

## Faculty Executive Committee Annual Report to the Faculty Council

Report for Calendar year 2018

Submitted to the Faculty Council by Chair of the Faculty Leslie Parise

March 8, 2019

### 2018 Membership

#### *Elected members, 2018-19:*

- Aikat, Deb (Media and Journalism), term expires 2019
- Julie Byerley (Pediatrics/Medicine), term expires 2021
- Cox, Wendy (Pharmacy), term expires 2021
- Barbara Entwisle (Sociology/Arts & Sciences), , term expires 2021
- Fisher, Nancy (Microbiology and Immunology/Medicine), term expires 2020
- Giovanello, Kelly (Psychology and Neuroscience/Arts & Sciences), term expires 2019
- Joyner, Benny (Pediatrics/Medicine), term expires 2018
- Larson, Jennifer (English and Comparative Literature/Arts & Sciences), term expires 2019
- Levine, Cary (Art and Art History/Arts & Sciences), term expires 2020
- Mayer-Davis, Elizabeth (Nutrition/Public Health), term expires 2020
- Muller, Eric (Law), term expires 2020
- Meg Zomorodi (Nursing), term expires 2019, replacement for Tamera Coyne-Beasley

#### *Elected members, 2017-18:*

- Aikat, Deb (Media and Journalism), term expires 2019
- Chapman, Mimi (Social Work), term expired 2018
- Cox, Wendy (Pharmacy), term expired 2018
- Coyne-Beasley, Tamera (General Pediatrics/Medicine), left before term expired in 2019
- Fisher, Nancy (Microbiology & Immunology/Medicine), term expires 2020
- Giovanello, Kelly (Psychology & Neuroscience/Arts and Sciences), term expires 2019
- Joyner, Benny (Pediatrics/Medicine), term expires 2018
- Larson, Jennifer (English & Comp Literature/Arts & Sciences), term expires 2019
- Levine, Cary (Art and Art History/Arts & Sciences), term expires 2020
- Mayer-Davis, Elizabeth (Nutrition/Public Health), term expires 2020
- Muller, Eric (Law), term expires 2020
- Perelmuter, Rosa (Romance Studies/Arts & Sciences), term expired 2018

#### *Ex Officio members:*

- Parise, Leslie (Biochemistry/Medicine), Chair of the Faculty, 2017-2020)
- Vin Steponaitis (Archaeology, Anthropology/Arts & Sciences), Secretary of the Faculty

**Committee Charge:** According to § 2-10 of *The Faculty Code of University Government*, Faculty Executive Committee has the following “powers and duties”:

- 1) to exercise the consultative powers delegated to the Faculty Council by §§ 2- 8(b)(3) and 2-8(b)(4), above, subject to such restrictions or instructions as the Council may from time to time establish;
- 2) when prompt action is required, to exercise the legislative powers delegated to the Faculty Council by §§ 2-8(a)(1) and 2-8(a)(4), above, subject to confirmation by the Council at its next regular meeting;
- 3) to serve as an advisory committee to the chair of the faculty;
- 4) to represent the Faculty Council and the General Faculty in advising the University administration with respect to issues, such as planning and the setting of University priorities, that the committee deems important to the University’s mission;
- 5) to work with the various officers and groups within the University toward the realization of goals set in actions of the Faculty Council;
- 6) to report to the Council at regular intervals, including reporting annually on the status of the implementation of resolutions of the Faculty Council; and
- 7) to serve as members of the Faculty Council as provided in § 2-2(b).

**2018 Meetings:**

- January 8, 2018
- January 22, 2018
- February 5, 2018
- February 19, 2018
- March 5, 2018
- March 19, 2018
- May 7, 2018
- May 31, 2018 (Special Meeting)
- July 2, 2018
- July 9, 2018
- August 6, 2018
- August 27, 2018 (Special Meeting)
- September 6, 2018 (Special Meeting)
- September 24, 2018
- October 8, 2018
- October 22, 2018
- November 19, 2018
- December 3, 2018
- December 17, 2018

**Summary:**

The committee broadly focused on ways to measure and improve the campus climate through free speech, less red tape and greater autonomy. The beginning of the year was spent discussing free speech policies and creating a campus-wide Communications Working Group to discuss the Chicago Principles. This workgroup led to the creation of the UNC Student and Faculty Expression and Viewpoint Working Group, which was formed to follow up on “Resolution 2018-3. On Principles for the Protection of Free Speech,” passed by Faculty Council on April 13, 2018. The aim of this second working group is to study the campus climate for free speech, freedom of inquiry and viewpoint diversity on campus.

Most of the fall was dominated by issues related to the Confederate monument known as Silent Sam after it was brought down by activists in August. In October, the FEC quickly arranged and

hosted a series of brainstorming workshops to help gather faculty ideas for the statue's disposition. The Office of Faculty Governance collated the data, sent it to the UNC Administration and made it available online. As an entity, the committee favored the removal of the statue.

The FEC meets regularly with Provost Bob Blouin to learn about his initiatives to improve operations and efficiencies at Carolina that are part of the Carolina Excellence Initiative.

**Topics discussed:**

- Higher education's responsibility to the state
- Free speech policies
- The Chicago Principles and a resolution endorsing them
- Diversity and inclusion
- Campus climate for faculty of color
- Data from survey of the incoming class of fall 2017 on student diversity
- Undergraduate student fees
- Elsevier issues
- Postdoc parking
- History of Arts Everywhere initiative
- Department of Art and Art History concerns
- Academic freedom, especially as related to Professor Jay Smith's faculty grievance and the administration's reaction to it
- New tenure clock procedure
- New budget model
- Presentation on Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Minor

**Resolutions passed or submitted to Faculty Council by the committee:**

*Passed by on behalf of Faculty Council when prompt action was required:*

[Resolution 2018-4 \(PDF\)](#). On Maintaining Campus Autonomy in Managing Programs for Diversity and Inclusion (5/7/18)

*Submitted to the Faculty Council for consideration:*

[Resolution 2018-5](#), On Not Returning Silent Sam to its Original Location. The resolution was amended at the October Faculty Council meeting and passed as [Resolution 2018-5](#). On Supporting a Statement from UNC Black Faculty on the Permanent Removal of Silent Sam from Campus (10/12/18)