

**Faculty Executive Committee  
(Elected by the Faculty at Large)**

**Annual Report to the Faculty Council  
December 7, 2007**

Elected Members:

Alice Ammerman (Public Health, '08)  
Valerie Ashby (Chemistry, '10)  
Bill Balthrop (Communications Studies, '09)  
Carl Ernst (Religious Studies, '10)  
David Gerber (Surgery, '08)  
Suzanne Gullede (Education, '09)  
Douglas Kelly (Statistics, '10)  
Lloyd Kramer (History, '08)  
John Orth (Law School, '09)  
Ellen Peirce (Business, '08)  
Terry Rhodes (Music, '10)  
Rebecca Wilder (Dental School, '09)

Ex Officio Members:

Joseph Templeton (Chair of the Faculty)  
Joseph Ferrell (Secretary of the Faculty)

Members who completed their service at the end of the 2006-07 academic year:

Robert Dalton (Academic Affairs Library, '07)  
Connie Eble (English, '07)  
Evelyn Huber (Political Science, '07)  
Steve Matson (Biology, '07)

**Meetings:** The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) meets twice monthly throughout the year. The Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Bernadette Gray-Little, attends alternate meetings, and other administrators and chairs of various faculty committees join the FEC as appropriate. The FEC also meets periodically with Chancellor Moeser to discuss topics of importance.

**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 to the Chair of the Faculty; (4) represent the Faculty Council and General Faculty in advising the University administration with respect to issues 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:** Topics discussed by the FEC in 2007 include

- enrollment growth
- maintaining an appropriate ratio of graduate and professional students to undergraduate students on campus
- tuition policies
- Campus Y renovations
- engagement and public service to the state of North Carolina
- athletics at UNC-Chapel Hill
- distance learning
- new entrepreneurial activities policy
- retired faculty concerns
- university policies on gifts
- both student and faculty retention issues
- Carolina North
- textbook costs
- workplace wellness
- ERP (enterprise resource planning)
- pros and cons of policies in the arena of criminal background checks for new employees
- an achievement index metric for student evaluations
- student honor court structures.

The FEC devoted considerable attention to issues being addressed by our Faculty Assembly delegation on behalf of the University of North Carolina system. Monitoring local strategies arising from the PACE initiative (President's Advisory Committee on Efficiency) and responding to proposed code revisions relevant to post tenure review procedures are two examples of important initiatives undertaken for the University system. The development of long term goals and a strategic plan for all of the campuses is currently underway with the umbrella title of UNC Tomorrow.

The FEC met once each semester last year with faculty colleagues at NCSU at a dinner hosted by the provosts at UNC and NC State. Faculty at both schools share a number of common concerns, and the opportunity to spend time with colleagues from NC State helps to delineate the role of our two research universities in the North Carolina system of higher education.