

Winthrop University Faculty Conference

21 August 2015

2:00 p.m. Plowden Auditorium, Withers Building

- I. **Approval of minutes for April 24, 2015 Faculty Conference**

The minutes were approved.

- II. **Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference, John Bird**
 - a. Dr. Bird welcomed faculty to the 2015-2016 academic year and introduced the Secretary (Ginger Williams, History) and Parliamentarian (Tara Collins, Psychology) for faculty conference for the 2015-2016 year.
 - b. Dr. Bird then recognized faculty who received tenure and promotion as of May, 2015. Six faculty received tenure (Dr. Casey Cothran, English; Dr. Maria Gelabert, Chemistry; Dr. Kunsiri Grubbs, Biology; Dr. Kathryn Davis, Physical Education; Dr. Shawna Helf, Literacy; and Dr. Janet Wojcik, Exercise Science. Seventeen faculty were awarded promotions to Professor or Associate Professor. Dr. Beth Costner (Mathematics), Dr. Maria Gelabert (Chemistry), Dr. Aaron Hartel (Chemistry), Dr. Michael Lipscomb (Political Science), Dr. Julian Smith (Biology), Dr. Virginia Williams (History, Dr. Keith Benson (Management), Dr. Chlotia Garrison (Computer Science), Ms. Janet Gray (Theatre), Dr. Ronald Parks (Music), Dr. Seymour Simmons (Fine Arts), and Dr. Spiro Shetuni (Library) were promoted to the rank of Professor. Dr. Casey Cothran (English), Dr. Nicholas Grossoehme (Chemistry), Dr. Kunsiri Grubbs (Biology), Dr. Shawna Helf (Literacy), and Dr. David Vawter (Education) were promoted to Associate Professor.
 - c. Dr. Bird announced that the Board of Trustees granted Emeritus status to the following faculty, who collectively served Winthrop University for 125 years. Those faculty are: Dr. Rebecca Evers (Special Education), Dr. James McKim (Computer Science), Dr. Peter Phillips (Biology), Dr. Marilyn Sarow (Mass Communications), and Dr. Martha Spears (Management).
 - d. Dr. Bird gave his report from the June 19, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board of Trustees passed a 2.5% tuition increase for the 2015-2016 academic year, the lowest increase in sixteen years.

- III. **Report from the President, Dr. Daniel Mahoney**
 - a. President Mahoney welcomed the faculty to the 2015-2016 academic year and thanked the Winthrop community for the warm welcome extended to him and his family.
 - b. President Mahoney stated that he will involve faculty in plans for the academic year and stated that he will focus on 1) students and student success; 2)

fundraising and advanced marketing; 3;) work with stakeholders in the local community;4) focus on employees; 5) budgeting; and 6) creating a larger strategic plan.

- c. President Mahoney asked if he could answer any questions. Dr. Chris Van Aller (Political Science) asked if state budget cuts had reached a bottom line. Dr. Mahoney responded that he was “cautiously optimistic” about the state budgets for education.

IV. **Report from the V.P. for Academic Affairs/ Provost, Dr. Debra Boyd.**

- a. Dr. Boyd welcomed faculty to the academic year and thanked everyone for their support last year while she served as Acting President. She then introduced the deans of the five academic colleges (Dean Roger Weikle, Business; Dean Karen Kedrowski, Arts and Sciences; Dean Jennie Rakestraw, College of Education; Dean Gloria Jones, University College; and Dean Mark Herring, Dacus Library; who introduced their new faculty and faculty who received new appointments. Those new faculty and new faculty appointments are:

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Kori Bloomquist

Assistant Professor of Social Work

Ph.D. (Social Work) Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

Most Recently – Doctoral Candidate, Indiana University

Dr. Margaret Gillikin

Assistant Professor of Social Studies Education

Ph.D. (American History) University of South Carolina

Most Recently – Adjunct Professor of History, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio

Dr. Wanda Koszewski

Associate Professor of Nutrition, and Chair, Department of Human Nutrition

Ph.D. (Foods and Nutrition) Kansas State University

Most Recently – Clinical Associate Professor and Department Chair, Nutrition and Dietetics,

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

Dr. Sabrina Habib

Assistant Professor of Mass Communication

Ph.D. (Journalism and Mass Communication) University of Florida

Most recently – Assistant Professor of Strategic and Visual Communication, University of Texas at Arlington

Dr. Arran Hamm

Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Ph.D. (Mathematics) Rutgers University
Most Recently – Adjunct Faculty, Winthrop University

Ms. Christina Stiles
Data Management and Technology Coordinator and Instructor of English
M.L.A., Winthrop University
Most Recently – Adjunct Faculty, Winthrop; Planning and Research
Administrator, SC Technical College System

Dr. Cynthia Tant
Assistant Professor of Biology
Ph.D. (Ecology) University of Georgia
Most Recently – Nongame Conservation Section, Wildlife Resources Section,
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

College of Business Administration

Ms. Antonia Berbrick
Associate Professor of Accounting
M.B. A., Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ
Most Recently – CPA - Sole Practitioner, Accounting

Dr. Tracy Griggs
Assistant Professor of Management
Ph. D. (Industrial-Organizational Psychology) University of Georgia
Most Recently - Independent Human Resources Management Consultant

Mr. Brian Hipp
Assistant Professor of Business Administration and
Data Management Coordinator
M.S. (Mathematics) University of South Carolina
Most Recently – Technology and Data Management Coordinator and Instructor
of Mathematics,
College of Arts and Sciences, Winthrop University

Ms. Anna Romanova
Assistant Professor (Instructor) of Quantitative Methods
Ph.D. (A.B.D) (Business Administration – Statistics) University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, TN
Most Recently – Doctoral Candidate, University of Tennessee

Ms. Celeste Tiller
Assistant Professor of Business Administration and
Director of External Relations
M.B.A., Winthrop University
Most Recently – Commercial Loan Portfolio Manager, Carolina Premier Bank,
Charlotte, NC

Dr. Alicia Nicki Washington
Associate Professor of Computer Science
Ph.D. (Computer Science) North Carolina State University
Most Recently – Associate Professor, Computer Science, Howard University,
Washington, DC

Dr. Michael Whitney
Assistant Professor of Computer Science and
Director of the Digital Information Design Program
Ph.D. (Computer Science) University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Most Recently – Doctoral Candidate, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
August 1, 2015 start (10.5 month appointment)

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Dr. Bettie Parsons Barger
Assistant Professor of Education
Ph.D., (Teaching and Learning) Ohio State University
Most Recently – Assistant Professor (One-year appointment), Winthrop
University

Ms. Joyce Camp
Director of the Instructional Technology Center
M.Ed. (Instructional Systems Technology) University of North Carolina at
Charlotte
Most Recently – Instructional Technology Facilitator, Rowan Salisbury Schools

Dr. Jinwook (Jason) Chung
Assistant Professor of Sport Management
Ph.D. (Human Performance: Sport Management) Indiana University
Most Recently – Assistant Professor of Business Admin, Grand View University,
Iowa

Dr. Heleyne Frederick
Associate Professor of Child and Family Studies

Ph.D. (Human Development and Family Studies) Texas Tech University
Most Recently – Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Eastern
Kentucky Univ.

Dr. Erin Hamel
Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education and
Director of Macfeat Early Childhood Laboratory School
Ph.D. (Early Childhood Education) University of South Carolina
Most recently – Assistant Professor, Early Childhood (Grant Funded), Winthrop
(10 month appointment)

Dr. Walter Hart
Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership
Ed.D. (Educational Leadership) University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Most Recently – Superintendent, Hickory City Schools, Hickory, North Carolina

Dr. Lindsey Yearta
Assistant Professor of Education Technology/Elementary
Ph.D. (Curriculum and Instruction) University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Most Recently – Assistant Professor of elementary Education,
University of South Carolina-Upstate

College of Visual and Performing Arts
Ms. Anne M. Fiala
Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Jewelry)
M.F. A. (Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design) Indiana University
Most Recently – Adjunct Instructor, Winthrop University

Mr. Andrew Seth Rouser
Assistant Professor of Fine Arts
M.F.A. (Painting) East Carolina University
Most Recently – Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (non-tenure) Winthrop
University

Dacus Library

Ms. DeAnn Brame
Assistant Professor Library Science and
Digital Services and Systems Librarian
M.L.S. (Library Science) North Carolina Central University

University College: Dr. Gloria Jones, Dean of University College, announced that the Trio Program has been renewed for the next five years. She also announced that Ms. Leah Kendall has been appointed Director of the Office of the Freshman Experience.

The Graduate School:

Dr. Patrick Guilbaud

Director of Adult Programs, Associate Professor

Ph.D. (Instructional Technology) University of Virginia

Most Recently – Visiting Scholar in Learning Technology and Systems, Stetson Univ., Florida

Administrative Role changes

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Greg Oakes, Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Robert Prickett, Associate Dean for Research and Professional Development, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Casey Cothran, Acting Chair, Department of English

Dr. Jeannie Haubert, Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Dr. Peter Judge, Acting Chair, Department of Mass Communication (in addition to Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies)

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Dr. Beth Costner, Associate Dean

Dr. Mark Dewalt, Interim Chair, Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy

- b. Dr. Debra Boyd encouraged everyone to attend this year's Provost's Spotlight on Scholarship. Dr. Maria Aysa-Lastra will lead the series with her talk "Latino Immigrant Employment Trajectories During and After the Great Recession in the U.S. and Spain" on September 3. Dr. Matthew Manwarren will follow on October 8 with his talk "Youthful Passion and Fantasy: Schumann's Fantasy in C Major, Op. 17 and Brahms's Sonata No. 3 in F Minor. Dr. Philip Gibson will speak on January 14 on "Personal Finance Education and Subsequent Financial Decision-Making." Dr. Antje Mays will deliver her talk on February 4, entitled "Ambient Knowledge: Human Capital Development Strategies for U.S. Economic Competitiveness", and Dr. A.J. Angulo will finish the series with his talk "Merchants of Knowledge: The Rise of For-Profit Colleges and Universities in America" on April 7. All will take place during the common time in Dinkins Auditorium. Dr. Boyd thanked Dr. Meg Webber for putting the series together.

- c. Dr. Boyd stated that there would be additional changes of responsibilities in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and that those would be sent to the faculty by email.
- d. Dr. Boyd stated that she was looking forward to the new academic year and the new leadership that Dr. Mahoney will bring.

Dr. John Bird, Chair of Faculty Conference welcomed Ms. Anna Douglas from the Rock Hill *Herald*. She was given a warm welcome.

V. **Report from Academic Council, Dr. Dave Pretty, Chair.**

Dr. Pretty announced that the next meeting of Academic Council would take place on September 25. He announced that Dr. Will Thacker will chair the Committee on University Curriculum and that Dr. Lisa Harris will chair the General Education Committee. Dr. Pretty reminded that faculty that this academic year all 300-level courses will come up for recertification. Dr. Pretty also announced that this year Academic Council and the General Education committee will look at the recertification of the Social Sciences requirement and that Dr. John Marx will chair that subcommittee. Additionally Dr. Pretty announced that the Writing requirement for General Education courses will be examined. Dr. Alice Burmeister will chair this subcommittee.

VI. **Committee Reports**

Dr. John Bird announced the chairs of the Faculty Conference standing committees for 2015-2016. Those are as follows:

Academic Freedom and Tenure—Carol Marchel
Faculty Committee on University Life—Stacey Davidson
Faculty Committee on University Priorities—Mike Williams
Faculty Personnel—Dave Pretty
Library—Laura Gardner
Rules—Guy Reel
Undergraduate Petitions—Kavin Ming
University Curriculum—Will Thacker

VII. **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Dr. Antje Mays, who leads an initiative to connect new faculty with regalia, announced that she needed four robes and 3 hats for the upcoming convocation.
- b. Dr. Kimarie Whetstone, Director of Online Learning, and Ms. Kimberly Brazzell, Online Technician, updated the faculty about the new features of Blackboard. They encouraged faculty to contact them with any questions and concerns about Blackboard. The web address for Blackboard is <http://www.winthrop.edu/blackboard>. Dr. Whetstone reminded all faculty that they need to fill out a Blackboard Course Usage form if they intend to use blackboard for the fall semester. The form can be found on the Faculty Services Tab on Wingspan.
- c. Dr. Gloria Jones, Dean of University College, gave a report on the First Year Experience. She stated that this year they are spearheading a campaign entitled “261 Days As a True College Freshman” to encourage all freshmen to make every day count. She also announced that there is a new App, Winthrop Success App that all students and faculty and staff can access. To get this App go to Winthrop Success in the App store. Dr. Jones announced that this year’s Common Book is *The Glass Castle*, and she encouraged department chairs to pick up schedules with Common Book activities.

XI. Announcements:

- a. Ms. Gina Jones, Registrar, announced that there is now a new way of grading in Wingspan that will involve using Excel. Instructions can be found in Wingspan. She also announced that FERPA training is going on and that anyone who hasn’t attended a FERPA training session should consider doing so. She also announced that online transcripts can be ordered through Wingspan.
- b. Dean David Wohl announced that the 2015-2016 CVPA calendar is out and it lists all plays, recitals, and exhibitions for the College of Visual and Performing Arts.
- c. Dean Mark Herring (Dacus Library,) made several announcements. He reported that Digital Commons, under the leadership of DeAnn Brame, is the institutional repository for academic information. He announced that author Sam Kean will speak at the first Friends of the Library forum this year. He also announced that Dacus Library has begun a new program for students “Book a Librarian”, which will give students online one-on-one contact with a librarian. Students can make online appointments using this service. He encouraged faculty to use e-books as a way to help save money for students.
- d. Dr. Leigh Poole, Director of the International Center, announced that there are new scholarships for students to study abroad. The International Center

website lists these scholarships. She also reported that there are sixteen faculty/staff led short-term study abroad opportunities this year.

- e. Dean Gloria Jones, University College, announced that interim grades will be due during the first week of October. Dr. Jones stressed the importance of interim grades.
- f. Dr. Leslie Bickford, Director of ONCA, encouraged faculty to tell their students to visit ONCA for more information on scholarships and fellowships. She also announced that she has distributed ONCA business cards to department chairs and that faculty should hand these to students they believe have the potential to qualify for these competitive scholarships.
- g. Dr. John Bird, Director of the Teaching and Learning Center encouraged faculty and staff to help develop future programs. He announced that the next TLC conference will take place in February.
- h. Dr. Jane Smith, Director of the Writing Center, announced that the Writing Center is in the process of moving to an online scheduling system and that she will report on the progress of this endeavor soon.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting will take place on October 9 in Whitton Auditorium, Carroll Hall.