



UNC SYSTEM FACULTY ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

Friday, November 13, 2020

Faculty Assembly Meeting Attendance: Ashwell, Avrin, Bailey, Beasley, Cain, Chapman, Chow, Colbert-Lewis, Damasceno, Daynes, Dewitya, DiGiacinto, Ford-Eickhoff, Galloway, Grant, Harden, Holland Goldthwaite, Howard, Ives, Jones, Kellner, Klaimone, Kleiner, Lamphere, Maki, Martínez, Nemati, Parker, Phelan, Popke, Powell, Robinson, Rosenberg, Schmutz, Scott, D. Smith, N. Smith, Spontak, Steed, Stone, Szabo, Wells, Westerman, Williams, Womack

Faculty Assembly Chair, Dr. Tim Ives convened the meeting at 9:00a.m. The body approved the Assembly's October 16, 2020 meeting summary. (See attachment #1)

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.

Chief of Staff, Norma Houston outlined the four budget priorities for the UNC System. The priorities are enrollment, NC Promise, building priorities, and faculty/staff salary increases. She gave a presentation on the Legislative Budgeting Process. (attachment #2)

North Carolina General Assembly Member Representative John Fraley: Everything starts over in January; a COVID and Federal stimulus bill is still under consideration in Congress and that will have a huge impact on our state budget. Substantial budget shortfalls are expected and it is likely that cuts may have to be made. Representative Fraley provided insights on how faculty members can advocate to their local legislators and help educate them about what the role of the faculty and their daily work.

UNC System Vice President for Federal Relations, Elizabeth Morra discussed effective advocacy strategies to members of Congress. (attachment #3)

Vice President of State Government Relations, Drew Moretz provided an overview of the House and Senate Budgeting process. (attachment #4)

Western Carolina University Faculty Members, Vicki Szabo and Wes Stone; UNC System Board of Governors, David Powers: The panel discussed their collaborative efforts to find common ground while working on the WCU chancellor search. They discussed that as they got to know each other better that true consensus and understanding was realized.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.