebrated the achievements of faculty members, Ken Adler and Craig Yenko, who were being honored with induction into the National Academy of Inventors. He emphasized that NC State was among the top institutions in the country in terms of faculty members inducted into this prestigious academy.

5. Provost's Remarks and Q&A - Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

In his remarks Provost Warwick Arden provided information about important upcoming events and encouraged participation in reviews and conferences related to university leadership and global engagement.

- Comprehensive Reviews: Provost Arden mentioned that the university conducts comprehensive five-year reviews of campus leaders, including Deans, Vice Provosts, and others. In February, the focus of the review will be on Sherry Schwab, Vice Provost of the

Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity. The review session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, from 2 to 3 PM, with both in-person and virtual options available for participation.

As part of the evaluations, Provost Arden highlighted the importance of a survey developed by the Survey Committee in consultation with Institutional Survey Research and Analysis. This survey will go live the same day as the review session, and participation in both the review and the survey is encouraged.

- UGPN Conference: The Provost informed the audience about the upcoming UGPN Conference (University Global Partners Network) in May. The conference will take place at the University of Surrey from May 13th to 15th, with the theme "Securing a Sustainable Society: New Approaches and Inclusive Practices." He mentioned that the Office of Global Engagement is offering travel funding for those interested in research and scholarship related to the conference theme. Faculty members with specific interests in this topic were encouraged to reach out to Dr. Amy Conger, Vice Provost for Global Engagement, for information on travel funding.

6. University Accreditation Process - *Fashaad Crawford, Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation*

Fashaad Crawford provided an update on the university's accreditation process, including the current status and the steps to be taken in the coming years.

- Compliance Certification: The university is currently undergoing the reaffirmation process for accreditation by SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges). This process involves submitting a self-study, which was done in the fall semester, followed by evaluations from two teams: the off-site review team and the on-site team.
- Focus Report: Out of the 40 standards submitted in the self-study, five standards required additional evidence. These areas are addressed in what is called a "focus report." The focus report for these specific standards is due in early February.
- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP): The university is required to submit a new QEP as part of the reaffirmation process. This plan is also due in early February and will be reviewed by the on-site team during their visit.
- On-Site Team Visit: The on-site team will visit the university campus in March to validate the information provided in the self-study and focus reports. They will also assess compliance in the areas where additional evidence was requested.
- Faculty Standards: Some of the areas that require attention include faculty qualifications, sufficient numbers of faculty for programs, and ensuring that faculty credentials align with teaching assignments.
- House Bill 8: Crawford briefly mentioned House Bill 8, which is related to changing accrediting bodies in the future. It was noted that North Carolina is one of the states that have enacted legislation requiring institutions to change accreditors periodically.

- Accrediting Bodies: Crawford provided an overview of various accrediting bodies that accredit universities, highlighting that the university may join a different accreditor in the future.

7. Use of IT Resources Policy - Damon Armour, Director of Information Security Risk & Assurance, OIT

Damon Armour presented a revision to what was formerly known as the "Computer Use Policy," which has now been renamed the "Use of IT Resources Policy." The purpose of this policy was discussed, and it was noted that it is the only IT policy at the institution. Damon Armour requested questions or concerns related to the policy and sought the endorsement of the Faculty Senate to move it forward for review and approval by the Chancellor's Cabinet and the Board of Trustees.

The motion to endorse the policy was approved with a majority vote, and there was one abstention recorded.

The faculty membership voted as follows:

- 24 YES
- 1 ABSTENTION
- 0 NO

The motion to endorse the "Use of IT Resources Policy" carried with 24 votes in favor, 1 abstention, and 0 votes against.

8. Old and New Business

a. Elections

Chair McGowan discussed the upcoming Faculty Senate elections. All eligible senators interested in re-election have been contacted, and responses have been received. Elections will be held for all colleges or units except the General Constituency, which is already full. Senators were urged to encourage faculty in their colleges to consider running for the Senate. McGowan highlighted resources on the Faculty Senate website to help potential candidates understand the role.

The elections for the 603 Hearing Committee and the 604/607 Grievance Non-reappointment Review Committee were also mentioned; they both require minimal time commitments, but play crucial roles in faculty rights and due process.

Chair McGowan explained the Senate seat allocation formula based on eligible voters and enrolled students. The goal is to have a fully filled roster for the upcoming elections, ensuring every college has representation.

Physical attendance at Senate meetings was also encouraged, but Zoom remains an option for those with scheduling conflicts.

9. Issues of Concern (IOCs) - Chair McGowan reminded faculty that Issues of Concern can be submitted at any time to a senator or to the Office of the Faculty Senate [online](#) or via email at Faculty_Senate@ncsu.edu

10. Adjourn

Chair McGowan adjourned the meeting at 4:16 PM.