A quorum was established and the Chair officially called the Faculty Senate meeting to order.

The Chair presented the meeting agenda and called for a vote to accept the meeting agenda. It was moved and properly seconded that the 2017 September Faculty Senate meeting agenda be accepted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Chair called for a vote to accept the minutes for the 2017 August Faculty Senate meeting. It was moved and properly seconded that the 2017 September Faculty Senate meeting agenda be accepted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Chancellor addressed current events, specifically, social activism by students that impact the image of the university. The Chancellor stressed that NCCU is a public funded institution that is apolitical, neither Democrat or Republican. The Chancellor stressed that individual students and faculty may express their personal views in any forum they desire as long it is their personal view. However, he indicated only individuals designated by North Carolina Central University may speak on behalf of the institution. Additionally, the Chancellor emphasized as state employees we cannot use state resources to engage in political actions.

- The Chancellor announced that NCCU had a record high 1704 first-time freshman and transfer students enroll at the university.
- The Chancellor announced the Innovation fund had been increased to $200,000 to support faculty research.
Acknowledged Drs. Jamila Minga and Brandon for receiving funded grants.

The Chancellor emphasized his desire to have the Faculty Work Load study concluded, and emphasized the study should highlight the need and methodology for placing it in action.

The Chancellor reported that both NCCU General Assembly items passed: 1) transfer of student fee funds to support the $11 million increased cost for building the new student union; and 2) $5 million in funding to support the new student union building cost.

The Chancellor reported NCCU signed a MOU with Duke University’s Transitional Health that will provide NCCU with $4.9 million.

The Chancellor announced the public search for a permanent Provost, Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Business School.

Introduced Dr. Jimmy Tate as the new Chief of Staff.

- The Faculty Senate Chair presented his report and announced the start of a Faculty Chair’s Committee at the UPC. The Chair also emphasized the importance of faculty senators engaging in the work of the senate.
- Ralph Barrett was unable to attend the Faculty Senate meeting resulting in his SSOC reported being postponed to a future meeting.
- Deborah Fortune, Faculty Athletic Representative, announce the Faculty Senate Chair, Philip Mutisya would be the guest coach at the next NCCU football game. Additionally, she highlighted: 1) celebration of the new Chancellor at the football game; 2) a faculty and student tail-gate during the game; 3) faculty recognition.
  - Lou Ann Edmonds Harris, Senior Woman Administrator and Mr. Mayo, Director of Resource Acquisition provided specifics regarding events associated with the faculty appreciation and new chancellor activities scheduled for the September 21st football game. Mr. Mayo announced that 500 free ticket would be given to the first 500 faculty members who came by the ticket office on the morning of the 21st.
- Dr. Harvey McMurray, Faculty Senate Secretary and Faculty Senate SACCOC Representative presented a report from SACCOC. Dr. McMurray explained the SACCOC process and reported that NCCU is in the 1st of 4 stages that comprise the SACCOC accreditation process. Additionally, he reported the process should be completed by September 2018 and the results confirmed by June 2019.
- Dr. Paul Baker, Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan provided an update with the university’s QEP. Dr. Baker explained the background, purpose and process of the QEP. Additionally, Dr. Baker announced the creation of a QEP Advisory Council composed of faculty, staff, alumni, administrators, community members and Board of Trustees. To help facilitate the development of the QEP goals and objectives university personnel will be invited to submit topics. After the submission process, 3 topics will be presented for a university-wide vote to determine 1 topic to be addressed by the university.
• Dr. Robert A. Horne, presented September’s FacultySenate **Faculty Highlight**. The highlight focused on his 10,000 mile motorcycle ride, which circled the United States. The purpose of the ride was to promote NCCU and mental health and addiction awareness among underserved population in July, which is National Minority Mental Health Month.

• Dr. Philip Mutisya, Faculty Senate Chair, presented: 1) the Faculty Senate priorities for 2017-2018; a request for a full-time Faculty Senate Office Administrator; and 3) the Faculty Senate Task Forces. Dr. Mutisya, called for a vote to accept the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate priorities. It was moved and properly second that the Faculty Senate priorities be accepted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

• Dr. Mutisya called for a vote to adjourn the Faculty Senate meeting. It was moved and properly second that the Faculty Senate priorities be accepted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.