

# FALL FACULTY MEETING

September 1, 2011

CIS Room 1008

*Meeting Minutes*

- I. **Call to Order.** Dr. Gabriel Lugo, President of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. He welcomed everyone and introduced Mr. Sam Pisano, President of SGA.
- II. **Greetings from SGA President.** Mr. Sam Pisano, SGA President, expressed SGA's support to Chancellor Miller and stated that the students embraced him and were confident in him and wished to grow this relationship. They would like open communications through Facebook, You Tube, and Twitter. He expressed that students are interested in working more closely with faculty and administrators.
- III. **Chancellor's Report.** Chancellor Gary Miller addressed faculty with the following highlights: Having realized his undergraduate dream to become a university professor, he understands and appreciates the work faculty do, knows that universities committed to research and engagement have great faculties, and, having done his research before applying for the position, was impressed with us. He continues to be impressed and looks forward to getting to know us better.
  - a. Administrators are developing a new peer list which will better reflect UNCW's level of commitment to undergraduate education and national reputation in research, scholarship.
  - b. He called for action in six areas and asked faculty to begin thinking about and discussing these areas with colleagues:
    - i. Transforming the "most powerful learning experience" into action by embracing the applied learning model of the SACS-QEP.
    - ii. Embracing innovation and entrepreneurship.
    - iii. Recommitting to the importance of faculty research and scholarship and graduate education.
    - iv. Significantly increasing institutional community engagement and broadening relationships with those who can invest in the university.
    - v. Embracing our coastal location and leveraging the ocean as a metaphor for commerce and the human condition.
    - vi. Reaffirming the fundamental value of tolerance and diversity in all we do.
- IV. **Faculty Senate Report.** Dr. Gabriel Lugo reminded faculty that preparation is underway for SACS re-accreditation and advised, "If Martin Posey wants something, give it to him." He advised doing the same if Kim Cook requests anything in regard to the QEP. He then announced the recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, Dr. Caroline Clements (CTE) and Dr. Stephen McNamee (SOC/CRM), and presented their medallions.

V. **Provost's Report.** Provost Cathy Barlow made the following announcements/presentations:

- a. Recognition of the 2011 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award recipients (announced last spring): Dr. Timothy Ballard (BIO), Dr. Robert Buerger (EVS), Dr. Megan Sweeney (ENG), Dr. Daniel Ivancevich (ACG), Dr. Kathleen Schlichting (EMLIT), and Dr. Robert Boyce (SHAHS)
- b. Recognition of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient – Dr. Frank Bongiorno (MUS)
- c. Presentation of the Distinguished Award for Scholarly Engagement and Public Service by Dr. Barth to Dr. Leslie Hossfeld (SOC/CRM)
- d. Presentation of the Dr. J Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award by Mr. Wallace West to Dr. Tammy Hunt (MGT)
- e. Presentation of the Lecturer of the Year Award to Brandy Mechling (SON) and Emily Smith (CRW)
- f. Presentation of the Graduate Mentor Award to Dr. Mahnaz Moallem (IT, Foundations and Sec Ed)
- g. Presentation of the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award to Dr. Diana Ashe (ENG), Dr. Richard Ogle (PSY), and Mr. Frank Trimble (COM)
- h. Presentation of the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award to Dr. Diana Ashe (ENG)

In closing, Provost Barlow expressed appreciation to all faculty and for the work they have been doing in this time of budget shortage.

- i. Dr. Robert Roer, Dean of the Graduate School and Research, then announced the following Research Awards recognizing faculty and staff who have distinguished themselves in securing external funding.
  - i. The James F. Merritt Million Dollar Club recognizes individuals who have secured in excess of \$1,000,000. The first awards were given in 1994.
  - ii. This year's recipients of the \$1M club award are: Dr. Liping Q. Gan, Physics and Physical Oceanography, Dr. Ralph Mead, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Dr. Frederick Scharf, Biology and Marine Biology
  - iii. In 2006 ORSSP created the five million dollar club to recognize extraordinary accomplishment in securing external funding. This year's recipient is: Dr. Thomas Potts (CMS).

VI. **Old Business.** Dr. Lugo recognized Dr. Bruce McKinney for his past service as Faculty Senate President.

VII. **New Business.** None

VIII. **Announcements.** None

IX. **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm, approximately 135 were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

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