

**Faculty Executive Committee
(Elected by the Faculty at Large)
Annual Report to the Faculty Council
December 11, 2009**

Elected Members:

Valerie Ashby (Chemistry, '10) (on leave Fall 2009)
Jane Brown (Journalism and Mass Communication, '11)
Peggye Dilworth-Anderson (Public Health, '11)
Carl Ernst (Religious Studies, '10)
David Gerber (Surgery, '11)
Suzanne Gulledge (Education, '12)
Kevin Guskiewicz (Exercise and Sports Science '12)
Douglas Kelly (Statistics, '10)
Laurie Maffly-Kipp (Religious Studies, '12)
Dennis Mumby (Communication Studies, '09; serving Fall '09 only in place of Ashby)
Terry Rhodes (Music, '10)
Carol Tobin (Academic Affairs Libraries, '11)
Bonnie Yankaskas (Radiology, '12)

Ex Officio Members:

McKay Coble (Chair of the Faculty)
Joseph Ferrell (Secretary of the Faculty)

Members who completed their service at the end of the 2008-09 academic year:

Bill Balthrop (Communications Studies, '09)
Suzanne Gulledge (Education, '09; re-elected)
John Orth (Law School, '09)
Rebecca Wilder (Dentistry, '09)

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 once or twice monthly throughout the year. Provost Bernadette Gray-Little, and Interim Provost Bruce Carney, 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 chancellor Thorp to discuss topics of importance.

Activities This Past Year: Topics discussed by the FEC in 2009 included:

- UNC-Chapel Hill tenure policy revisions to align policies with changes to the *Code of the Board of Governors*, including attention to revising language about so-called “special faculty”
- State budget crisis, budget cutting options, effects of budget cuts in the College of Arts and Sciences, furloughs, retired faculty members’ offer to teach
- Faculty elections
- “Carolina: The Best Place to Teach, Learn, and Discover” strategic planning initiative
- 2008 Art & Science Group study on undergraduate admissions in a time of enrollment growth
- Bain & Company study and final report
- Graduate School’s Continuous Enrollment Policy
- Priority registration process
- Kenan Stadium expansion
- Task Force on Future Promotion and Tenure Policies and Practices report (chaired by Prof. Jane Brown)
- Information Technology governance policies
- Information Technology security policies and email address policies
- Educational Policy Committee report on grading trends and grade inflation
- Campus protests of controversial speakers
- Academic Plan revision process
- Priorities of the new Chair of the Faculty McKay Coble, including attention to fixed-term faculty issues, emeritus faculty concerns, textbook ordering issues, communication with faculty, the developing faculty research engine, and cross-school collaboration.
- Faculty governance committees, roles, and appointments
- Role of the Faculty Executive Committee and the Agenda Committee
- H1N1 flu planning and response
- Appreciative Inquiry study possibility
- Minority faculty receptions
- Faculty Council planning for 2009-10, including panel on global initiatives
- Retired Faculty Association status
- Administrative Board of the Library composition and role
- Helping students make better use of faculty office hours
- Textbook ordering issues
- Electronic data security
- Weekday registration
- Shared learning committee
- Dean’s List standards

The year was dominated by discussion of issues surrounding the state budget crisis and the consequent university budget cuts. The economic situation in which the university finds itself was juxtaposed with consideration of a number of large-scale university-wide planning efforts that came to fruition in the spring of 2009, including the “Carolina: Best Place to Teach, Learn, and Discover” report (by Trustee John Ellison and Student Body President J.J. Raynor), the Bain & Company report, and the major report on tenure and promotion standards produced by Prof. Jane Brown’s task force. The impending revision of the university’s academic plan, meanwhile, waited on the horizon in the midst of turnover in the Provost’s office. Finally, as the fall of 2009 unfolded, the committee spent time assisting the new Chair of the Faculty McKay Coble, in refining her priorities and in strategizing about the current and future role of faculty governance and all of its constituent committees in this broader context.