

Faculty Senate Chair Report

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➤ **General Education Task Force Report**

The Faculty Senate Planning Team charged Liberal Studies Committee (LSC) Chair Alex Macauley and University Curriculum Committee (UCC) Co-chairs Mary Teslow and Katy Ginanni to work together to get formal feedback about the proposed general education program from each College Curriculum Committee (CCC). After consulting with the CCCs, the above chairs will reconvene to review the feedback and recommend changes. They will also meet with Provost Brenton regarding their findings and recommendations. The joint committee will then present their findings in a resolution to the Faculty Senate. This resolution will first go to Academic Policy and Review Council (APRC), who will then bring it to Faculty Senate for approval or rejection. If the program is approved, the resolution will include recommendations for an implementation process.

➤ **Chancellor Meeting**

I met with Chancellor Belcher on 9/17. In addition to a monthly meeting with the Chair of the Faculty Senate, he is having individual monthly meetings with Staff Senate Chair and the SGA President. He plans to add the head of the Graduate Student Association to the monthly meetings. We discussed the Senate's charge regarding the General Education Task Force Report, the upcoming petition to allow the University Participant graduates to march on the stage at graduation, dean search processes, and the need to get the University Budget Advisory Committee up and running (it was on a one-year pilot trial). We also discussed faculty morale, the seemingly overwhelming number of initiatives that are on the table, and the value of elections rather than selections for faculty participation on committees. The Chancellor supports the Senate's desire to increase faculty involvement and participation.

➤ **Provost Meeting**

I met with Provost Angi Brenton on 9/12. We discussed her plans for program prioritization and the dean searches. On the PPTF, she said that there will be one University task force, not several committees at department and college levels. We discussed the importance of faculty morale and the sense that there is optimism, but it is cautious and fragile. Provost Brenton said she understands it will be in the actions of the Chancellor and herself that their commitment to faculty participation will be proven or not.

➤ **Committee Nominations**

Completed: Nominations for Program Prioritization Task Force. Provost Brenton asked Senate for faculty nominations for the Program Prioritization Task Force (PPTF). Two or three of the nominees will be asked to serve on PPTF once she balances lists sent to her by deans and others. She received several more nominations than needed to create a functional committee. Nominees: Vicki Szabo (A & S), Dave Kinner (A & S), Meagan Karvonen (CEAP), James Ullmer (COB), Rachel Fleming (Hunter), Lisa Bloom (CEAP), Alvin Malesky (CEAP)

Completed: Nominations for Campus Master Planning Committee. Assistant Vice Chancellor Melissa Wargo asked for nominations for the Campus Master Planning Committee she is chairing with Vice Chancellor Sam Miller. Nominees: Maurice Phipps (CEAP), James Busbin (COB), Heidi Buchanan (Hunter), Steve Henson (COB), Luther Jones (FPA)

Nominations Needed:

- Conflict of Interest Panel: One member of the General Faculty. Requested by University Attorney Mary Ann Lochner.
- Military Affairs Committee: One Faculty Senator. Requested by Director of Military Student Services, Lisa Winder.
- For CONEC: Elections for the University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) are needed. Five faculty, one from each college.

Conflict of Interest Review Panel. This is needed to implement revised University Policy 54: "Conflict of Interest; External Activities for Pay; Conflicts of Commitment" (<http://www.wcu.edu/25320.asp>). The panel is described below in section V.B.5:

The COI Panel is comprised of the following individuals, who shall serve by virtue of their office or shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years by the bodies identified: (1) the General Counsel or his/her designee; (2) the Provost or his/her designee, who shall serve as chair of the panel; (3) the Associate Dean for Research and Director of Research Administration or his/her designee; (4) a representative of the Council of Deans; and (5) a representative of the Faculty Senate.

The COI Panel shall be responsible for (i) providing counsel and assistance to Department Heads or Directors in making Conflict of Interest determinations upon request of the reviewing official; (ii) reviewing and approving proposed Management Plans regarding Conflict of Interest management, mitigation or elimination; and (iii) assisting the Office of Research Administration or applicable Vice Chancellor with investigations and reporting obligations concerning undisclosed Conflicts of Interest and violations of this Policy and federal law and regulations.

Military Affairs Committee. This committee was described in a message from the Director of Military Student Services:

The UNC SERVES (Systemwide Evaluation & Recommendation for Veterans Education & Services) 2012 Resource Guide was completed by the UNC GA , Federal and Military Relations POCs. The guide established 3 priorities. Priority #1 is to establish a campus military affairs committee (MAC). The MAC should be "a campus-based committee to facilitate awareness and communication between key departments." The resource guide recommends a faculty council/senate member be on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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