

**UNC Faculty Assembly
Planning, Programs, and Administration Committee
January 26, 2007**

Alan Mabe met with the committee to report on some of the academic initiatives occurring at General Administration. An overview of long range planning is available under the academic programs section of the UNC General Administration website. A systematic needs assessment of the state will be done to inform future program planning in the University system. Norma Mills and 8 to 10 UNC faculty will conduct the needs assessment with a kick-off planned in February.

A total of 530 programs have been discontinued in the UNC system since 1972; 600 new programs have been added during the same timeframe with a shift toward increased master's and doctoral programs. During the next decade, an increase in the number of Hispanics attending University programs is expected. Online programs also are expected to grow; a common portal has been designed to identify the online programs offered at each school.

President Bowles has five million dollar funding from the legislature to enhance faculty salaries to the 80th percentile for either recruiting new faculty or retaining existing faculty. He invites additional proposals from the campuses for funding of faculty salaries in these categories.

Bobby Kanoy will give an update at the next meeting regarding articulation with the community colleges and examination of the core curriculum in the community colleges. E. Kohlenberg attended a joint meeting of university and community college faculty that focused on these issues.

Suzanne Weiner was elected chair of the committee for 2007-2008.

Future issues to be examined include:

- Articulation with community colleges and core curriculum;
- UNC Online;
- Retention and graduation rates;
- Program planning, establishment, and discontinuation;
- Mission study and needs assessment; and
- Hours required for graduation, hours required for core, and admission requirements.

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