

Faculty Assembly Delegation

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Annual Report to the UNC-CH Faculty Council, January 12, 2017

The UNC Faculty Assembly (FA) is the elected body of representatives of the faculty of the seventeen constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. The FA was formed in 1972 under the leadership of President Bill Friday when all of the public senior institutions were placed under one Board of Governors. The Assembly, which now meets 6 times each academic year, is dedicated to upholding and exercising the principles of academic freedom, shared governance, tenure and the faculty's primary responsibility for the University curriculum.

Objectives and Functions (from the Charter of the Faculty Assembly)

1. The Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina shall gather and exchange information on behalf of the faculties of the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina.
2. The Assembly shall, through appropriate channels, advise the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, the General Assembly, and other governmental agencies and offices on matters of university-wide importance.
3. The Assembly shall advise and communicate with the President of the University of North Carolina with regard to the interests of the faculties and other matters of University-wide importance.

2016-2017 UNC-CH Delegation:

Alice Ammerman, School of Public Health, (2018); Bruce Cairns, Chair of the Faculty, Surgery (EO); Jim Porto, School of Public Health (2017; stepped down August 2016); Charlotte Boettiger, Psychology & Neuroscience (2019); Tim Ives, School of Pharmacy, (2017); Christian Lundberg-Communication (2019; on leave Fall 2016); Donald Oehler, Music (delegate, Fall 2016; Alternate-Spring 2017)

2017-2018 UNC-CH Delegation:

Alice Ammerman, School of Public Health, (2018); Leslie Parise, Chair of the Faculty, Biochemistry & Biophysics (EO); Charlotte Boettiger, Psychology & Neuroscience (on leave fall 2017; 2019); Tim Ives, School of Pharmacy, (2020); Christian Lundberg, Communication (2019); Alternates: Megan Williams, Nursing; and Mark McNeilly, Business

Gabriel Lugo, of UNC-Wilmington, is the elected chair of the Faculty Assembly.

This report summarizes meetings of the UNC- Chapel Hill Faculty Assembly delegation - both in caucus and at the Faculty Assembly meetings that were held in academic year 2016-2017 since January, 2016 and academic year 2017-18 through December, 2017.

Faculty Assembly Meetings and Delegation Caucus Meetings:

The Delegation of 5 members and two alternates elected to represent UNC-Chapel Hill in the Faculty Assembly meets for caucus, usually in the week prior to the meeting of the Faculty Assembly. The Assembly meetings occur at the Spangler, UNC General Administration Building in Chapel Hill on one Friday per month during the academic year. Following the appointment of President Margaret Spellings, she often addressed the delegates from the constituent campuses during the morning session of the Assembly. She shared news, addressed topics relevant to the campuses and responded to questions from the delegates. General Administration staff members frequently offered reports and updates that typically relate to strategic planning, policies, procedures and data.

Each committee of the Faculty Assembly includes at least one individual from the UNC-Chapel Hill delegation. Those committees are: academics; faculty; and governance. Chair of the UNC-CH Faculty Council, Leslie Parise is a member of the Senate Chairs Committee and Tim Ives is a member of the Faculty Assembly Executive Committee

During the Fall of 2017 the Assembly devoted the majority of its time to evaluating and discussing the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) legislation and potential impact on our campuses, and the Board of Governor's action regarding Free Speech and Free Expression within the University System. UNC-CHs Faculty Executive Committee provided leadership and guidance to our Faculty Assembly delegation as well as the broader Faculty Assembly.

The UNC-Chapel Hill delegation supported several resolutions, passed by the Faculty Assembly, including:

Resolution 2018-2. On Free Speech and Free Expression within the University of North Carolina

Resolution 2018-1. On Supporting the North Carolina Congressional delegation to create a permanent legal status for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) eligible individuals

Resolution 2017-S On the Presence of Guns on Campuses

Resolution 2017-3 on SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) Compliance
- concerns regarding BOG and NCGA actions concerning post tenure review, Chancellor searches, Research Centers etc.

Continuing issues of focus for the current academic year include: student success, faculty salaries; working with President Margaret Spellings, defining and exercising our roles in shared governance, staying abreast of and responding to legislative actions impacting the university, and communicating with our constituent faculties.

The delegation and the Faculty Assembly remains concerned about the actions of the NC General Assembly and the UNC Board of Governors that threaten the legal authority and operating control of our constituent institutions. We also seek better communication between the BOG and Faculty Assembly.

The UNC-Chapel Hill delegation to the UNC Faculty Assembly remains attentive to matters of concern in our Faculty Council and those of our campus constituents as well as those of the larger university system. We gratefully acknowledge the service of Dr. Tim Ives and Dr. Leslie Parise who both serve in leadership roles regarding the Faculty Assembly. We aim to continue as a delegation to gather and exchange information and represent Carolina's unique and important role in the faculty governance of our University of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ammerman

Delegation Chair

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Resolutions

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Resolution 2017-2 on Faculty Compensation