

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY-approved version
Staff Senate Meeting
Faculty Senate Chambers, DH Hill Library
Wednesday November 1, 2006

Attending: Kay Anderson, Valerie Ball, Gwen Bell, JC Boykin, Bob Brinson, Tracy Brown, Barbara Carroll, Shannon Carter, Randy Colby, Debbie Douglas, Kathy Fuller, Joe Goodrow, Joe Gulick, Nicole Harrell, Janet Harris, Cathy Harvey, Michelle Healey, Willie Healy, Pat Hill, Miriam Hines, Carol Horne, Cheryl Howard, Debbie Hunt, Thomas Hunter, Carrie Levow, Felicia Mangum, Todd Marcks, Laura Massengill, Ginger McGlamery, Jannette Mina, Richard Palmer, Bill Piper, Sara Reese, Carlos Sanford, Jean Sigmon, Patty Spears, Melanie Storey, Lee Thayne, Brendan Thompson, Elbert Turner, Corrinna Watkins, Melissa Watkins, Floyd Williams, Gail Willis, Sandee Zechman, Kimberly Zugay

Absent: Jon Barnwell, Bessie Bukhay, Judith Daniels, Pat Gaddy, DJ Lane, Marty Moody, Patty Routh, David Serxner, Brenda Shelton, Rodney Vinson, E'very Ware

Guests: Dr. Nina Allen, Faculty Senate Chair; Benny Benton, News Services; Frances Milks, Chancellors Office; Dave Rainer, Environmental Health and Safety; Dianne Sortini, Human Resources.

Call to Order: The 4th meeting of the 12th session was called to order at 10:00am.

Guest Speaker: Bob Fraser, Associate Vice Chancellor for Development for Centennial Campus

Mr. Fraser expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the Senate. He gave an update on the occupancy and future development plans for Centennial Campus. He reported an occupancy rate of 99% and reviewed some of the tenants and their ties to the academic and research missions at NCSU. He announced some plan specifics for three amenities and to attract more diverse professional tenants.

1. A public fishing pier on Lake Raleigh: new tenant The Wildlife Resource Center will build the pier and offer fishing lessons to school-aged children. The NCSU concrete canoe team and public canoe/kayak rentals will also utilize the pier for water access.
2. Greenway construction: Upon completion the Avent Ferry Greenway Development project will connect to the State Farmers Market.
3. Golf course and Club house: Planning with University developers for this project has reached higher levels with the goal of starting construction in Spring 2007. Mr. Fraser reported on his successful "in kind giving" solicitation efforts throughout the state to keep construction costs low while maintaining high facility standards.

Mr. Fraser announced the design plans for the continuation of Main Campus Drive; construction should be completed by December 2007. He also announced the recent opening of an exercise course developed in tandem with Campus Recreation.

Mr. Fraser encouraged all campus community members to visit the new Alumni Center on Centennial Campus. The facility boasts a superb dining facility and can host special events.

Briefs on residential and research facility plans were given. He stated the importance that development on Centennial Campus mirrors the goals of providing a learning community and living laboratory space that encourages sustainability; mentioned were 200-250 residential units planned for the North Shore area, and five sustainable homes and a 20,000 square foot research lab planned for the land adjacent to Kendall Circle. He reported efforts have begun on a five-year pre-construction plan for Centennial Campus' infrastructure.

Mr. Fraser also reviewed development planned for Centennial Biomedical Campus (NCSU Vet School); a 36,000 square foot wet lab building and the Terry Center Hospital designed by University architects. There are some zoning limitations for this site.

Mr. Fraser again expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the Staff Senate and give an update on Centennial campus' development plans.

Guest Speaker: Tom Younce, Chief of Campus Police

Chief Younce expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address the Staff Senate and report on the accreditation renewal process currently underway. This voluntary process was initiated by the NCSU Police department to reinforce its goal to "be the best we can be" and to enhance their professional standards. He gave a historical overview of the process and its standards for excellence. A public hearing and call-in session are planned to give campus community members a chance to voice their opinions and/or ask questions of commission members.

Staff Senate Chair Jon Boykin asked and received no objections to writing a formal letter of endorsement on behalf of the Staff for presentation to the accreditation committee.

Chief Younce expressed gratitude to Chair JC Boykin and to the members of the Senate for their continual support and accreditation endorsement.

Roll Call: A roll call was performed by Laura Massengill to ensure accurate attendance records.

Approval of October 4, 2006 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Budget Report: Corrinna Watkins, Executive Assistant

There have been no recent expenditures posted to the budget.

Administrative Report: Dr. Marcia Gumpertz, Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff Diversity

Dr. Gumpertz announced ongoing efforts to organize events for Human Rights Day and enhance campus community members' education and understanding of human rights issues.

- A video is currently in production that features campus community members reading the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She encouraged participation and asked those interested in participating to promptly contact her for further details.
- A film series that focuses on human rights issues will air throughout November on Wolfbytes TV.
- Witherspoon Student Center's photo exhibit depicting children's rights in South Africa.

Committee Reports:

Chair:

The Chair participated in a topic specific teleconference with other UNC System Staff Senate Chairs, Ann Lemon and Barbara Carroll to discuss career banding. It was reported that positions already approved by the Office of State Personnel prior to the Legislature's moratorium will continue as planned with a targeted completion by February/March 2007. He reported a positive position on career banding is held by University Administration because it allows expansion of job classifications and pay increases more liberally than with the restrictive OSP mandates.

The Chair attended the October 10th and October 24th Faculty Senate meetings.

The Chair attended the Committee on Committees, University Council and University Budget Advisory Committee meetings. He announced the co-sponsorship by the Faculty and Staff Senates of a budget forum on November 30th. Provost Nielsen and Vice Chancellor Leffler will address various budget topics and participate in a question and answer session following their presentations.

The Chair and Chair-elect attended the October 13th Board of Visitors meeting; this group discusses monetary and economic decisions and assists with fundraising efforts to assist with the achievement of University goals. They also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Math and Statistics Building which will be located in the former Riddick parking lot.

The Chair, Chair-elect and Past Chair attended the October 16th and 17th inaugural meeting of the UNC System Staff Assembly. The focus of this meeting was organizational and succeeded in its approval of an initial organizational structure, a set of by-laws and a mission statement. NCSU Staff Senate Chair JC Boykin was elected Chair of the UNC System Staff Assembly for a two-year term.

The Chair hosted the October 18th Executive Committee meeting and later that day met with Vice Chancellor Leffler about the upcoming budget forum.

Vice Chair:

There have been no recently submitted Issues of Concern.

Governance:

Hard copies of the proposed by-laws change were distributed. The participation of and approval by Barbara Carroll of the additional verbiage to reflect EPA inclusion was noted. There was a first reading of the changes in Article III: Membership. Questions about the new wording should be directed to the Committee Chair or Co-Chair. There will be a second reading and vote for passage of this by-laws change at the December 6th meeting.

Ballots have been mailed for special elections in Districts 4 and 6, both currently without representation.

Human Resources:

The issue of concern regarding increases in part-time salary for extension personnel has been remedied.

The issue of concern regarding lower paid employees being able to afford the child care (even with the discount) at Bright Horizons has been remedied. A sliding scale subsidy has been enacted at this facility which will lower the employee's monetary outlay in a proportional rate to salary. The originator of the Issue of Concern has informed us that with the new subsidy it is now affordable to obtain high quality child care.

Diversity:

The kickoff for the 50th anniversary of African-American students at NCSU was held October 18th.

Committee members will attend today's brown bag lunch discussion sponsored by the BLGT organization.

On November 7th, Holocaust survivor David Faber will discuss his persecution and experiences of concentration camp interment.

Yesterday marked the celebratory kickoff of Native American Heritage Month. Various events are planned.

Public Relations:

Copies of the 2006-2007 Staff Senate group photos and an order form were distributed.

The November edition of the VOICE will be ready for distribution next week.

Resources and Environment:

Computer equipment is available for loan and applications are being accepted for the computer loan program.

Personal computer equipment donations can not be accepted, only surplus state equipment may be distributed to state employees who utilize this program.

Legislative Liaison:

Kevin Howell has been named the new Assistant to the Chancellor for External Affairs. The Committee Co-Chairs will make introductory contact and invite him to speak at our December 6th meeting.

Committee members have drafted a letter of introduction for distribution to all newly-elected legislators.

Old Senate Business:

The Administrative Secretary will make an inquiry about an incomplete apparel order from last session.

New Senate Business:

The Governance Committee was charged with reviewing the district's department listings in the by-laws to ensure they are inclusive and correct. It was recommended that all changes to the department listings be included in one by-laws change proposal.

An Issue of Concern was presented from the Senate floor regarding an Environmental Health and Safety regulation requiring a \$4.50 labeling charge for biomedical waste, in particular, which department(s) should incur the cost? The Resources and Environment Committee was charged with review of this issue and to advise the Executive Committee.

Announcements:

The Staff and Faculty Senates will co-host a Budget Forum on November 30th at 3:00pm. Topics to be discussed include how various campus funds are acquired and how they may be spent. There will be a question and answer session. Staff members were encouraged to attend.

Remarks:

Laura Massengill expressed pride and support of JC Boykin's election of UNC System Staff Assembly Chair and initiated a full room standing ovation.

Adjournment:

The 4th meeting of the 12th session was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Next Staff Senate Meeting:

Wednesday December 6, 2006
10:00am-12:00pm
Faculty Senate Chambers
DH Hill Library

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday November 15, 2006
10:00am-12:00pm
Room 301, Admin Services III

Submitted by: Judith Strickland, Administrative Secretary

Laura Massengill, Secretary
Staff Senate