The last report to the Board of Trustees was submitted in January of 2016. Since that time, the following topics have been discussed at the full Faculty Senate:

1. Results of the COACHE Faculty Satisfaction Survey (Nancy Whelchel and Katharine Stewart). Background: Senators requested that we hear the results of the COACHE Faculty Satisfaction Survey that was conducted in 2014/2015.
2. Enhancing Graduate Student Success (Dean Maureen Grasso). Background: Senators requested that we invite Dean Grasso to share information about Graduate Education.
3. Academic Analytics: Where is the university going with this? (Mary Lelik) Background: Senators had expressed concern about potential reliance on academic analytics and over-reliance on analytics in general.
4. The title of "Secretary" was changed to "Associate Chair" after considerable discussion with a vote of 22 yes, 1 no, and 0 abstentions. Background: Women faculty have stated on more than one occasion that they would not run for "Secretary" because of the title. Secretaries of the Faculty for this century have all been either men or librarians (or both). The concern was that we might miss out on providing leadership opportunities for women in the senate if they were not comfortable with the title.
5. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to give University College separate senate representation from General Constituency. This will occur with the next elections (spring of 2017) and will be effective as of July 1, 2017. This will increase the number of senators from 35 to 37.
6. Two resolutions were passed at the final (April 19) meeting. They were (1) Resolution in Favor of Updating the Alma Mater; and (2) Resolution of Opposition to the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Regulation. The resolutions with explanatory material are in Appendices A and B in the April 19 agenda at: https://facultysenate.ncsu.edu/meetings-minutes/. The response from Chancellor Woodson is in Appendix A of the August 23, 2016 agenda at the same web address.

Topics scheduled for discussion in upcoming Faculty Senate meetings include:

1. The Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign - Dr. Chris Gould
2. Updates on Graduate Education, including the GSSP (Graduate Student Support Plan) - Dr. Maurine Grasso, Dean of the Graduate School

The Spring General Faculty Meeting was held on March 1, 2016. The faculty presented a plaque to Chancellor and Mrs. Woodson with the text of the Resolution of Appreciation recognizing their very generous donation to start the scholarship program that will provide $2,000 annually toward NC State University tuition for all dependents of faculty and staff employed full time for 3 or more years. Following the presentation of the plaque, Chancellor and Mrs. Woodson received a standing ovation. The featured speaker for the meeting was Vice Chancellor and Dean Mike Mullen, who gave a big picture overview of DASA (Division of Academic and Student Affairs) and the new University College. The two candidates for Chair-Elect of the faculty (Drs. Carolyn Bird and Sheila Smith McKoy) introduced themselves and made statements after Dr. Mullen’s presentation. [Dr. Carolyn Bird was subsequently voted in and is now Chair-Elect of the Faculty.]

The Fall General Faculty Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016 in the Talley Coastal Ballroom. The main topic will be determined on September 20th.
Vernice Stevenson, Executive Assistant for the Faculty Senate, retired at the end of June after 20.5 years in that role. There were several excellent candidates for the position, and Joni Lancaster is the new Executive Assistant.

The Faculty Senate website was revamped this summer to be in compliance with the new university security upgrades and university branding. The new web address is: facultysenate.ncsu.edu. The Faculty Senate appreciates the Provost's Office financial support ($500) for the creation of the new site in hosted WordPress.

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