

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council
Thursday, September 15, 2016

**Nan Jokerst (Chair, Academic Council /
Electrical and Computer Engineering):**

Welcome, everyone, to our first meeting of the Academic Council for the 2016-17 academic year. I'm Nan Jokerst, a professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and I've been at Duke for over 13 years. I am honored to be serving in my second year as Chair of Academic Council, through June 2017. We, the faculty, are the foundation of our institution, and our thoughtful discussion of what Duke is today, and our aspirations for Duke tomorrow, forms the mortar that binds our foundation together into a robust community. So I thank you for attending our Council meeting today, and choosing to participate in faculty governance at Duke. Faculty governance is incredibly important to the health of our institution, and is a powerful tool moving forward together in partnership with the administration. Partnership, as it was last year, will be one of our themes this year. The tools of this partnership are transparency, discussion, and refinement. This year, we will be discussing programs that have the potential to profoundly impact our future, the future of Duke, including the Strategic Plan and the undergraduate program at Duke Kunshan University. In both cases, the Provost is providing documents for discussion prepared in the spirit of transparency before our Council meeting to all faculty. Then we, the Academic Council, will have an information and discussion session

with the administration so that we can provide constructive feedback to the proposed plan so that it can be revised and refined before it comes to a vote of the Council. The Duke Kunshan University undergraduate program proposal is already a case in point, as significant changes to the plan have occurred due to discussions with Academic Council and multiple faculty committees, who will we hear from today. Many of the returning Council members have seen this feedback and planning progression, and I would like to particularly thank you, our returning Council members. You have the institutional memory that provides context to our deliberations. I would also like to welcome our newly elected Council members. You bring a fresh perspective to our discussions – please don't hesitate to speak up! And I would like to thank all of the faculty who are attending today who are not elected members of Academic Council, but are interested, and engaged in faculty governance – thank you for voting with your feet on the importance of faculty governance.

Before we proceed any further with our meeting, I would also like to recognize Sandra Walton, (Sandra, would you please stand up), who is the Administrative Coordinator for the Academic Council and for the Executive Committee of the Academic Council. She is instrumental to our work. Thank you, Sandra! (applause). She really makes our work possible and

makes us look professional. I'd also like to thank Susan Jennings, our staff assistant, who is also indispensable to Academic Council (applause).

Now, I would like to introduce the faculty colleagues who serve with me on the Executive Committee of the Academic Council, otherwise known as ECAC. ECAC meets every week for two hours, beginning typically in late August and concluding in mid-May. During this period, we meet often with the senior leadership of the University.

ECAC members serve a two-year term, and the Academic Council elects ECAC members from its membership. I'd like to ask my ECAC colleagues to stand when I call their name.

ECAC members entering their second year of service are:

Trina Jones (Law School);
Emily Klein (Nicholas School of the Environment); Emily will serve as Vice Chair this year;
Josh Sosin (Classical Studies & History);
Josh will serve as Faculty Secretary this year.

The newly elected ECAC members are:

Kirsten Corazzini (School of Nursing);
Grainne Fitzsimons (Fuqua School of Business);
Andrew Janiak (Philosophy) and
Mari Shinohara (Immunology)

Please join me in thanking my ECAC colleagues in advance for their service (applause).

President Brodhead is traveling today, and sends his regrets that he cannot

attend our meeting.

A couple of procedural items: Attendance sheets for Council members are being circulated, so please initial, pass them on, and return these to Sandra at the end of our meeting. Just a reminder, our bylaws state that elected members can be removed from the Council after three consecutive unexcused absences. So, please send an email to Sandra if you are unable to attend a meeting. And another reminder, as you ask questions or make comments, please identify yourself. Our meetings are recorded and transcribed, except when we are in Executive Session.

I also want you to know that I welcome your suggestions for discussion topics for our upcoming meetings. If you would like to suggest an item, please send those to me and encourage your colleagues who are not members of the Council to do so as well. And I'd like to remind everyone that the Council has a tradition of submitting questions to be asked anonymously of the President, Provost or Executive Vice President. So if you have a question, you have no excuse. Send it to us. You can do this either through our website at the "contact us" tab or you can send an email to acouncil@duke.edu. If you Google "Academic Council Duke," you can't miss us.

As continuing Council members know, normally one of our first items of business is the approval of the previous meeting minutes. As ECAC is granted authority by you, the Council, to conduct business on your behalf over the summer months, the approval of our May 12 meeting minutes, along with the approval of summer term degrees, were already handled by ECAC.

**FACULTY HEARING COMMITTEE
NOMINEES AND APPROVAL**

Jokerst: With your agenda, Council members saw ECAC's nominations for the Faculty Hearing Committee. The Faculty Hearing Committee is a subcommittee of the Academic Council and is charged with considering complaints from faculty concerning issues such as termination of employment, violations of academic freedom, and allegations of harassment not resolved by other university bodies. The process for issuing a formal complaint is detailed in Appendix N in the Duke Faculty Handbook.

The Faculty Handbook states that the Faculty Hearing Committee will consist of 12 tenured faculty members nominated by ECAC and elected by the Council at large to serve three-year terms.

So here are the proposed new members for terms ending in 2019, and we have also listed the continuing members for your reference (refers to slide). Are there any questions about these nominees?

(Nominees approved by voice vote without dissent)

I want to thank each of the faculty who have agreed to serve, and offer special thanks to Tom Metzloff, from the Law School, for agreeing to chair the committee for another year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jokerst: At this point I would like to call the meeting into Executive Session. This means that those of you who are not Duke faculty members, I kindly ask you to leave our meeting. Duke faculty members, whether or not you've been elected to the

Council, please stay to share your thoughts on the DKU undergraduate degree.

The remainder of the meeting was conducted in Executive Session.