

**Faculty Executive Committee
Annual Report to the Faculty Council**

Report for calendar year 2023

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Submitted to the Faculty Council by Chair of the Faculty Beth Moracco
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Membership

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

Elected members, 2023-2024

Misha Becker (Linguistics, Arts & Sciences)	2024
Francesca Dillman Carpentier (Journalism and Media)	2025
Anthony Charles (Surgery, Medicine)	2024
Jean Cook (Biochemistry and Biophysics, Medicine)	2025
Barbara Entwisle (Sociology, Arts & Sciences)	2024
Sue Estroff (Social Medicine, Medicine)	2026
Andy Hessick (Law)	2026
Suchi Mohanty (University Libraries)	2026
Joy Renner (Radiologic Science, Medicine)	2025
Viji Sathy (Psychology and Neuroscience, Arts & Sciences)	2024
Claudia Yaghoobi (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Arts & Sciences)	2026
Meg Zomorodi (Nursing)	2025

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

Ex Officio members:

Mimi Chapman (Social Work), Chair of the Faculty; term ended 2023

Jill Moore (Government), Secretary of the Faculty; term ends 2026

Beth Moracco (Health Behavior, Public Health), Chair of the Faculty elected in 2023; term 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).

2023 Meetings:

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| ▪ January 9 | ▪ July 10 |
| ▪ January 30 | ▪ July 24 |
| ▪ February 6 | ▪ August 14 |
| ▪ February 27 | ▪ August 28 |
| ▪ March 20 | ▪ September 18 |
| ▪ April 3 | ▪ October 2 |
| ▪ April 17 | ▪ October 16 |
| ▪ May 1 | ▪ October 30 |
| ▪ June 12 | ▪ November 13 |
| | ▪ [November 27--canceled] |
| | ▪ December 11 |

The committee met remotely on Zoom except for a few hybrid meetings.

Summary:

This year the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) welcomed new Chair of the Faculty Beth Moracco on July 1, 2023. She began attending meetings shortly after her election to the role in April to familiarize herself with the work of the committee.

The FEC meets with the provost monthly. During those meetings, Provost Clemens provides updates and gets feedback on various topics.

The committee issued two statements in 2023:

- On the Board of Governors' Proposed Amendments to the Policy on Political Activities by Employees (1/10/23) [[link](#)]
- On the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina* (7/10/23) [[link](#)]

Items discussed in 2023 include:

- Campus accessibility resources.
- Implications of the BOG resolution on compelled speech.
- The School of Data Science and Society.
- The proposed and then-implemented School of Civic Life and Leadership.
- The U.S. Supreme Court case in which the University was named (*Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina*).
- The events of August 28 in which faculty colleague Zijie Yan was murdered and the campus was on lockdown for several hours.
- The committee submitted a resolution in support of the program for full tuition and fee coverage for eligible families instituted by Chancellor Guskiewicz. *Resolution 2023-6. On Supporting Carolina's Program for Full Tuition and Fee Support for Eligible Students* was approved by the Faculty Council at its October 6, 2023 meeting.
- How to communicate with and support faculty about violence in the Middle East.
- Policies under review by the Faculty Assembly, including new legislation and BOG policy regarding distinguished professorships.
- Supporting Faculty Council's deliberative processes, and how to gather and assess faculty priorities and concerns.
- Review of a proposed Faculty Council resolution on lawful protest and freedom of speech on campus that was submitted by Faculty Council member.
- Free expression on campus.
- Review of the committee's charge at the request of the Committee on University Government.

Other action(s) taken in 2023:

The Faculty Council ran out of time to vote on an honorary degree recipient for 2024. Because the approval could not wait until the January Faculty Council meeting, the FEC voted on and approved the candidate in December per the committee's charge to act on behalf of the Council when necessary.