

UNC Faculty Assembly  
November 3, 2006

**Committee Meetings**

Academic Freedom & Tenure, Cat Warren, *chair* ..... Boardroom  
Budget, Paul Duvall, *chair* ..... Conference Room A  
Faculty Benefits & Welfare, Dennis Daley, *chair* ..... Conference Room C  
Faculty Development, Meg Morgan, *chair* ..... Conference Room B  
Governance, Blanche Radford-Curry, *chair* ..... Law Library  
Planning, Programs & Admin., Eileen Kohlenberg, *chair* ..... Executive Conf Rm  
Technology, Yogi Kakad, *chair* ..... HR Conference Rm

**Task Force Meetings:**

1. Assessment ..... Conference Room A  
2. Faculty Recruitment and Retention ..... Conference Room C  
3. Shared Governance Conference ..... Executive Conference Rm  
4. E-Learning ..... Conference Room B

Link to minutes <http://uncfacultyassembly.northcarolina.edu/html/meetings/2006/November/index.htm>

**Comments by President Bowles:** He rejected the idea of having an outside consultant assess how the University is serving the needs of the state because "Brenda told me to." He will establish a group of Wise Men and Women who will oversee the process. He will appoint a panel of about 10 faculty to travel around the state listening to feedback from Educational Leaders, Community Leaders and Business Leaders. He will provide reassigned time and extra pay. Detail will be forthcoming.

"Don't buy a dog and do your own barking." President Bowles' father.

He has decided to drop the textbook rental plan for now. He wants to encourage faculty to get their book orders in on time. Late book orders add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the textbook prices.

**Comments by Rob Nelson, Vice President Finance:** Budget priorities will be available on the website. They have since appeared on the FA link given above.

**Comments by Alan Mabe Vice President Academic Programs:** Looking for ways to simplify the approval process for bachelors and masters degree. He notes that these degrees can now be approved very quickly. Noted that degrees are "demand driven."

Need to limit online degree programs within the University system. He is sure that 16 programs are too many but that 1 program is not enough. Wants help figuring out how many programs should be offered.

He is working on a website that will post materials for online courses that any faculty member can use either in whole or in part. Faculty teaching on-campus courses can cut and paste pieces of these courses into the Blackboard site for their course.

Ask about evaluating programs, Mabe said "Faculty are responsible for evaluating quality." "Only faculty trained in the discipline can evaluate the quality of a program." He had never heard of Yardley.