MINUTES

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee
February 14, 2008
Alexander Room - EUC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Davis (Chair), Carolyn Ferree, Stephen Hassenfelt, David Perrin, and James Smith


PROCEEDINGS: Davis welcomed members and guests. Greetings were exchanged and agenda items were addressed.

Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2007. Davis called for any corrections or additions to the minutes. None were identified, and they were unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM

Request to Establish the Institute for Community and Economic Engagement

Perrin introduced Dr. Rosemary Wander, Associate Provost for Research and Public/Private Sector Partnerships, who will oversee the new Institute. Dr. Wander provided highlights of the program. Chair Hassenfelt voiced some concern regarding the choice of the word “Institute” versus another word such as “Center,” stating that it might appear to be too broad of a term. Davis requested a motion to recommend this item to the full board using the word “Institute” with the flexibility to change the word if necessary. Ferree moved and Hassenfelt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The UNCG Gerontology Research Network; Presentation by Dr. Janice Wassel

Perrin introduced Dr. Janice Wassel, Director of the Gerontology Program, who presented highlights of the Network and described five initial goals for the first year. Plans are to market UNCG’s research and strengths in aging through a complex web presence and other communications venues. This Research Network has had two meetings with a third meeting scheduled for February 26, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. at Gateway University Research Park. In addition, a Gerontology Summit will be held on April 9, 2008 in Cone Ballroom, Elliot University Center at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dr. Wassel invited all to attend. http://www.uncg.edu/gro
**The UNCG Child and Family Research Network (CFRN); Presentation by Dr. Susan Calkins**

Perrin introduced Dr. Susan Calkins, Professor, Departments of Human Development and Family Studies and Psychology, who presented highlights of the Network. She stressed that creating Network connections is essential, specifically connections among people/faculty with different perspectives, who work with different constituencies on campus, in the community and scholarly organizations. The Network is attempting to create resources for the faculty to use in breaking down barriers to working across departments and units. One resource is the CFRN webpage [http://cfrn.uncg.edu](http://cfrn.uncg.edu). The Network has taken on the task of trying to deal with the challenge of preventing and intervening in adolescent risk and behavioral problems. CFRN is planning a conference to be held next January where 12 nationally-known experts will work with faculty members to address these challenges and discuss solutions. All are invited to attend the Spring lecture on April 10, 2008 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Elliott University Center Auditorium.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ACTION ITEM**

**Personnel Report dated January 31, 2008**

Perrin summarized the report. No discussion followed. Davis requested a motion to recommend this item to the full board. Ferree moved and Hassenfelt seconded.

**Nominations for University Honorary Degrees**

Perrin presented background information on two candidates to be considered for University Honorary Degrees. Davis requested a motion to recommend to the full board the addition of these two candidates to the pool of nominees for consideration. Ferree moved and Hassenfelt seconded.