

Faculty Assembly Delegation, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Annual Report to the UNC-CH Faculty Council  
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**The UNC Faculty Assembly (FA) is the elected body of representatives of the faculty of the seventeen constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina.**

- Formed in 1972 under the leadership of President Bill Friday when all of the public senior institutions were placed under one Board of Governors.
- Now meets 6 times each academic year, is dedicated to upholding and exercising the principles of academic freedom, shared governance, tenure and the faculty's primary responsibility for the University curriculum.

## **Objectives and Functions (from the Charter of the Faculty Assembly)**

- Gather and exchange information on behalf of the faculties of the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina.
- Advise the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, the General Assembly, and other governmental agencies and offices on matters of university-wide importance.
- Advise and communicate with the President of the University of North Carolina with regard to the interests of the faculties and other matters of University – wide importance.

## **2016-2017 UNC-CH Delegation:**

Alice Ammerman, School of Public Health, (2018); Bruce Cairns, Chair of the Faculty, Surgery (EO); Jim Porto, School of Public Health (2017; stepped down August 2016); Charlotte Boettiger, Psychology & Neuroscience (2019); Tim Ives, School of Pharmacy, (2017); Christian Lundberg-Communication (2019; on leave Fall 2016); Donald Oehler, Music (delegate, Fall 2016; Alternate-Spring 2017)

## **2017-2018 UNC-CH Delegation:**

Alice Ammerman, School of Public Health, (2018); Leslie Parise, Chair of the Faculty, Biochemistry & Biophysics (EO); Charlotte Boettiger, Psychology & Neuroscience (on leave fall 2017; 2019); Tim Ives, School of Pharmacy, (2020); Christian Lundberg, Communication (2019); Alternates: Megan Williams, Nursing; and Mark McNeilly, Business

**Gabriel Lugo, of UNC-Wilmington, is the elected chair of the Faculty Assembly**

## Key Topics covered in 2017 are reflected in several resolutions passed by the Faculty Assembly

- Resolution 2018-2. On Free Speech and Free Expression within the University of North Carolina
- Resolution 2018-1. On Supporting the North Carolina Congressional delegation to create a permanent legal status for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) eligible individuals
- Resolution 2017-S On the Presence of Guns on Campuses
- Resolution 2017-3 on SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) Compliance - regarding BOG and NCGA actions concerning post tenure review, Chancellor searches, Research Centers etc.
- Resolution 2017-2 on Faculty Compensation

Continuing issues of focus for the current academic year include: student success, faculty salaries, working with President Margaret Spellings and the UNC General Administration, defining and exercising our roles in shared governance, staying abreast of and responding to legislative actions impacting the university, and communicating with our constituent faculties.

The delegation and the Faculty Assembly remain concerned about the actions of the NC General Assembly and the UNC Board of Governors that threaten the legal authority and operating control of our constituent institutions. We also seek better communication between the Board of Governors and members of the Faculty Assembly.