John Lepri’s Summary of the UNCG Faculty Senate’s Activity during the 2012-2013 Academic Year

1. Substantive changes to the Constitution of the General Faculty were formally adopted in a General Faculty meeting held April 24, 2013. The changes include the following.

- Non-tenure track faculty (NTTF) were granted eligibility to serve on the UNCG Faculty Senate, beginning in the third year of service. Up to 50% of the Senators from each School can be NTTF. This change empowers NTTF more participation in shared governance and promotes further “professionalization” opportunities.
- The term of the Chair of the UNCG Faculty Senate will be doubled to two years, beginning with the election of the Chair whose service begins in Fall 2015, thus increasing the efficiency of this position.

2. Substantive changes to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate were formally adopted in a General Faculty meeting held April 24, 2013. The Senate Bylaws, Faculty Compensation, Educational Standards, and Enrollment Management Committees were discontinued, as their functions were consolidated in other committees.

3. Several resolutions were approved, each supporting in some way the central role of faculty in decisions about curriculum and academic matters; some of these resolutions were developed with reference to wide-ranging UNC-system-level efforts to develop Strategic Directions for the next five-years.

4. Distinctions between the responsibilities of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the General Education Council were clarified.

5. The Faculty Senate also heard, and in some cases acted on, diverse updates, including the progress of UNCG’s reaffirmation (SACS-COC), Quality Enhancement Program (Global Engagement), Sustainability, UNCG Undergraduate Bulletin language; and athlete-student.

Officers of the UNCG Faculty Senate for the upcoming academic year:
- Faculty Senate Chair: Patricia Sink (School of Music, Theatre and Dance; Music Education)
- Faculty Senate Chair-Elect: Spoma Jovanovic (College of Arts and Sciences; Communication Studies)
- Secretary: Jim Carmichael (School of Education; Library and Information Studies)
- Parliamentarian: Dan Winkler (School of Business and Economics; Accounting and Finance)
- Past-Chair: John Lepri (College of Arts and Sciences; Biology)

Sessions of the UNCG Faculty Senate in the upcoming academic year:
- Wednesday, September 4, 2013 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, October 2, 2013 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, November 6, 2013 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, December 4, 2013 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, February 5, 2014 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, March 5, 2014 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, April 2, 2014 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center

Forums of the UNCG Faculty Senate in the upcoming academic year:
- Wednesday, October 16, 2013 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, November 20, 2013 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, February 19, 2014 3pm Virginia Dare Room, Alumni Center
- Wednesday, March 19, 2014 3pm TBD

May 2, 2013

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