Today (11/8/02) the Board of Governors approved various changes to the Code. FYI, here are some that affect faculty (the links should still be to the old language in the Code):

In Section 602 ("Academic Tenure"), the following sentences were added at the end of paragraph (1): "The chancellor shall review the constituent institution's tenure policies periodically, but at least every five years, and shall report to the president whether or not amendments or revisions are appropriate. The chancellor shall involve the faculty in this review."

In Section 603 ("Due Process before Discharge or the Imposition of Serious Sanctions"), the institution's notification of intent to discharge a faculty member, as well as the faculty member's response, was until now required to be sent by "registered mail, return receipt requested." Henceforth, they must be sent by "a method of mail or delivery that requires a signature for delivery." This change also applies to section 605B ("Timely Notice of Termination").

In Section 604B ("Impermissible Reasons for Nonreappointment"), language was changed as follows: "In no event shall a decision not to reappoint a faculty member be based upon (a) the exercise by the faculty member of rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, or by Article I of the North Carolina Constitution, or (b) discrimination based upon the faculty member's race, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability, or honorable service in the armed services of the United States, or (c) personal malice.

In footnote 4 to Section 604C ("Special Faculty Appointments"), the definition of visiting faculty as "any person who is appointed to a term of less than one academic year" was removed.

In Appendix I ("Delegation of Authority to Boards of Trustees"), the trustees are given authority to "promote in rank a faculty member with permanent tenure, upon the recommendation of the chancellor, and without approval by the Board of Governors." Formerly, promotions also required approval by the Board of Governors.