

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
2021-2022 Faculty Governance Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING DATE: September 8, 2021 (organizational meeting of the 2021-2022 academic year)

ATTENDANCE (my apologies--a few were missed who were in attendance)

PRESIDING: Puri Martinez

REGULAR MEMBERS (X IN ATTENDANCE):

Stacey Altman X, Cynthia Deale X, Edwin Gomez X,
Jay Newhard X, Anne Ticknor X, David Wilson-Okamura X Mark Bowler x, Michael Schinasi ___ [absent]

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (X IN ATTENDANCE):

Crystal Chambers, Rep. of Chancellor X; present: Wendy Sergeant, Mary Farwell, and Purificación Martínez

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker; Linda Ingalls for Office of the Provost;

I. Call to Order, 3:00 pm

II. Minutes

This was the first meeting of the year and therefore, no minutes were approved.

III. Business of the Day

- Rachel Baker informed the committee about how to access the committee materials via the ECU Faculty Senate website
- The committee discussed the academic council's proposal that senate committees should report their recommendations to the academic council instead of the senate. Several members spoke against this proposal, and none spoke in favor. According to the newly revised guidelines for senate committees that Rachel and Puri paged through at the beginning of the meeting, the committee should have formalized this recommendation with a vote. However, this can be addressed in the next meeting.
- Officers were selected:
 - CHAIR: David Wilson-Okamura
 - VICE CHAIR: Mark Bowler, who will make the committee's reports to the senate
 - SECRETARY: Cynthia Deale
- Puri Martinez talked about the business of the committee for the 2021-2022 academic year. There was a discussion about several of the items to be considered by the committee

this academic year (Please see the list of items in the committee folder on the senate website in the committees area). She also presented a workflow proposal that would route significant policy changes to academic council before proceeding to the agenda committee. The committee discussed and it was suggested that there may be a better way to make use of the two times a month that academic council meets; first with the Chair of the Faculty and two weeks later with the Faculty Senate Officers.

- Crystal Chambers suggested that the committee work on two additional items this year: the composition of search committees and academic bullying.
- Puri Martinez noted that #1 about resolution #11-14 is important as is #2 about appointments, and #3.
- David Wilson-Okamura asked about where the academic integrity revisions came from and was informed that, while it was a very complex and winding road, all by-laws and procedures were followed.
- David Wilson-Okamura suggested that the committee needs to deal with the issue of workflow from the senate to the chancellor, to university counsel, and back to committees, etc. and this issue was discussed. During this discussion it was noted by Jay Newhard that there needs to be a balance between protection of the university and service provided.
- David Wilson-Okamura will work on the agenda for our next meeting, including revisions on part VIII, further discussion on workflow, and creating sub-committees. Committee members should email David Wilson-Okamura if they think of other items for the agenda.
- Ed Gomez asked about the procedure for promotion of teaching instructors. Wendy Sergeant noted that these are not promotions, they are changes in title and they can be completed in August for the fall or in January for the spring semester.
- Puri Martinez noted that the committee addressed fixed term policies, part VIII, but still need to address more, including a timeline.

III. Adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Deale