

Winthrop University Faculty Conference
Minutes from August 20, 2010
Plowden Auditorium

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 with a quorum.
- II. The minutes from the April 23, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Report from the Faculty Conference Chair, Dr. Marsha Bollinger.

Dr. Bollinger announced that Mark Lewis has agreed to serve as secretary of Faculty Conference and Jackie McFadden has agreed to serve as parliamentarian.

Dr. Bollinger reported on the June 11 Board of Trustees meeting. The details of her report can be found on the FC webpage www.winthrop.edu/facultyconference).

Dr. Bollinger offered the following additional comments:

- The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees adopted a tuition schedule late in June. Both the faculty representative and the student representative participated in the discussion.
- All were reminded to use the faculty resources on the Academic Affairs and Faculty Conference web sites.
- She asked to faculty to please let her know what they are thinking so she can better represent them.
- Individuals who were awarded tenure or promoted recently were recognized with great applause.

- IV. Report from the President

Dr. DiGiorgio welcomed the faculty to another year at Winthrop and stated that his opening address contained the “blueprint” for the 2010/2011 academic year. President DiGiorgio stated that public policy really shapes what we do at Winthrop. The Board of Economic Advisors met the week of the meeting and there was no news from them. He will continue to keep the faculty updated on that issue. Dr. DiGiorgio also shared information on unemployment stating that South Carolina had gone up a tenth of a point. He went on to say that the upcoming election cycle, which contains a big gubernatorial divide, is an important cycle. The President’s final point regarding public policy was to say that South Carolina has been declined the 143 million dollars which would support K-12. He finished his comments by stating we are still counting students and that the move over to Banner has changed the way we report student data.

- V. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Moore began by mentioning the Academic Leadership Retreat held at the Baxter Hood Center on Monday, August 16. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools compliance report is due in Atlanta on September 10. Dr. Moore went on to introduce the Deans of the Colleges to facilitate formal introductions of new faculty and those that have changed positions.

NEW FACULTY 2010-2011

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Catherine Chia-Lan Chang, Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Matthew R. Clark, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Nicholas E. Grosseohme, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Ms. Elizabeth J. Hallinan, Assistant Professor of Modern Language Education and Language Lab Director

Dr. Gregg A. Hecimovich, Chair, Department of English and Associate Professor

Ms. Jennifer C. McDaniel, Instructor of Social Work and Assistant Director of Field and Continuing Education

Dr. Robert G. Prickett, Assistant Professor of English Education

Dr. Sarah C. Spring, Assistant Professor of English (Professional Writing)

College of Business Administration

Dr. Marguerite A. Doman, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Ms. Julie M. Durham, Instructor in Elementary/Early Childhood Education

Dr. Jennifer C. Etheridge, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

Ms. Ruth E. Gaylor, Academic Advising Coordinator/ Instructor

Ms. Elizabeth Lee Johnson, Instructor in Elementary/Early Childhood Education

Ms. Kathryn S. Miller, Instructor in Instructional Technology

Dr. Deana R. Peterson, Assistant Professor of Special Education

Dr. Susan Reichelt, Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Dr. David Wohl, Professor of Theatre and Dean

Dr. Laura R. Dougherty, Assistant Professor of Theatre

Ms. Cherith A. Lundin, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Painting)

Dacus Library

Dr. Ronnie Faulkner, Professor, Library Development and Head of Technical Services

Mr. Robert B. Ryals, Assistant Professor, Reference Librarian

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. David J. Beiter, Coordinator, Professional Learning for the NetSCOPE Grant

Dr. David H. Harwell, Assistant Dean, University College

Dr. Paul A. Horne, Jr., Coordinator, Partnership Network for NetSCOPE Grant

Ms. Suzanne G. Sprouse, October, 2009 Start Date, Administration with Faculty Rank, Director, Instructional Technology Center and Instructor in Education

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TITLE CHANGES

Mr. Tim Drueke, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ms. Gina Jones, Registrar

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Deana Morrow, Associate Dean

Dr. Jack DeRochi, Assistant Dean

Dr. Beth Costner, Assistant Dean for Teacher Education Programs (remaining Chair, Mathematics Department)

College of Business Administration

Dr. Steven Frankforter, Assistant Dean for Administration
Dr. Cara Peters, Assistant Dean for Professional Development

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Dr. Mark W. Dewalt, Chair, Department of Counseling, Leadership and Educational Studies
Dr. Jonatha W. Vare, Chair, Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy

University College

Dr. Nakia Pope, Touchstone Core Director, Assistant Professor of Pedagogy

VI. Committee Reports

Standing Committee Chairs for 2010-2011

Academic Freedom and Tenure – Rebecca Evers
Faculty Committee on University Life – Matthew Manwarren
Faculty Committee on University Priorities – Scott Huffmon
Faculty Personnel – Siobhan Brownson
Library – Melissa Carsten
Rules – Mark Mitchell
Undergraduate Petitions – Emma Jane Riddle
University Curriculum – Marilyn Smith

Faculty Committee on University Priorities – Scott Huffmon

The Faculty Committee on University Priorities took on the duties of the old Admissions Advisory and Budget Priorities committees. The duties of the old Faculty Concerns committee were split between the Committee on University Priorities and the Committee on University Life.

Dr. Huffmon explained the role of this committee as to establish a permanent line of communication between the faculty and administration. He asked the faculty to share their priorities with the committee members. The committee members were announced.

Faculty Committee on University Life – Matthew Manwarren

Dr. Manwarren announced the members of this new Committee and read the description of the committee to the Conference as a reminder.

TALONS

Tim Druke and Cheryl Fortner-Wood announced the status of Banner and stated that reporting in the new system is challenging. There will be training offered for new and part time faculty. Gina Jones is working on scheduling those training sessions.

VII. Unfinished Business

Dr. Rebecca Evers formally brought the definition of Academic Freedom proposed by the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee to the floor and asked for an endorsement. The wording would appear in the Faculty Manual, but is not part of the Bylaws. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

From AFT Committee:

Institutions of higher education exist for the common good. In the quest for this common good the right of faculty members to academic freedom is of fundamental importance. Academic Freedom is the freedom to discuss all relevant matters in the classroom, to explore all avenues of scholarship, research

and creative expression and to speak or write as a public citizen without institutional discipline or restraint.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Announcements

The registrar reminded the faculty about important dates including the last day to add/drop on Wingspan, the last day to declare the S/U option, and the last day to withdraw from a course. In addition, she informed us that students can now withdraw from a course online.

Dr. Disney reminded the group of the services available through ONCA. Faculty should recruit students to compete for the scholarships and send them to the ONCA office.

Dr. Fortner-Wood asked the faculty to send her students who qualify to apply for the McNair Scholarship.

Mass Communication announced a new resource on campus. Winthrop now has a high quality audio line available for radio and TV interviews.

Dr. Pullano asked faculty to please be responsive to his emails regarding LEAP students.

Convocation will be on Monday, August 23 at 4:00.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. L. Mark Lewis