

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

FWDC 2: Endowed Professorships

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Summary: This document updates the list of Endowed Professorships in the faculty handbook, both adding six professorships created in the last several years and consolidating the listing of professorships in one location. It also clearly states our current practice that Endowed Professors ordinarily do not also serve as Department Chairs or Program Directors at the same time.

Rationale: The recommendation that Endowed Professors ordinarily do not also serve as Department Chairs or Program Directors is consistent with current practice and is justified by the fact that Endowed Professors have specific responsibilities associated with their position which would make it difficult to also effectively serve as a Department Chair or a Program Director, even with a reduced teaching load. This proposal does, however, allow for exceptions to this general rule with the approval of the appropriate Dean and the Provost.

1) Delete 6.2.1 and 6.2.3 and renumber 6.2.2 and 6.2.4-6 accordingly

2) Delete 6.4 Endowed Professorships and replace with:

6.4 Endowed Professorships

Thanks to the generosity of donors, foundations, and funding organizations, UNC Asheville has a number of Endowed Professorships. These positions vary in expectation and duration as specified below. Endowed Professors ordinarily do not also serve as a Department Chair or Program Directors, and may do so only with approval of the appropriate Dean and the Provost and VCAA, and only if his or her teaching load remains at or above half-time for the year.

6.4.1 Belk Professor (Humanities)

The Carol G. Belk Distinguished Professorship in Humanities was endowed by Irwin Belk in honor of his wife. Subtitled "Ethics In Contemporary Cultures," the Belk Professorship is given to an individual who can share his or her knowledge of the history, development and function of ethics and ethical systems in contemporary world cultures. The Belk Professor may come from any discipline and must have substantial accomplishment in undergraduate teaching, interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship, and campus and community leadership. Duties include teaching two classes per semester, including courses

in the Humanities program, scholarship, support of undergraduate research and faculty development activities. No term of appointment is specified.

6.4.2 Carson Professor (Natural Sciences)

The Phillip G. Carson Distinguished Professor in Science may be awarded in any discipline in UNC Asheville's natural sciences division, preferably to an individual whose specialty area stresses interdisciplinary learning. Identified as both a teacher and a scholar, the Carson Professor must have a strong commitment to undergraduate education and to undergraduate research, and is expected to have a wide impact on the university community and the state. Duties include regular teaching of both upper and lower level courses (number of courses not specified), scholarship, support of undergraduate research, faculty development activities, and some public responsibilities. The appointment also provides separate funding for additional expenses. No term of appointment is specified.

6.4.3 Glaxo Wellcome Professor (Natural Sciences)

The Glaxo Wellcome Professorship in Undergraduate Research may be awarded in any discipline in the physical and natural sciences, preferably to an individual whose expertise can enhance interdisciplinary learning and scholarship. The Glaxo Wellcome Professor is expected to take the lead role in facilitating interdisciplinary science and undergraduate science research. Evidence of commitment to undergraduate education, undergraduate research, and the liberal arts is essential. Preference is given to those with a proven record of securing external funds. Duties include teaching four courses a year (lower and upper division), scholarship, support of undergraduate research, faculty development activities, and some public responsibilities. The appointment is for five years, renewable for a second five years.

6.4.4 Breman Professor (Social Sciences)

The Sara and Joseph Breman Foundation and the Helen and Coleman Zageir Foundation have provided a permanent endowment for the Sara and Joseph Breman Professorship of Social Relations. This professorship is awarded for a two-year term to a faculty member residing in one of the Social Science departments. A call for applications is made during the fall semester of the Breman Professor's second year. Applications are reviewed the following spring by the Dean of Social Sciences in consultation with the chairs of the Social Science departments. The Breman Professor is named in the spring and his or her two-year term begins the subsequent fall.

6.4.5 NEH Professor (Humanities)

Supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the title of NEH professor is bestowed as a reward for scholarship and teaching in the Humanities. The NEH professor teaches a reduced class load (typically 2 courses each semester) and assists with faculty development in the Humanities area. The appointment is made by the Provost and VCAA for a term of 3 years.

6.4.6 Owen Professor (Economics)

Supported by a grant from the C. D. Spangler Foundation, the Owen Professorship is awarded to a Professor of Economics to recognize and to encourage excellence in the Department of Economics in teaching, scholarship, and professional and community service. The Owen Professorship provides reassigned time and financial resources which enables the pursuit of work that would not otherwise have been possible, preferably work that engages others in the university and in the community. The term of appointment is 3-5 years, as specified in the proposal, and may be renewed after a new call for proposals.

6.4.7 GlaxoSmithKline Professor (Molecular and Chemical Biology)

The GlaxoSmithKline Professorship is supported by grants from the GlaxoSmithKline Foundation and the C. D. Spangler foundation. The appointment recognizes excellence in teaching and scholarship in the area of molecular and chemical biology, and is for a five-year term which may be renewed for a subsequent five-year term. The GlaxoSmithKline Professor teaches half-time to enable support of undergraduate research.

6.4.8 Roy Carroll Distinguished Professorship (Arts and Sciences Honors)

The Roy Carroll Distinguished Professorship in Honors Arts and Sciences was made possible by a grant from the C.D. Spangler Foundation and a generous anonymous private gift. The Carroll Professor works closely with the Director of the Honors program and supports the program in establishing linkages to undergraduate research, service learning, and other university initiatives. The Professorship is awarded to a tenured full professor who has a record of substantive contribution to the University and its mission as well as exemplary teaching across the liberal arts curriculum and in the Honors program. The appointment comes with two courses of reassigned time to support programming activities in the Honors program. The Carroll Professor is expected to teach both in the Honors program and in his or her home department. The initial appointment is for a three-year term, with the possibility of a second three-year reappointment.

6.4.9 Key Center Professor (Service Learning)

The Key Center for Service Learning was established in 1998 through the generous support of the Adelaide Worth Daniels foundation. The Key Center Professor, an endowed position, is also the Director of the Key Center, with responsibilities for directing the activities of the center, integrating service learning into the curriculum across campus, and responding to community interests and needs. The appointment is for a three-year term which may be renewed, and comes with a one course release each semester and a stipend.

6.4.10 Howerton Professor (Humanities)

Supported by a gift from Helen Howerton Lineberry and her husband Al Lineberry in memory of her father, Thomas Howerton, and a grant from the C. D. Spangler Foundation, the Howerton Professorship is awarded to a tenured full professor who has demonstrated exemplary teaching across the liberal arts curriculum and made substantive contributions to the University and its mission. The Howerton professorship has a four-fold responsibility: (1) to add knowledge for the betterment of humanity, (2) to enhance UNC Asheville's emphasis on an interdisciplinary study of Humanities infused across the curriculum, (3) to make more visible—locally, statewide, and nationally—UNC Asheville's dedication to the Humanities, and (4) to inspire excellence in the study of the Humanities by initiating and coordinating a lecture series. The Professorship offers compensation in the form of a stipend and provides for two courses of reassigned time each semester. The Thomas Howerton Distinguished Professorship is a three-year appointment, with the possibility of a second three-year reappointment.

6.4.11 Interdisciplinary Distinguished Professor of the Mountain South (Any field)

Supported by grants from the C.D. Spangler Foundation and the UNC Asheville Foundation, this professorship is awarded to a tenured full professor from any discipline who has demonstrated exemplary teaching across the liberal arts curriculum, scholarly expertise in a field related to the Mountain South, and substantive contributions to the University and its mission. The Professorship offers compensation in the form of a stipend and provides for two courses of reassigned time each semester. The appointment is for three years, with the possibility of a second three-year reappointment.