

**College of Arts & Sciences**  
**Spring Meeting Minutes**  
April 10, 2013  
Natural Sciences Auditorium

- Dean Richard Starnes called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm, with 44 in attendance [exact quorum].
- Recognition
  - Promotion announcements
    - Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
      - Risto Atanasov, Mathematics & Computer Science
      - Mark Budden, Mathematics & Computer Science
      - Axelle Faughn, Mathematics & Computer Science
    - Promotion to Full Professor
      - Don Connelly, Communication
      - Annette Debo, English
      - Roger Hartley, Political Science & Public Affairs
    - Professor Emeritus
      - Elizabeth Addison, English
      - Joe Meigs, English
  - Retirements
    - Jill Ghnassia, English
    - Fred Fisher, Political Science & Public Affairs
    - Nyaga Mwaniki, Anthropology & Sociology
  - Awards & Nominations
    - Board Of Governors Award: Excellence in Teaching
      - Christopher Cooper, Political Science & Public Affairs (awarded)
      - Libby McRae, History (finalist)
    - Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award
      - Risto Atanasov, Mathematics & Computer Science (finalist)
    - Faculty Scholarship & Creative Activities Awards:
      - Kathy Mathews, Biology (awarded)
      - Ben Tanner, Geosciences & Natural Resources (awarded)
      - Finalists:
        - Saheed Aderinto, History
        - Catherine Carter, English
        - Cheryl Johnston, Anthropology & Sociology
        - Niall Michelsen, Political Science & Public Affairs
        - Cheryl Waters-Tormey, Geosciences & Natural Resources
    - Judy H. Dowell Outstanding Support Staff Nominees
      - Amy McKenzie, Philosophy & Religion
      - Pam Pittman, English
      - Anna Thompson, Geosciences and Natural Resources

- Distinguished Instruction & Nurturing Award
      - Brent Kinser, English
    - Scholarly Development Awards
      - Catherine Carter, English
      - Peter Nieckarz, Anthropology & Sociology
      - Cheryl Waters-Tormey, Geosciences & Natural Resources
  - David Dorondo presented the Arts & Sciences Teaching Award to Jen Schiff, Political Science & Public Affairs
    - Finalists:
      - Annette Debo, English
      - Lori Oxford, Modern Foreign Languages
      - Jen Schiff, Political Science & Public Affairs
      - John Wagaman, Mathematics & Computer Science
- Proposed By-Law Revisions (Marked in Red)
  - Section 2. College Collegial Review Committee**
  - VII 2.1 The College Collegial Review Committee shall be composed of the Dean as the nonvoting Chair and ~~(eleven)~~ twelve faculty members, ~~(six)~~ seven elected from the College at large and five appointed by the Dean. All members must be full-time, tenured faculty members of the College.
  - VII 2.2 Term of Membership
    - (a) Initially, two members shall be elected by the general faculty to three-year terms; two, to two-year terms; and two, to one-year terms. All members shall be eligible for re-election. Subsequently, terms shall be for three years with no limitation on succession or number of terms. No more than one faculty member may be elected from a single department.
    - (b) Initially, two members shall be appointed to three-year terms; two, to two-year terms; and one, to one year terms. All members shall be eligible for re-appointment. Subsequently, terms shall be for three years with no limitation on succession or the number of terms served. No more than one member may be elected or appointed from a single department. Appointments will be made following the annual College elections.
  - VII 2.3 The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Dean on all candidates for tenure or promotion within the College, following the procedures in the WCU Faculty Handbook and written procedures guiding the review of candidate folders and voting. The written procedures for the Committee will be reviewed and approved annually by the Committee prior to review of candidate files. The Committee shall also review and provide written feedback on the dossiers of all candidates in the College in the second and fourth year of the probationary period. Members of the Committee shall not vote on cases involving members of their departments.
  - VII 2.4 The Committee defines a candidate eligible to apply for early tenure and promotion to associate professor as one who demonstrates extraordinary performance that clearly exceeds expectations in all three categories of teaching, scholarship, and service.
  - VII 2.5 The Committee requires all prior AA-12 forms beginning in academic year 2008-2009 to be included in a candidate's dossier for tenure and promotion alongside Annual Faculty Evaluations.
  - VII 2.6 The Committee shall meet at the call of the Dean.
- This is to accommodate the addition of CCJ, by increasing the number of committee members on CRC.
- Santiago Garcia-Castanon moves to approve
- Brent Kinser seconds
- Passes unanimously (with the possible exception of one uninterpretable ballot)

- An announcement was made about an award received in Forensic Anthropology.
- Budget Update: The Governor has submitted a budget proposal with large cuts to UNC but with some additions for enrollment growth, etc. The Senate goes first this year, and should publish a proposed budget in May. Starnes's sense from lobbying day was that the senate budget would be friendlier to higher education than the Governor's.  
We are looking for 3% overall, strategic cuts as a preparatory exercise, based on Governors' proposal. The Chancellor is doing this out of an abundance of caution.
- David Dorondo moves to adjourn, and the meeting is adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Henderson  
Faculty Secretary to  
the College of Arts & Sciences