

**Faculty Executive Committee
(Elected by the Faculty at Large)
Annual Report to the Faculty Council
December 12, 2008**

Elected Members:

Valerie Ashby (Chemistry, '10)
Bill Balthrop (Communications Studies, '09; on leave Fall 2008)
Jane Brown (Journalism and Mass Communication, '11)
Peggye Dilworth-Anderson (Public Health, '11)
Carl Ernst (Religious Studies, '10)
David Gerber (Surgery, '11)
Suzanne Gullede (Education, '09)
Kevin Guskiewicz (Exercise and Sports Science, serving in place of Bill Balthrop, Fall 2008 only)
Douglas Kelly (Statistics, '10)
John Orth (Law School, '09)
Terry Rhodes (Music, '10)
Carol Tobin (Academic Affairs Libraries, '11)
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 2007-08 academic year:

Alice Ammerman (Public Health, '08)
David Gerber (Surgery, '08; re-elected)
Lloyd Kramer (History, '08)
Ellen Peirce (Business, '08)

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.

Meetings: The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) met twice monthly throughout the year. The Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Bernadette Gray-Little, attended approximately every other meeting, and other administrators, faculty members, and chairs of various faculty committees joined the FEC as appropriate. The FEC also met periodically with chancellors Moeser and Thorp to discuss topics of importance.

Activities This Past Year: Topics discussed by the FEC in 2008 included:

- Chancellor search and chancellor installation ceremony
- “Carolina: The Best Place to Teach, Learn, and Discover” strategic planning initiative
- UNC Tomorrow systemwide planning initiative
- Tenure policy review initiated as part of UNC Tomorrow
- Revisions within *The Code of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina*
- Revisions to the university mission statement
- University budgeting process and financial management at the university
- University fundraising
- State budget cuts
- University planning for financial exigencies and other emergencies such as pandemic flu
- Tuition policy, including per-credit-hour tuition billing
- University logo licensing
- Enrollment growth at the university in the next decade
- Faculty recruitment, especially in the face of enrollment growth and impending retirements
- Fixed-term faculty issues
- Graduate student recruitment
- Undergraduate recruitment
- National College Advising Corps (based at UNC)
- Carolina North
- Centers and Institutes
- Introduction to the Center for Faculty Excellence
- “Vitae” faculty information system being developed in the Office of Research Information
- The “millennium generation” of students
- Plagiarism detection technologies
- Undergraduate research
- Bluebook and scantron distribution
- Textbook ordering and costs
- Communication with faculty about university course management policies
- Use and programming of the Anne Queen Faculty Commons at the Campus Y
- New directions in Information Technology at UNC (visit with new CIO, Larry Conrad)
- Campus safety
- Faculty elections

From all of these discussions, a number of themes emerged. The FEC invested considerable time discussing policy matters related to high-level strategic planning that is going on at both the system and campus levels. One of the major issues facing the university is anticipated enrollment growth in the coming decade, and the committee repeatedly discussed concerns about faculty recruitment and retention and maintaining the quality of the graduate and undergraduate student body. Committee members learned about how the university’s budget is planned and managed. Several discussions revolved around particular aspects of faculty teaching and research. Two notable visitors during the year were Board of Trustees members Roger Perry and John Ellison.