The last report to the Board of Trustees was submitted on March 23, 2017. Since that time, the following topics have been discussed at the full Faculty Senate:

1. **Athletics and Academics at NC State University** (Apr 4)
   Katie Sheridan Graham, Assistant Dean and Director, Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, and Deborah A. Yow, Director of Athletics. Background - This is the annual update on athletics and academics at NC State University.

2. **Alumni Association Gift and Recognition of Outgoing Chair of the Faculty.** (Apr 18)
   Benny Suggs, Associate Vice Chancellor of Alumni Relations. Presented Dr. Jeannette A. Moore with a commemorative chair from the Alumni Association.

3. **Elections Planning** (Aug 22)
   Carolyn Bird, Chair of the Faculty. Reviewed with the Senators two new forms she developed to support advanced planning to recruit faculty to represent their respective colleges on two committees: Grievance and Non-Reappointment Committee and the Faculty Discharge Hearing Committee. The forms identify by College the number and type (tenured or open rank) of open seats to be filled in the Spring elections.

Invited Speakers for discussion in upcoming Faculty Senate meetings include:

1. **Bias Incidence Response Team (BIRT)** (September 5)
   Dr. Linda McCabe Smith, Vice Provost/Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity, and Reggie Barnes, Senior Director of Campus Community Centers.

Senators will consider and rank a list of potential topics at the September 5th Faculty Senate meeting.

The **Fall General Faculty Meeting** is scheduled for October 3, 2017 in the Talley Student Center, Blue Mountains Ballroom. Topic suggestions are being accepted from the senators with the main topic to be determined in September.

The **Spring General Faculty Meeting** is scheduled for March 20, 2018 in the Talley Student Center, Room 4280. Topic suggestions are being accepted from the senators.

**Other items:**

Elections (Apr 4) were conducted for **Associate Chair of the Faculty** (formerly called Secretary). The two candidates for Associate Chair of the Faculty (Drs. Kimberly Ange-van Heugten and Philip Sannes) introduced themselves and made statements. Dr. Kimberly Ange-van Heugten was subsequently voted in and is now Associate Chair of the Faculty.
Elections (Apr 18) were conducted for the **Faculty Senate Executive Committee**. There were eleven candidates for six elected positions on the committee. The eleven candidates introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their interest in serving on the Executive Committee. Elected subsequently by electronic ballot and with two being appointed by Chair Bird were: Drs. Dimitris Argyropoulos, Sarah Ash, David Auerbach, Alton Banks, Rajade Berry-James, Beth Fath, Philip Sannes, and Ron Sederoff.

Elections (Apr 18) were conducted for **Faculty Assembly Delegates**, one regular and one alternate. Candidates Drs. Robert Hayes and Jeannette Moore provided brief biographies. Elected by ballot were Robert Hayes (Delegate) and Jeannette Moore (Alternate Delegate).

Elections (Apr 18) were conducted for the **Council on Athletics** representative. Two candidates, Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman and Darby Orcutt gave a brief overview of their background and interest in serving in this role. Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman was elected by ballot.

The **Faculty Senate Chambers** received an update (paint and replacement of remaining non-matching chairs). As part of the update the historical Chairs of the Faculty photographs were removed from the wall. A plaque commemorating their tenures will be placed in the Senate Chambers. In addition, Faculty Chair photographs and dates of tenure are now posted on the Faculty Senate website. The first Chair served in 1954. NC State University Chairs of the Faculty are available at: [https://facultysenate.ncsu.edu/home/nc-state-university-chairs-of-the-faculty/](https://facultysenate.ncsu.edu/home/nc-state-university-chairs-of-the-faculty/)

Joni Lancaster began her tenure as **Executive Assistant for the Faculty Senate** on June 14, 2016. Joni provided oversight to the Senate Chambers update to include the posting of NC State Chairs of the Faculty on the Faculty Senate website.

The three **Faculty Senate Committees** (Academic Policy; Governance and Personnel Policy; Resources and Environment) discuss many issues and some of them are resolved without coming to the full Senate. Committee reports are posted on the website: [https://facultysenate.ncsu.edu/](https://facultysenate.ncsu.edu/)

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