



# UNC SYSTEM FACULTY ASSEMBLY

## UNC Faculty Assembly

### MINUTES

**Friday, September 11, 2020, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, VIA ZOOM**

**Theme: Taking Care of Each Other During These Troubling Times**

**Attendance:** Ashwell, Beasley, Bradshaw, Bullard, Chow, Damasceno, Daynes, DiGiacinto, Dilday, Dobbins, Falls, Figueroa, Ford-Eickhoff, Harden, Harp, Holland Goldthwaite, Hopcroft, Howard, Ives, Jones, Kellner, Klaimon, Kleiner, Maki, Miller, Nemati, Parker, Phelan, Popke, Powell, Randle, Reis, Robinson, Rosenberg, Schmutz, Scott, Sellers, Smith, Spontak, Steed, Szabo, Turner, Wells, Williams, Womack

[Welcome, and approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2020 meeting \(Tim Ives\)](#)

Chair Ives welcomed all attendees. The August 7, 2020 Faculty Assembly meeting summary was approved.

[UNC System Update \(President Peter Hans\)](#)

President Hans noted that today was September 11th and to remember the survivors of the 9/11 tragedy. He reaffirmed how much he values faculty input and keeping open the lines of communication. Support of the faculty during the pandemic is even more important to ensure student success. Another focus is the mental health and well-being for students, staff, and faculty.

President Hans provided a recap of UNC funding received from the COVID Relief Fund including PPE and testing. He also noted that the revisions to chancellor search policy 200.8 will apply only to future searches and not searches currently underway.

[Update on UNC System Racial Equity Task Force \(Governor Darrell Allison, Shun Robertson\) - View Slides](#)

The Racial Equity Task Force was formed on June 9th ([view memo here](#)).

The original membership has been expanded from 6-13 members ([see slide 3](#)). Their next steps are to hold key stakeholder discussions across the system and their system wide survey for faculty, staff, and students.

[Update from Academic Affairs \(Kim van Noort\)](#)

Dr. Kimberly van Noort provided general system updates.

[Updates on the Digital Course Enhancement Initiative, and the Designing Effective Online Courses Program \(Michelle Solér, Jim Ptaszynski\) - View Dr. Ptaszynski Slides | View Dr. Solér's Slides](#)

The Digital Course Enhancement Initiative has currently served 2,000 faculty and staff impacting 253,239 students across all 17 institutions. The website is located at [dli4faculty.northcarolina.edu](http://dli4faculty.northcarolina.edu) and the next workshops on Designing Effective Online Courses are scheduled for October 5, 2020 and November 30, 2020 ([register here](#)). The Digital Learning Webinar series continues and takes place on the fourth Friday of each month and all recorded webinars and schedules can be found at <https://myapps.northcarolina.edu/digitallearning/webinarseries1/>.

[Available Mental Health Resources for Surviving in these Turbulent Times \(Russell Robinson, Bethany Meighen, Toya Corbett, Matthew Brody\) - View Slides](#)

Dr. Robinson provided an update on an upcoming mental health symposium.

Dr. Bethany Meighen, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dr. Toya Corbett, Assistant Vice President for

Student Affairs presented System wide work around mental health.

Counseling Centers are using telebehavioral health to support students. Student Health Services are offering weekend hours. Campus Recreation departments are implementing innovative programming in an attempt to support students during COVID-19.

Deans of Students are using a case management methodology to identify and provide wrap around services for students. Student Organizations are offering recovery programs. Special programming is being offered for Military & Veterans Services.

[Matt Brody provided an HR update.](#)

Virtual Assembly & FA Listserv Etiquette (Kacey DiGiacinto, Anthony Chow) - Communications Committee Co-Chairs. [View Zoom Procedures](#) | [View Listserv Etiquette](#)

Dr. DiGiacinto highlighted the Faculty Assembly's new Zoom meeting protocol including muting the microphone when not speaking, adding affiliations to displayed names, and using the raise hand feature in Zoom and Dr. Chow went over basic listserv etiquette.

Chair's Report (Tim Ives) - [View Slides](#)

Chair Ives noted that the next Board of Governors meetings are September 16 and 17, 2020. UNC-TV will livestream the meetings at: <https://www.unctv.org/watch/live-stream/bog/>.

[A resolution](#) honoring [Henry Ferrell](#) (1934-2020), ECU History Professor Emeritus and the second UNC System Faculty Assembly Chair (1974-76), passed unanimously.

[Adjournment](#)