

**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2007**

Present: Norman Coates, Trish Casey, Nancy Goldsmith, Renata Jackson, Leslie Kamtman, Steve LaCosse, Bill McCord, Geordie MacMinn, Jeff Morgan, LeRoy Percy, Ellen Rosenberg, Christine Spizzo, Sean Sullivan, Bland Wade, Melissa Brown

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 3, 2007 Faculty Council meeting were approved as written.

II. Chair Report

A. All School Faculty Meeting: November 7, Thrust

- Reports from Chief Advancement Officer Suzanne Hilser-Wiles, Chief Operating Officer George Burnette, and a representative from Foundation.

B. Meeting locations

- Brief discussion regarding alternative meeting spaces.
- Council will continue to meet in Gray 206, the High School Academic Program conference room.

C. UNC Code

- Faculty Assembly adopted a resolution (September 28, 2007) on proposed changes in the University Code by the “Code 603/604 Committee.”
- There are substantial concerns with the Code 603/604 Committee proposal.
- Faculty Assembly has proposed alternative language to address faculty concerns, and has requested that in the future more extensive faculty representation and opportunities for review be accorded when developing policies affecting faculty.
- Council discussion followed.
 - Post-tenure review is comparable to NCSA’s mid 10-year contract review.
 - Emphasized importance of Faculty Governance.
 - Faculty Assembly requests our support.
 - Draft resolution presented and discussed.

RESOLUTION:

On Proposed Changes in Code of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina

Whereas, the Faculty Council of North Carolina School of the Arts has received a report from the Faculty Assembly Delegation and background materials relating to efforts of the Faculty Assembly of The University of North Carolina to address significant problems in the proposals by the “Code 603/604 Committee,” and

Whereas, the Faculty Council wishes to go on record regarding its concerns with the original Code 603/604 Committee proposal, insofar as it would have introduced vague language regarding possible sanctions affecting faculty, conflated the developmental purpose of post-tenure review (in the case of North Carolina School of the Arts: mid 10-year contract review) with the process of discipline or sanction, imposed relatively lax evidentiary standards for serious sanctions of tenured faculty members, and adversely affected the rights of special faculty, among other problems; and

Whereas the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly has developed alternative language to address faculty concerns with the original Code 603/604 proposals in an effort to move matters forward and has requested faculty leaders throughout the UNC System to evaluate and comment on its alternative language; now, therefore,

The Faculty Council of North Carolina School of the Arts resolves:

1. The Faculty Council supports the alternative language proposed by the Executive Committee of the UNC Faculty Assembly and endorsed by the Faculty Assembly at its September 28, 2007 meeting;
2. The Faculty Council requests that, in the future, changes to the Code of the Board of Governors or other University policies directly affecting faculty be undertaken only with extensive faculty representation on relevant committees or task forces, open involvement in deliberations from the outset, and adequate opportunities to comment during the academic year except under pressing and unusual circumstances.
3. The Faculty Council asks the Secretary of the Faculty to submit this resolution to the Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of North Carolina School of the Arts, and the President of The University of North Carolina as an indication of its substantial concerns with the original Code 603/604 Committee recommendations, its support for the alternative text prepared by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, and its request that in the future more extensive faculty representation and opportunities for review be accorded when developing policies affecting faculty.

Submitted by Norman Coates, Chair, on behalf of Faculty Council

MOTION to approve the Resolution as discussed.
Motion unanimously approved.

- Norman will reply to Judith Wegner, Faculty Assembly, that we have approved the resolution.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Faculty Welfare – Sean Sullivan

- Vicki Weavil, Director of Library Services, met with the committee to discuss ideas about having the Faculty Enrichment Center / Teaching and Learning Center in the new library facility.
- Council discussion followed.
 - Emphasized the importance of faculty involvement in planning the new library facility.
 - Leslie Kamtman noted that Vicki will certainly be seeking faculty input.

MOTION that the Chair of Faculty Council write a letter to Vicki Weavil to ensure that there will be faculty input in the process.
Motion unanimously approved.

B. Faculty Development – Bland Wade

- Funds available: \$28,505
- CAO Elaine Pruitt ensured that the amount stayed the same as last year even though less was actually available.
- Bland is working toward getting the process online so applications can be filled out online.
- Encouraged faculty to continue to send in applications, regardless of where we are in available funds.

C. Campus Development – Christine Spizzo

- Documenting air quality and temperature issue in Gray and Workplace.
- Moving forward on signage issues.

D. Educational Policies – Renata Jackson

- Working on the issue of how to offer arts courses to all students campus-wide.
- Council discussion followed.
- Questions for faculty to address:
 - What courses do you currently teach that you would be willing to open up to other departments?
 - What would you like your students to take outside their discipline?
 - What would you like to teach outside your discipline?

E. Standing Committees should send committee minutes to Council Chair and Secretary.

IV. School issues

- Teaching Awards
 - Discussion about how to ensure that all seven teaching departments on campus are always equitably informed of and involved in the award nomination process, including High School Academic Program faculty.
 - Discussion to be continued.

V. Meeting Schedule

- All School Faculty meeting: November 7 in Thrust
- Next Faculty Council meeting: November 21, 2007

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie E. Kamtman

Amended and approved 11/21/07