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Educational Planning and Programs Committee (EPPC)

UNCW Board of Trustees

Overview

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Update Report from Faculty Senate

Colleen Reilly, Ph.D., Professor and Faculty Senate President

- Academic Affairs Report

James J. Winebrake, Ph.D., Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

- Student Affairs Report

Christine Reed Davis, Ed.D., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Faculty Senate Update Report

Dr. Colleen Reilly

President of Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Report

Dr. Colleen Reilly
Professor of English
Faculty Senate President



Current work of the Faculty Senate

Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee addressing UNC Policy on Fostering Undergraduate Student Success (Foundations of American Democracy) [400.1.5]

- Faculty Senate voted to add a FAD component to University Studies
- Courses will be added to the component during the 2025-2026 AY

Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Program Review

- Presented the proposed Academic Program Review Process for UNCW at the March meeting
- Faculty Senate **voted to endorse this process on April 15, 2025**

Current work of the Faculty Senate

Academic Standards Committee

- Approved the proposed policy for awarding posthumous degrees to graduate students
- Approved revisions to the policy for awarding posthumous degrees to undergraduate students
- Approved a policy for awarding Degrees in Memoriam

Evaluation Committee

- Presented the proposed survey questions for teaching effectiveness instrument on **April 15**
- Will submit a motion to approve the survey questions and the changes to the Faculty Handbook to comply with System Office policies and the change from IDEA to Blue by Explorance on **May 13**

Upcoming work of the Faculty Senate

Academic Standards Committee

- Approved and sent forward revisions to the Credit for Prior Learning policy to conform to changes to UNC System Policies
 - Policy on Awarding Undergraduate Credit on the Basis of Advanced Course Examination Scores [700.10.1]
 - Regulation on Awarding Undergraduate Credit for Prior Learning [700.10.1[R]]

Faculty from the School of Nursing

- Proposed a process for awarding posthumous promotion



Academic Affairs Update

Dr. James J. Winebrake

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs Update

Overview

- Highlights and Activities
- Waivers for Programs Over 120 Credits
- Vacancy in Distinguished Professorship

Highlights and Activities *in the Division of Academic Affairs*



The AA Divisional Highlights document is available online, in the supporting materials for this meeting.

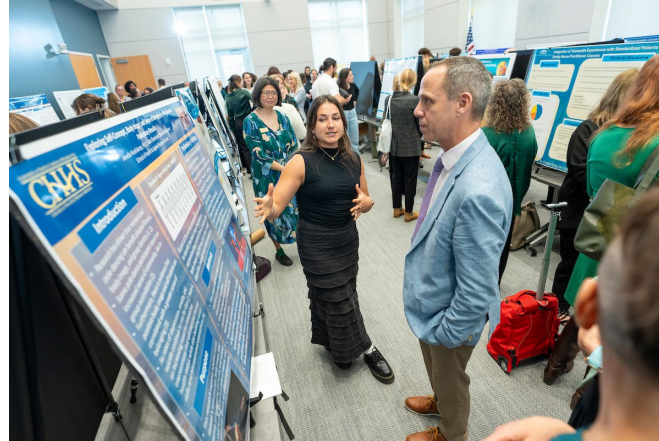


Highlights and Activities



Annual Business Week

The 43rd annual CSB Business Week was held in March with nearly 2,000 UNCW students in attendance. The two-day event had more than 200 speakers, with keynote addresses from Steve Smits (Live Oak Bank) and alum Derek Bomar '08 (Deutsche Bank).



Annual Health and Human Services Week

Starting with CHHS Research and Innovation Day, this year featured 34 sessions on a wide range of topics. Nearly 750 attendees learned from experts, participated in hands-on activities, and networked with local professionals, and UNCW students, staff, faculty, and alumni.



New Applied Learning Classroom Unveiled

This new space in CHSSA is an innovative hub bearing state-of-the-art communications technology. It will be used for various classrooms and for Pier601 Creative, an applied learning integrated marketing communication course that is now in its 10th year.



Highlights and Activities



\$1.5M for Coastal Research

TEAL-SHIPS Transect Expedition will utilize this grant in a groundbreaking project to study coastal land-to-sea habits. Led by Dr. Bradley Tolar, the team includes UNCW collaborators from three CSE departments and members from three other UNC institutions.



Regional STEM Competitions with CESTEM

This spring, WCE's CESTEM hosted three regional STEM competitions: the Southeast Regional Science & Engineering Fair; the Wilmington Regional NC Science Olympiad Tournament, and the Wilmington Regional SeaPerch Competition.



OFFICE of INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION

Record Number of Invention Disclosures

To date, OIC has received 15 invention disclosures – more than any previous fiscal year on record! Contributing to this growth is increased R2 activity, multiple strategic initiatives (e.g. Research Hubs), and a new Express License Agreement.



External Recognitions

- **Dr. Joseph Covi (CSE)** named to the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) 2025 class of Senior Members. [Learn more.](#)
- **Dr. Brian Davis (CSE)** received the 2025 Fainting Robin Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award. [Learn more.](#)
- **Rachylle Hart (CMS)** named to WILMA Leadership Institute, Class of 2025. [Learn more.](#)
- **Megan Hinson (GPIE)** received the Professional Newcomer Award, one of NCAIE's Excellence in International Education awards. [Learn more.](#)
- **Jenna Noe (CHHS)** named to WILMA Leadership Institute, Class of 2025. [Learn more.](#)
- **Megan Kauzlaric (Office of the Provost)** named to WILMA Leadership Institute, Class of 2025. [Learn more.](#)
- **Leneice Rice (CHHS)** named to WILMA Leadership Institute, Class of 2025. [Learn more.](#)
- **Dr. Lindsey Schroeder (CHHS)** received the 2025 Athletic Trainer Service Award for the North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (NCATA). [Learn more.](#)



Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Zachary Long

Associate Professor

Department of Biology and Marine Biology

College of Science and Engineering

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More Awards are Coming...

- Faculty Awards Celebration
- Research Achievement Awards
- Staff Awards for Excellence



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Celebrating Our Seahawks!

Seahawk Preview Day | April 12



Commencement | May 9-10



Update: Policy Work with the UNC System

Policy on Academic
Program Planning
(400.1)

Policy on Fostering
Undergraduate Student
Success (400.1.5)

Regulation to Foster
Undergraduate Transfer
Student Success
(400.1.5.3[R])

Regulation on Teaching
Effectiveness in the
University of North
Carolina
(400.3.1.1[R])

Regulation on
Performance Review of
Tenured Faculty (Post-
Tenure Review)
(400.3.3.1[R])

Policy on Monitoring
Faculty Teaching
Workloads
(400.3.4)

Regulation on Awarding
Undergraduate Credit for
Prior Learning
(700.10.1[R])

UNC Policy Manual and Code:
northcarolina.edu/apps/policy/index.php



Waivers for Programs Over 120 Credits

Dr. James J. Winebrake

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Background: Waiver Requirement

- UNC Policy 400.1.5 requires Board of Trustees approval for any undergraduate degree that requires more than 120 credit hours.
- Waivers are allowed for "compelling" reasons that include accreditation standards; licensure requirements; and other state, federal, or professional regulations.



Update: Waivers Requested in 2018

- In 2018, UNCW requested and received a total of three (3) waivers. The identified programs were:
 - Coastal Engineering
 - Elementary Education
 - Pre-licensure Nursing
- Each of these programs have made curricular adjustments resulting in the elimination of the need for a waiver. These programs are now in compliance with the 120 credit hour requirement.



Action Item: Waiver Request

- We have one program that is currently over 120 credit hours and needs a waiver from the Board of Trustees:
 - Intelligent Systems Engineering
- This program was approved by the Board of Governors in 2021 with 129 credit hours; we have reduced the required credit hours to 121 starting fall 2025.

Action Item: The university requests BOT approval for a waiver under policy 400.1.5 for the Intelligent System Engineering program, which will have a total number of required credits hours of **121** starting fall 2025.



Informational Item: Vacancy in Distinguished Professorship

Dr. James J. Winebrake

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



McNeill Distinguished Professorship in the School of Nursing

- **Current Appointee:** Distinguished Professor Barbara J. Lutz
- **Reason for Vacancy:** Entering phased retirement

NEXT STEPS:

- The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) and the School of Nursing will move forward with a search process to identify and select the next appointee.
- Once the search is completed, an action item will be submitted to the BOT for appointment.





Student Affairs Report

Dr. Christine Reed Davis

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs



Discussion / Q&A

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