

Minutes from Fall 2010 Faculty Meeting
206 Cox Hall
November 30, 2010

Dean Braden called the meeting to order with approval of the minutes from the Spring 2010 Meeting.

Walt Wolfram discussed the Strategic Planning Initiative with the faculty. Following, Dean Braden allotted each CHASS taskforce member 5-10 minutes to present their summaries listed below. Please note that since the Fall 2010 faculty meeting, the full task force white papers have been updated and posted on the Strategic Planning Website. <http://info.ncsu.edu/strategic-planning/>

Hans Kellner- Comprehensiveness and Interdisciplinarity

- Explore alternative university structures
- Establish joint appointments that affiliate faculty with programs outside their disciplinary departments
- Support the strategic development of doctoral programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Conclude with a set of metrics for evaluating interdisciplinary efforts

Tony Harrison- Faculty Excellence

Two broad strategic goals: focusing for impact, and fostering a culture of quality

- Focusing for impact
 - a.) Define a set of university-wide focus areas
 - b.) Strengthen and build an interdisciplinary foundation of graduate education and research
- Foster a culture of quality
 - a.) Foster faculty excellence
 - b.) Foster diversity and inclusion
 - c.) Fostering collegiality and community
 - d.) Fostering careers for tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty

Maxine Atkinson- Undergraduate Student Success

- Offer Professional Advising
- All incoming first-year students be required to take an FYI course
- Increase living and learning villages
- All undergraduate students be required to practice in high-impact educational practices (i.e., study abroad, service learning, internships, capstone courses)

- Students should participate in the first-year transition program

Vicki Gallagher and Lynne Baker-Ward- Graduate and Postdoctoral Program Development

Two of the top reasons doctoral students complete or fail to complete their Ph.D.s

- Financial resources are fundamental to graduate education, are currently a limiting factor for many graduate programs at NC State.
- Mentoring of graduate students is fundamental to graduate education
- Greater than 90 percent of our graduate programs are department based (disciplinary), leaving a void in interdisciplinary areas.
- The current process for developing new graduate programs involves minimal collaborative planning (e.g., what's important to the larger unit?).
- The current process for developing new graduate programs is labor intensive and requires many years for approval; likewise, approval from the UNC Board of Governors is difficult to predict.
- Not all NC State research-active faculty have access to training doctoral students

Mary Wyr and Bill Adler- Research and Scholarship

- facilitate new cross-disciplinary collaborative research activities
- increase faculty participation
- provide leadership development opportunities to help faculty pursue and achieve new advances in research and scholarship
- provide research commons/spaces distributed across campus

Heidi Hobbs- Global Engagement and Competitiveness

- Create a Global Engagement Institute
- Require all undergraduates to have a three-credit global impact activity/experience
- Modify the academic calendar to create two- to three-week mini-semesters, as January or May terms

Charles Coe- Resource Strategies

- Develop and implement new ways to reallocate resources
- Phase in any new models over many years
- Increase funded research and innovation
- Simplification of administrative structures and processes

Dennis Gray-Partnerships, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

- Provide opportunities for experiential learning, research, and community engagement opportunities

- Embrace and respond to the need for cross-disciplinary research and graduate study
- Create cross-disciplinary institute for sustainable innovation driving social and economic development.

Campus Culture-Student representatives not present at the meeting. The Campus Culture white paper can be accessed on the following:

<http://info.ncsu.edu/strategic-planning/files/2011/01/campus-culture-and-community-wp-fin.pdf>

The Dean noted that the college would convene, under Walt Wolfram's leadership, a group to write a response to the university's strategic planning report. That process will begin in the spring so that we can both respond to and influence the final report and how it may be used in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next meeting will be held in Spring 2011. More details about the meeting will be sent at a later date. Please direct questions or edits to cwbrown@gw.fis.ncsu.edu.