The Faculty Senate continued to discuss and provide input on the items mentioned by David Zonderman in his March 19 report to the Board of Trustees. Most of the matters have come to a close; University College has been created in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, the university now makes decisions on internal transfer of students who are changing majors (formerly processed at the departmental level), the new campus timetable (class times) is currently being used as we schedule spring classes, and the Faculty Ombuds (Roy Baroff) now has a nearby off-campus office.

The proposed changes to Post Tenure Review were presented by the Personnel Policy Committee at the last senate meeting on April 21, and a spirited discussion that continued into the summer (via email) ensued. The revisions were finalized over the summer and included a compromise on suggestions made by the Faculty Senate. The other three committees (Academic Policy, Governance, and Resources & Environment) also made progress reports to the Senate at the last meeting; reports from all committees are posted on the Faculty Senate website.

Several resolutions were passed at the last two Senate meetings: Resolution for a University Standing Committee on Lectures and Speakers (to create it); Resolution on Board of Governors Teaching Award (recommending that non-tenure track faculty be eligible); Resolution on Funding Library Collections (recommending increased funding for collections and databases); Resolution on Funding Library Services (recommending restoring library staff to levels adequate to allow D.H. Hill and Hunt libraries to function at past levels). A Statement of Concern on Chancellor Search Policies was endorsed.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee voted to reduce the number of senate committees from four to three beginning with the 2015/2016 academic year. Resources & Environment and Academic Policy remain the same; Personnel Policy has been combined with Governance to even out
the committee workload and to allow 11 to 12 senators per committee rather than 8 or 9. The committee name is Governance and Personnel Policy.

Three Issues of Concern that will continue to be discussed by Faculty Senate committees are Grant Administrative Delays, Grade Distributions for a Course Varying by Section, and Faculty Involvement in the Process of Degree Consolidation or Elimination. One new Issue of Concern that came in over the summer is Phone & Internet Cost Hikes to Departments.

A flowchart to explain Faculty Governance and Representation in the UNC System was created over the summer to help new senators understand the multiple layers of governance, and it is posted on the Faculty Senate website (last link at: http://www.ncsu.edu/faculty_senate/).

The Faculty Senate used temporary chambers during the last part of the Spring 2015 semester; the sprinkler installation was completed over the summer and we were able to return to the Faculty Senate Chambers on August 12, 2015.

The first Executive Committee meeting (August 20) and Senate Meeting (August 25) of this year will occur after the date of this report.

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