## **Faculty Assembly Delegation**

(Elected by Voting Faculty)

Annual Report--2020

#### **Members:**

Megan Williams, At-large Delegate, Chair (term expires 2021) (Nursing) mpwilliams@unc.edu

Mimi Chapman, Chair of the Faculty (serves Ex Officio) (Social Work) mimi@email.unc.edu

Eileen Dewitya, At-large Delegate (term expires 2022) (University Library) heeran@email.unc.edu

Chaitra Powell, At-large Delegate (term expires 2022) (University Library) chaitra@email.unc.edu

Jenny Womack, At-large Delegate (term expires 2023) (Allied Health) <a href="mailto:jennifer\_womack@med.unc.edu">jennifer\_womack@med.unc.edu</a>

Jan Hannig, Alternate (term expires 2021) (Statistics and Operations Research) jan.hannig@unc.edu

Benjamin Waterhouse, Alternate (term expires 2021) (History) waterhou@email.unc.edu

In addition, Misha Becker (Linguistics) served as an alternate from July-December 2020 before stepping down to co-chair a faculty committee.

Report prepared by: Megan P. Williams (Chair) 1/13/2021

## **Committee charge:**

- (a) The delegation of the General Faculty to the Faculty Assembly of The University of North Carolina is composed of four members elected by the voting faculty and the chair of the faculty or the chair's designee. The chair of the faculty designates the chair of the delegation. The Committee on University Government may amend the provisions of this paragraph with respect to the number of members of the delegation when required by a change in the number of members of the Faculty Assembly apportioned to the University. Such amendments are reported promptly to the secretary of the faculty and by him or her to the General Faculty.
- (b) The delegation represents the faculty of the University at the Faculty Assembly of The University of North Carolina and reports to the Faculty Council on matters of interest relating to the Faculty Assembly and actions taken by that body. [Entire § 4-12 recodified February 19, 2016.]

# **Report of Activities:**

- 1. Role of the Faculty Assembly (FA)
  - a. Advise the UNC System President and informally the Board of Governors (Bog)
  - **b.** Advocate for faculty in partnership with the staff and on behalf of our students
- 2. System-wide Initiatives
  - a. Budget

- i. Faculty Assembly Chair David Green wrote an Op-Ed in January 2020 to highlight the faculty impact and budget
- ii. Faculty Salary Analysis Toolset (FacSAT) is a comprehensive faculty salary tool that will provide data to help see how competitive the UNC System is compared to other institutions
- iii. COVID emergency funds:
  - State: \$13 million has been allocated for PPE and the UNC System. An additional \$5 million has been allocated for testing.
- *iv.* The budget priorities for 2020-2021 are enrollment, NC Promise, building priorities, and faculty/staff salary increases.

### b. COVID

- i. FA updated bylaws to allow for online voting
- *ii.* System-wide resource: <a href="https://www.northcarolina.edu/unc-system-coronavirus-resource-center/">https://www.northcarolina.edu/unc-system-coronavirus-resource-center/</a>
- iii. Digital Course Enhancement Initiative <u>dli4faculty.northcarolina.edu</u>1. Moving to Alternative Instructional Formats
- iv. Mental Health: Counseling Centers are using telebehavioral health to support students. Student Health Services are offering weekend hours. Campus Recreation departments are implementing innovative programming in an attempt to support students during COVID-19. Deans of Students are using a case management methodology to identify and provide wrap around services for students. Student Organizations are offering recovery programs. Special programming is being offered for Military & Veterans Services.
- c. Racial Equity Task Force
  - *i.* Final Report 12/16/20: <a href="https://www.northcarolina.edu/wp-content/uploads/unc-system-images/racial-equity/unc-system-racial-equity-task-force-final-report-dec-16-2020.pdf">https://www.northcarolina.edu/wp-content/uploads/unc-system-images/racial-equity/unc-system-racial-equity-task-force-final-report-dec-16-2020.pdf</a>
- **a.** Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Update, Kimberly van Noort provided an update on the UNC System's academic calendar policy 400.1.6. The policy has been revised from 75 required instructional days to the standard of a minimum of 750-scheduled minutes of instructional time or the equivalent per credit hour.

Recommendations for actions by Faculty Council: None