

**Faculty Assembly Meeting Materials**  
**April 19, 2013 meeting**

**Attachment 4: 2013-2014 Faculty Assembly Executive Committee (FAEC) Nominations**

***OFFICER Nominations*** (see written statements, beginning on next page):

Chair (no election – term ends July 2014):

Catherine A Rigsby (ECU), Geological Sciences, [rigsbyc@ecu.edu](mailto:rigsbyc@ecu.edu), (252)328-4297

**Nomination for Chair-Elect:**

Steven Leonard (UNC-CH), Political Science, [sleonard@email.unc.edu](mailto:sleonard@email.unc.edu), (919) 962-0446

**Nomination for Vice Chair:**

Andrew Morehead (ECU), Chemistry, [moreheada@ecu.edu](mailto:moreheada@ecu.edu), (252)328-9798

**Nomination for Secretary:**

Gabriel Lugo (UNCW), Mathematics [lugo@uncw.edu](mailto:lugo@uncw.edu), (910) 962-3246

Parliamentarian (no election – appointed by Chair):

***Other 2013-2014 Executive Committee nominees:*** (elected caucus)

5-delegate campuses rep: (ECU, NCSU, UNC-CH, UNCC)	Eddy Souffrant – UNCC	Hans Kellner – NCSU	
4-delegate campuses rep: (ASU, NCA&T, UNCG, UNCW)	Brian Sims – NCA&T		
3-delegate campuses rep: (FSU, NCCU, UNCP, WCU, WSSU)	David Green – NCCU		
2-delegate campuses rep: (ECSU, NCSSM, UNCA, UNCSA)	Michael Wakeford – UNCSA	Kora Wiley – NCSSM	
HMI rep: (ECSU, FSU, NCA&T, UNCP, NCCU, WSSU)	Chet (Chester) Dilday – FSU		
at-large rep:	<i>all of the above</i>		
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**Candidate for CHAIR-ELECT:**

Stephen Leonard, Associate Professor of Political Science, Program in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Women's Studies Program, and Fellow of the Institute of Arts and Humanities; UNC-CH

I am honored to be asked to stand for Chair of the Faculty Assembly. I had not considered the position, and I accepted this nomination with some caution: the work ahead of us is going to be very difficult, it will test the skills and commitments of every member of the Assembly, and excellent leadership will continue to be critical to the successes that we might realize.

We all recognize that experience and interests may have little (if anything) to do with the kind of commitment, passion, and abilities that this job requires. My own experience and interests, (summarized below) are then, at best, supplementary to the real qualifications the Chair must have. Our colleagues encouraged me because they believe I have those qualifications. I would be greatly honored to have your support as well.

I have an abiding commitment to the ideals of public higher education, and I will do my level best to serve you, our students, and the citizens of North Carolina. I hope that my teaching, service, and research experience can, then, be put to some use in our work:

Although I am a relative newcomer to Faculty Assembly, I have been active in a number of our initiatives. I currently serve as the UNCCH representative on the Faculty Assembly Committee for Strategic Directions Implementation, I am the Faculty Assembly representative to the General Administration Distributed Education working group, and I was pleased to serve as a member of the Assembly's delegation for this year's UNC Legislative Day.

At UNC-Chapel Hill I have been very active in faculty governance, serving in a number of elected and appointed positions in my department, the College of Arts and Sciences, and for the University. These include a number of academic program advisory bodies, curriculum management, and faculty welfare working groups.

All of this is complemented by my teaching and research interests, which focus on the history of citizenship, civic education, democratic theory, and the history and philosophy of higher education and the academic disciplines. I have been very fortunate to have received honors at UNCCH recognizing excellence in teaching, academic advising, and national honors for excellence in research.

I appreciate your consideration, and I hope that if elected, I will serve the Assembly with the commitment and integrity that this office demands, and you expect.

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**Candidate for VICE CHAIR:**

Andrew Morehead, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Vice Chair of the Faculty, ECU

Why have I chosen to run for the office of Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly, and more to the point, why should you vote for me?

To the former question, I have chosen to run because I have had a long-term interest and belief in strategic planning, shared governance, and service to the academy. I believe there is a balance between teaching, research, and service. I believe each of us should strive to maximize our impact on the academy in all those areas, but most particularly in our area of strength, and that those efforts should be rewarded. I also believe we are stronger as a group than we will be individually.

To the second question I pose above (Why should you vote for me?), I would tell you that I am a person who has always believed in open lines of communication and a thoughtful consideration of the benefits and weaknesses of any move. I am a pragmatist who recognizes that no choice is ever without flaws and that the people who comprise a system as complex as the University of North Carolina will never unanimously agree on anything. We simply must choose the best option. Finally, I believe that the most important question to ask to determine what option is "best" is this: *how is this good for our students?* And I believe that we should never choose a path unless the answer to this question is affirmative: is this good for our students?

As a representative of the Faculty, I will advocate for those things that are good for students. That includes world-class teachers working with the resources necessary for student success and pursuing scholarship that inspires and engages students and the wider community. No qualified student should be deprived of the opportunity to become all they can be because they can't afford the cost of education. It requires Faculty, Staff, and the Administration all working in unison to preserve the University and advance our mission. Finally, it requires the understanding of the public that the University belongs to, supports, and enriches all of the residents of the state and needs public support to continue to do so.

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**Candidate for SECRETARY:**

Gabriel Lugo, Professor of Mathematics and President of the Faculty, UNCW

Thank you all, I am honored for the nomination for the position of Faculty Assembly Secretary. If elected, I will humbly accept; and I will work with perspicacity, perseverance and punctuality, to execute the duties of this office - to the best of my abilities.

We find ourselves in critical times when universities across the country are threatened by narrow ideologies, which, if implemented, will cause permanent, deleterious effects to the quality of education.

The most salient of these are the notions that institutions of higher learning are but infundibular pathways to job-ready automatons, and the push for centralization of some curricular matters such as general studies, assessment and eLearning.

Let us not topple what has taken generations to build. On behalf of the faculty and in conjunction with the Executive Committee, I will rise to uphold the principles of share governance and academic freedom, the two pillars with which the titan Atlas sustains the heavenly temple of academia. Let us reaffirm our mission by continuing to provide faculty the latitude to expand the spheres of knowledge of our students, and leaving to educators the task of improving efficiency while maintaining the quality of our curriculum.