

Faculty Executive Committee Annual Report to the Faculty Council

Report for calendar year 2022

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Membership

Elected members hold three-year terms that begin July 1 in the year they are elected.

Elected members, Fall 2022

Rumay Alexander (Nursing)	term ends 2023
Misha Becker (Linguistics/Arts & Sciences)	term ends 2024
Francesca Dillman Carpentier (Journalism and Media)	term ends 2025
Anthony Charles (Surgery/Medicine)	term ends 2024
Jean Cook (Biochemistry and Biophysics/Medicine)	term ends 2025
Barbara Entwisle (Sociology/Arts & Sciences)	term ends 2021
Sue Estroff (Social Medicine/Medicine)	term ends 2023
Elizabeth Mayer-Davis (Nutrition/Public Health)	term ends 2023
Eric Muller (Law)	term ends 2023
Joy Renner (Radiologic Science/Medicine)	term ends 2025
Viji Sathy (Psychology and Neuroscience/Arts & Sciences)	term ends 2024
Meg Zomorodi (Nursing)	term ends 2025

Elected members, Spring 2022

Deb Aikat (Journalism and Media)	term ended 2022
Rumay Alexander (Nursing)	term ends 2023
Misha Becker (Linguistics/Arts & Sciences)	term ends 2024
Barbara Entwisle (Sociology/Arts & Sciences)	term ends 2024
Sue Estroff (Social Medicine/Medicine)	term ends 2023
Jennifer Larson (English & Comparative Literature/Arts & Sciences)	term ended 2022
Elizabeth Mayer-Davis (Nutrition/Public Health)	term ends 2023
Eric Muller (Law)	term ends 2023
Joy Renner (Radiologic Science/Medicine)	term ended 2022 (re-elected)
Viji Sathy (Psychology and Neuroscience/Arts & Sciences)	term ends 2024
Meg Zomorodi (Nursing)	term ended 2022 (re-elected)

Ex Officio members:

Mimi Chapman (Social Work), Chair of the Faculty and committee chair, term ends 2023
Jill Moore (Government), Secretary of the Faculty, terms ends 2026

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

2022 Meetings:

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| ▪ January 10 | ▪ June 13 |
| ▪ February 14 – joint meeting with Advisory Committee | ▪ June 27 |
| ▪ February 21 | ▪ August 5 |
| ▪ March 7 | ▪ August 29 |
| ▪ March 21 | ▪ October 3 |
| ▪ April 4 | ▪ October 17 |
| ▪ April 18 | ▪ November 14 |
| ▪ May 16 | ▪ December 12 |

The committee primarily meet remotely on Zoom; a few hybrid meetings were held during the year.

Summary:

The committee meets with the provost monthly. In February 2022, they welcomed new Provost Chris Clemens.

Two main discussion topics for calendar year 2022 were COVID-19 measures and planning on campus and free speech issues.

The committee met with campus experts regularly between January and September to get updates on the status of COVID-19 on campus and in the community, Discussions included the campus's plans to mitigate the virus's transmission and ways to best support faculty, staff, and students.

In May 2022, the national American Association of University Professors released a special report on "Governance, Academic Freedom, and Institutional Racism in the UNC System," that faulted the System for political interference, institutional racism, and threats to academic freedom that generated much discussion on and off this campus, and in FEC meetings. Chair of the Faculty Mimi Chapman hosted a series of listening sessions in June to give faculty an informal space to discuss their concerns about the

AAUP report and related issues, as well as for her and FEC members to be aware of specific issues those faculty are facing. Later that summer, the Board of Trustees issued a resolution on academic freedom in step with the Kalven Report, which came out of the University of Chicago in 1967 and essentially states that campuses should not make statements on current events. Both free speech and academic freedom continue to be ongoing topics of discussion in FEC meetings.

Additional items discussed in 2022 included:

- Pass/Fail policy for spring 2022
- Status of Women Committee's report on salary equity and proposed resolution on it
- Emeritus designation streamlining
- Class cancellation policy changes brought forth by the Educational Policy Committee
- American Indian and Indigenous Studies curriculum
- Proposed changes to *The Faculty Code* regarding chair and secretary of the faculty term lengths and creation of chair-elect role
- Graduate student stipends
- Student well-being initiatives
- Status of the Carolina Women's Center