

## **Faculty Executive Committee**

Annual report to the Faculty Council

Calendar year 2016

Submitted to the Faculty Council by Chair of the Faculty Bruce Cairns

March 24, 2017

Membership, 2016-17:

- Aikat, Deb (Media & Journalism), term expired December 2016 (filling in for Larson); term expires 2017 (filling in for Giovanello)
- Cairns, Bruce (Surgery), term expires 2017; EO, (Voting): Chair of the Faculty (Committee chair)
- Chapman, Mimi (Social Work), term expires 2018
- Cox, Wendy (Pharmacy), term expires 2018
- Coyne-Beasley, Tamera (General Pediatrics) term expires 2019
- Dolan, Louise (Physics and Astronomy), term expired 2016
- Gerhardt, Michael (Law), term expired 2016
- Giovanello, Kelly (Psychology & Neuroscience) term expires 2019 (On leave spring 2017; replaced by Aikat)
- Hunter, Carol (University Libraries), term expires 2019
- Irons, Susan (English and Comparative Literature), term expired 2016
- Joyner, Benny (Pediatrics), term expires 2018
- Larson, Jennifer (English & Comparative Literature), term expire 2019 (On leave for fall 2016; replaced by Aikat)
- Parise, Leslie (Biochemistry), term expires 2017
- Perelmuter, Rosa (Romance Studies), term expires 2018
- Persky, Adam (Pharmacy), term expires 2017
- Pruvost, Valerie (Romance Studies), term expires 2017
- Steponaitis, Vin (Anthropology), EO: Secretary of the Faculty
- Weight, Erienne (Exercise and Sports Science), term expires 2017

Charge: According to **§ 2-10. Faculty Executive Committee** of the Faculty Code of University Government, 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).*

## **2016 Meetings:**

January 4, 2016

January 25, 2016

February 8, 2016

February 22, 2016

March 7, 2016

March 21, 2016

April 4, 2016

April 18, 2016

May 25, 2016

June 6, 2016

June 20, 2016

July 11, 2016

August 8, 2016

August 22, 2016

September 12, 2016

September 26, 2016

October 24, 2016

November 21, 2016

## Topics discussed:

- University's response to SACS regarding academic probation
- Senior-level hiring and search processes
- The use of race in admissions decisions and *Abigail Noel Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*
- Strengthening workflow processes in the Office of Sponsored Research
- The campus climate for faculty
- Contextual transcript implementation process
- Approval of Honorary Degree recipient (acting on behalf of the Faculty Council)
- Best practices for fixed-term faculty hiring, retention, promotion and contract lengths
- Debrief from January University Diversity Town Hall meeting
- Endorsement of the report from the Ethics and Integrity Working Group

- Creation of the Chief Integrity Officer position (Director of Ethics Education and Management) and discussion with Professor Kim Strom-Gottfried regarding the creation of a policy repository
- Consultation with Committee on University Government regarding amendments to the proposed rules of procedure for the General Faculty and Faculty Council
- Campus carry gun laws
- President Margaret Spellings' visit to UNC-Chapel Hill
- H.B.2. and its impact on transgender students, staff and faculty recruitment
- Obstacles to interdisciplinary collaboration
- University-wide budget model and move to shared services for Vice Chancellors
- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for 10-year SACS reaffirmation process
- Restructuring organization of staff in the Office of Faculty Governance
- COACHE survey results and faculty job satisfaction
- Concerns about students who are protected by The Dream Act (a.k.a. DACA) losing their protections
- Concerns about hate speech on campus
- Support for transfer students to achieve higher levels of academic achievement
- Discussion of a Faculty Council resolution concerning firearms on campus
- Discussion of streamlining HR processes
- Department of Labor ruling on overtime and its impact on some research faculty and postdocs
- Board of Governors Strategic Plan input
- UNC.edu website redesign process and plan
- A new "collaboratory" mandated by the state legislature to examine environmental issues

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