

**December 6, 2005**  
**Faculty Executive Committee**  
**(Elected by the Faculty at Large)**

**Annual Report to the Faculty Council**

**Elected Members:** Alice Ammerman (Public Health, '08); Pamela Conover (Political Science, '06); Robert Dalton (Academic Affairs Library, '07); Connie Eble (English, '07); Noelle Granger (Medicine, '06); Evelyn Huber (Political Science, '07); Lloyd Kramer (History, '08); Steve Matson (Biology, '07); Laurie Mesibov (Government, '06); Ellen Peirce (Business, '08); Ross Simpson (Medicine, '06); and Joseph Templeton (Chemistry, '08). Those who completed their service at the end of the 2004-05 academic year are Steve Bachenheimer (Medicine, '05) and Margaret Leigh (Medicine, '05). **Ex Officio Members:** Judith Wegner (Chair of the Faculty); Joseph Ferrell (Secretary of the Faculty).

**Meetings:** The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) meets twice monthly throughout the year. The Provost regularly attends alternate meetings, as do other members of the Provost's office, the Director of Institutional Research, chairs of various faculty committees (such as athletics and advisory committees), and other colleagues as needed. The FEC also meets periodically with Chancellor Moeser to discuss topics of importance to the faculty and to the chancellor.

**Charge:** The FEC is charged in the Faculty Code to: (1) exercise the consultative powers delegated to the Faculty Council; (2) exercise the legislative powers of the Council when prompt action is required; (3) serve as an advisory committee for the Chair of the Faculty; (4) represent the Faculty Council and General Faculty in advising the University administration with respect to issues, such as planning, that the Committee deems important to the University's mission; (5) work with various officers and groups within the University toward the realization of goals set in actions of the Council; (6) report to the Council on the status of implementation of resolutions of the Council; and (7) serve as members of the Faculty Council.

**Activities This Past Year:** Over the past year, the FEC considered a number of topics including possible improvements in the state health plan, university policies on gifts, parking problems, university master plan, tuition policies, SACS reaccreditation, athletics, student and faculty retention, university budget, and selected legislative issues. It helped plan and present programming on academic freedom last spring, and contributed to the effort to secure substantial new merit scholarship support for undergraduates through reallocation of logo receipts previously allocated to athletics for this purpose. The FEC was also instrumental in communicating the faculty's views concerning priorities for selection of a new University President and recently met with the President-designate Erskine Bowles to articulate faculty priorities. This fall the FEC has focused on discussion of the "special scholarship provision" adopted by the legislature over the summer that reclassifies certain non-resident student scholarship recipients as residents for tuition purposes and is likely to lead to increased undergraduate student enrollment. The FEC has devoted considerable attention to support for graduate education and has worked with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost to raise related concerns to the Board of Trustees. The FEC has established a good working relationship with colleagues at NCSU (meeting each semester with the NCSU faculty executive

committee and respective provosts). In that regard, it is developing strategies for collaborative work with faculty at NCSU and the Emerging Issues Forum on issues facing the public research universities and the University system, as well as pursuing shared concerns relating to support for graduate education. The FEC is also working on issues related to the Chancellor's Task Force on Engagement, and will continue to address such topics in the spring. The FEC also works closely with the Provost in offering advice on issues as they arise.