

Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 12:45 – 2:00
Minutes

Members Present:

Jeffrey George, Chair
Cliff Odle, Vice Chair
Frazier Smith, Interim Secretary
Steven LaCosse
Rosemary Millar
Zak Stevenson
Christopher Bruhn
Bill Volz
Chris Dorr
Clint Smith
Joe Mills
Anson Koch-Rein
Joe Lopina
Kara Andersen
Jared Redick

Dmitri Vorobiev
Elizabeth Klaimon
Abby Yager
Martha Golden
Claire Fort

Others Present:

Brian Cole, Chancellor
Patrick Sims, Provost
Andrew Britt
B. Afeni McNeely-Cobham
Karen Beres
Laurel Donley
David Harrison
Kathryn McMillan

1. Call to order: 12:46
2. Approval of minutes from 3/19 meeting
 - a. Motion: Stephenson, Second: Millar
 - b. Vote: without opposition
3. Old Business
 - a. Faculty elections update
 - i. Eligibility: must have successfully completed a peer review for contract renewal (eligible in final year of initial contract, not first year of second contract)
 - ii. Timeline:
 1. By 4/16: School-level elections (see emails sent to school reps)
 2. By 4/23: Election of next year's committee chairs
 3. 5/9: seat new FC members, elect officers
4. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Campus Development Committee – Michael Dodds
 - b. Educational Policies Committee – Janine Hawley, Joe Lopina
 - i. Done with curriculum work, moving on to SACS paperwork
 - ii. 100% of curriculum changes approved, moved on to registrar
 - c. Faculty Development Committee – Rosemary Millar
 - i. Advanced 10 of 23 grant applications to the Provost for approval

- ii. Had Dr. MC come to speak on language to make sure that our projects were compliant with system regulations.
 - d. Faculty Rank Committee – Steve LaCrosse, Bill Volz
 - i. Two sessions – check emails
 - ii. Deadline is May 1st
 - iii. Reach out to Kim Bradfield
 - e. Faculty Welfare Committee – Anson Koch-Rein
 - i. Get from transcript
- 5. Provost's Report
 - a. VPEM: David Sigmon signed contract
 - i. More coordinated effort for admissions processes
 - ii. More appealing to prospective students
 - iii. Patrice West: asst. dir. Of operations & data (Slate) – updated software, catching up to the full functionality
 - iv. Sharon Hush: managing support for admissions during the spring
 - b. Lilian Ortiz – new executive assistant for Provost Office
 - c. Eric Burns is in transition to another position at WSSU
 - d. CSI Update: Provost Sims
 - i. Kent Consulting – everyone look at video (at to action items)
 - 1. No one model is complete, but each contains pieces that might be useful.
 - 2. Identifying scheduling software to solve conflicts and space utilization
 - ii. April 7: Monday morning within schools, afternoon
- 6. New Business
 - a. AI Task Force Recommendations – Christopher Bruhn, Andrew Britt
 - i. Recommendations attached (see addendum 1)
 - ii. Vision statement, housed with policy documentation on new section of UNCSA website
 - iii. Two policies:
 - 1. One geared toward faculty & pedagogical issues
 - 2. Another on cybersecurity and appropriate use
 - iv. Offer baseline Gen AI literacy training (asynchronous online)
 - 1. Recommend all voluntary for now → possibly some mandatory down the line
 - 2. Keep faculty abreast of changes in possible student uses (constructive and destructive alike) – student may know more
 - 3. Support from Chancellor
 - v. License a broad-use LLM for use across campus, in addition to specific applications recommended by deans & faculty
 - vi. Arts & AI Summit, fall of 2026 (academia & industry)
 - vii. This group continue its work moving forward as Chancellor's Task Force
 - viii. Dorr: balancing cost with effectiveness is the key challenge

- ix. F. Smith: motion to endorse recommendations
 - 1. Second: Odle
 - 2. No discussion, passes without opposition
 - x. Moving on to Data Governance Committee
 - b. Call for information & feedback: for discussion 4/16 and 5/9
 - i. Adjunct Faculty Concerns (submit by email)
 - 1. I will send this call for information by email as well
 - ii. Course Enrollment Minimums (will send survey)
 - iii. Employee Engagement Survey key points (will send survey)
 - c. High School Support Staffing: congrats to Laurel and Tammy
 - i. Millie Volpitto (one CC short of fully staffed!)
 - ii. Rashaad Nelson (HS Wellness Coordinator)
7. Chancellor's Report
- a. Days of Giving: participation is the key
 - i. Amount is less important
 - b. Erin Baker has left to live in Wilmington; Ginger Caston is stepping in
 - c. Stevens Center: purchase of adjacent building (closing set for end of April)
 - i. State funding to make up difference between donations and price (no money from our budget)
 - ii. Allows us to create a full loading dock and expand the wing some for much faster load-in
 - d. Comprehensive Campaign Planning
 - i. Structured around big, transformative ideas
 - ii. Examples:
 - 1. What if our students incurred no debt during their time here?
 - a. Would require additional ~\$2M per year (endowment of \$40M - \$50M) – achievable goal!
 - 2. Endowed fund to allow UNCSCA to become a true incubator for new work
 - 3. Become a leader in gen AI
 - 4. Next iteration of UNCSCA media
 - 5. Create synergy between audio and sound programs across 3 schools to share resources
 - 6. Planned HS concentration in filmmaking
8. Other business
- a. HS Expansion: best secondary conservatory in the world?
 - b. Moving AI recs on (from above)
 - c. Faculty Endowed Scholarship: will make one more push
9. Adjourn: 2:02