

July 1, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: 2009-10 Evaluation of Teaching Committee

FROM: James H. Woodward
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Appointment to University Standing Committee on Evaluation of Teaching

You have been recommended by the Committee on Committees to serve as a member of the University Standing Committee on Evaluation of Teaching. Your willingness to accept this responsibility is very much appreciated.

The objectives of this committee are:

1. In consultation with the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, advise the Provost on matters of teaching evaluation.
2. On a continuing basis, review the effectiveness of current techniques of faculty teaching evaluation and the selection procedure for the Outstanding Teacher Awards. Recommend changes as needed.
3. Advise the Provost and Chancellor on compliance with university and general administration policies on teaching evaluation.
4. Review the best research on and models of teaching evaluation at our peer and other institutions.
5. Solicit information from colleges and departments regarding their teaching evaluation practices.
6. Suggest improvements in policy and practice.
7. Consult with the Faculty Senate's Academic Policy Committee for consideration of policies, procedures and standards.

The committee is reminded of the importance of following provision of General Faculty

Bylaws, Article VII, Section 4,
http://ncsu.edu/faculty_senate/general-faculty/GF-Bylaws.php which requires that "All University standing and ad hoc committees shall forward reports simultaneously to the Faculty Senate and the appropriate administrator. Any action of the Faculty Senate in response to the report will be forwarded to the administrator." The reports are to be accessible from the committee's University Standing Committee web site no later than May 28, 2010. This provision enables the Faculty Senate to review and comment on the recommendations of your committee in a timely fashion. It has generally been understood to include any formal committee minutes where these are regularly posted on the committee's web site and formal recommendations that are submitted for administrative review and approval.

The committee is expected to select a chair-elect from among the continuing members and forward that name to Vicki Walton no later than February 1. Each committee member is normally appointed to a three-year term, which is subject to annual review.

Committee chairs are to use the committee's web page provided at <http://www.provost.ncsu.edu/governance/standing-committees>. Please contact Virginia Howell for assistance in using the web site and other administrative needs to support the committee's work.

Please be aware that your committee must abide by the UNC General Administration interpretation of the (August 9, 1996) North Carolina Open Meetings Law. Procedures for doing so are to be found at <http://www.provost.ncsu.edu/governance/openmeet/index.php>.

Again, your willingness to serve on this committee is appreciated.