

**The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee**

**Monday, November 17, 2003
2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dr. John Antoine Labadie, Dr. Diane Jones, Cammie Hunt, Cynthia Saylor,
Dr. Lisa Kelly, Patricia Fields

Guest: Dr. Maria Pereira, Robert Canada

Chairman Labadie called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was the approval of the October 20, 2003 minutes. After review, it was noted that one item had been omitted from the minutes and should be added. Dr. Kelly pointed out the fact that the Miss UNCP Pageant was a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant had been omitted from the minutes. With this correction noted, the minutes were approved with no further corrections.

Dr. Labadie next moved to the agenda for the day. The first item of business was the follow up discussion on the Miss UNCP Pageant. Dr. Suellen Cabe was not in attendance at today's meeting. Dr. Jones gave the committee a brief report on the Miss UNCP Pageant. Dr. Jones has put together an extensive scrapbook outlining the history of the pageant and each of the winners since 1952. Dr. Jones noted several Miss UNCP winners who have gone on to contribute greatly to our community. She went on to say that the pageant is a scholarship pageant that has the full support of Chancellor Meadors. Dr. Meadors sees the pageant as a key marketing opportunity for the University. The question was then posed as to whether the swimsuit competition has always been a part of the pageant. Dr. Jones replied by saying that yes, it had always been a part of the competition, but it was not about the display of the young ladies but about their fitness level. Dr. Jones further noted that the pageant is totally supported by student fees and is approved by the Student Government Association.

At this time, it was agreed that in the absence of Dr. Cabe, we would table this discussion until our next meeting. Dr. Labadie will contact Dr. Cabe about joining us in January.

The next item on the agenda was the Miss UNCP Subcommittee report on the rules and regulations of the pageant. There being no subcommittee members present, this item was tabled until further notice.

The committee then moved to the third item on the agenda, the issue of a daycare center on the UNCP campus. Dr. Lisa Kelly opened the discussion by noting that many faculty and staff members as well as students would benefit from a daycare center. She then introduced our guest Dr. Maria Pereira, Asst. Professor with the UNCP Biology Department. Dr. Pereira spoke first hand of her experience with traditional daycare centers as they related to her 21-month-old child. Dr. Pereira stated that weather closings are always an issue when her daycare is closed and the University is not, she noted that the UNCP holiday schedule does not always match the

traditional holiday schedule and this presents another set of challenges. She stated that a daycare center here on campus would not only be convenient for her and many other employees and students but it would offer many extended benefits to the campus. She mentioned shorter maternity leave for staff and faculty, more flexibility with night classes, volunteer opportunities and more opportunities to take part in campus activities as a few of the benefits. She also noted that we are currently sending our Early Education students into regional daycare centers for field training. With a daycare here on campus, that training could take place here. Cammie Hunt added that she currently teaches a class that recently looked into the successful daycare operation at Fayetteville State University.

At this point, Dr. Jones stated that in the past, Dr. Zoe Locklear and Dr. Kathy Sullivan had conducted a study into the offering of a daycare center on campus. She went on to say that since neither of these individuals were still on campus, she was not sure where the study might be. Dr. Jones, while in support of a daycare facility, did note two areas of concern, space and liability.

After roundtable discussion on possible sites and pros and cons to such a center, Dr. Labadie asked that Cammie Hunt work on a needs assessment survey to report back to the committee. Dr. Labadie went on to ask that Cammie Hunt, Dr. Lisa Kelly and Dr. Maria Pereira serve on a subcommittee to research a daycare center and report back to the full committee.

The next item of business was the \$2 fee for students to drop a course. Dr. Labadie reported that this issue had resolved itself. He has spoken with Sara Brackin and as of the Spring 2004 semester, there will be no drop/add fee.

The agenda then moved to the e-mail lists of students for non-web classes. On behalf of Nadean Hafner, Dr. Labadie reported that Dr. Mitchell, UCIS, stated that this would be a major project for UCIS. Dr. Mitchell's solution was that each instructor register their class with Blackboard, even if they do not use it, and they in turn will receive a list of e-mail addresses for students.

At this time, the floor was opened for new business. Dr. Jones noted that we only have 29-30 applications for Who's Who – our quota is 61. She passed out forms and asked that everyone consider nominating a student for this wonderful opportunity. Dr. Jones then spent a few moments explaining the process and the minimum requirements for nominations.

Next, for the sake of time, it was decided that Dr. Jones would submit her full report at our next meeting in January.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.