

# Faculty Council

## August 21, 2024 Meeting Summary

### FC 8-21-24

The meeting covered several key updates and decisions. Jeffrey George discussed the approval of minutes from the May 8 meeting and the need for a vice chair and secretary for the Faculty Council. He highlighted the creation of a shared governance summit and the importance of process over product. Victoria Nash introduced herself as the Staff Council chair, emphasizing celebrating staff and faculty. Patrick Sims provided updates on the VP for Enrollment Management search and Brian Cole discussed the integration of Equality in North Carolina policy into the strategic plan. Jeffrey George discussed the need for faculty manual updates and the creation of task forces for faculty searches and AI needs. The meeting concluded with the approval of co-adjunct reps and a discussion on meeting times.

### Transcript

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### Action Items

- Send out notes from the meeting and any follow up information to faculty
- Schedule follow up shared governance summits to include DLA faculty
- Begin gathering data on past faculty searches through the Faculty Searches Task Force
- Call on faculty and administration to complete rewriting policies for high school students through the High School Policies Task Force
- Gather faculty needs and requirements regarding AI through the AI Faculty Needs Task Force
- Identify candidates for the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management search committee
- Review strategic plan revisions for compliance with new UNC system policies

### Outline

#### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Jeffrey George calls the meeting to order and notes the presence of a quorum.
- Jeffrey George asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8 meeting, which is seconded and approved without dissent.
- Jeffrey George clarifies the need to elect both a vice chair and a secretary, noting his willingness to take on the secretary's role.

- Jeffrey George introduces Cliff and Wade as co-vice chairs and encourages them to take on projects.

### **Updates and Shared Governance**

- Jeffrey George provides updates on shared governance, emphasizing the importance of faculty voice and the principles of shared governance.
- Jeffrey George mentions a shared governance summit held on August 6 and plans for future meetings to include all faculty members.
- Jeffrey George discusses the need for process over product in shared governance and the importance of communication.
- Jeffrey George highlights the need to address workload issues and the importance of clear processes and documentation.

### **Introduction of Victoria Nash and Staff Council Collaboration**

- Jeffrey George introduces Victoria Nash, the chair of the Staff Council, who discusses her priorities for the year.
- Victoria Nash emphasizes celebrating staff and faculty and the importance of procedures.
- Jeffrey George announces a joint faculty-staff social event on September 30 and plans for future collaborative events.
- Jeffrey George mentions meetings with student government leaders to align their needs with faculty goals.

### **Faculty Council and Committee Updates**

- Jeffrey George discusses the importance of staffing committees and the need to avoid overburdening the same individuals.
- Jeffrey George mentions the creation of three task forces: one for faculty searches, one for faculty needs regarding AI, and one for rewriting policies for high school students.
- Jeffrey George provides updates on the QEP committee and the university librarian search, encouraging faculty to volunteer for these roles.
- Jeffrey George discusses the need for faculty manual language updates and the importance of clear processes for peer review committees.

### **Provost and Chancellor Updates**

- Patrick Sims discusses the creation of a new position for a Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and the search process.
- Patrick Sims emphasizes the importance of faculty feedback and the need for a new position to manage enrollment processes.

- Brian provides an update on the Equality in North Carolina policy compliance and the integration of new policy language into the strategic plan.
- Brian and Afeni discuss the importance of maintaining core values while adapting to new policies and the need for structural changes.

#### **Faculty Council Business and Future Plans**

- Jeffrey George introduces a motion to approve a one-year exemption for a co-adjunct rep for the Faculty Council.
- The motion is seconded and approved without dissent, welcoming Frazier Smith and Shahin Gorgani as co-adjunct reps.
- Jeffrey George discusses the need for reappointment and reconsideration committee elections and the importance of clear faculty manual language.
- Jeffrey George asks for feedback on meeting times and minutes taking, suggesting a poll to gather opinions.