

GENERAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY

Tuesday March 22, 2011

Langworthy Auditorium

MINUTES

Call to Order

The 2011 General Faculty Meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chair Stephen Luttmann.

Approval of the March 31, 2009 Minutes

The March 4, 2010 minutes of the General Faculty Meeting were approved without objection.

Announcements and Communications

Stephen Luttmann, Senate Chair announced today's reports would include the Chair's Report, as well as a report from President Norton.

Reports

President (Kay Norton, UNC President)

The President reviewed higher education funding and goals of the University, also assessing tuition, budgetary decisions, and planning for the future. She updated the faculty on the state budget situation and the University's timeline for maintaining goals.

The President reviewed the University's priorities:

- Sustain UNC's ability to give students an opportunity for transformative education at a research university.
- Cultivate academic programs with high quality and potential to exemplify the teaching and learning community we want to be.
- Develop the heart of campus as a physical manifestation of the exemplary teaching and learning community we want to be.

The President thanked those who participated in group discussions during the academic year regarding cost savings as well as input concerning ideas for the University as a whole. She outlined the strategies as mentioned at the campus address in February:

- Analyze potential sustainable cost savings identified in non-process.
- Temporarily freeze hiring of non-faculty positions over \$25,000 and critically assess staffing levels.
- Take a "time out" on technology, equipment, capital and renovation expenditures not approved through the University's centralized budget process.
- Critically assess all travel expenditures.
- Continue to refine our budget process and how we allocate resources.
- Develop rank-ordered fundraising priorities.

President Norton announced that William Hoyt is the recipient of the M. Lucile Harrison Award, which will be presented at the Spring Commencement ceremony.

The President welcomed questions/comments.

Faculty Questions/Comments:

What is the update on the development of working with the City of Greeley to bridge the UNC campus and downtown? Norton referenced other college campuses which have a University District, noting that she believes this would be successful at UNC. The development of a program would include UNC volunteers as well as City of Greeley volunteers, requiring optimism and cooperation for success.

President Norton thanked the faculty members in attendance, and commended the UNC faculty as a whole for their exemplary performance and encouraged participation in University-wide discussion/projects in the future.

Faculty Senate (Stephen Luttmann, Senate Chair)

Luttmann reviewed items presented to the Faculty Senate this year, including non-constitutional changes, as well as constitutional changes (see New Business). Luttmann gave a brief overview of the content and rationale of the following non-constitutional items, welcoming questions/concerns:

- Sexual Harassment Policy placement in the Board Policy Manual

- Open Access Resolution
- Fundraising in Courses
- Grade Replacement Policy
- Email as official UNC Communication
- Board Policy Manual and University Regulations language amendments due to academic restructuring.
- Faculty Classification (presently in discussion stage)

Luttmann also summarized probable upcoming agenda items for the Faculty Senate:

- Academic Appeals Procedure revisions (presently in discussion stage)
- Reconsideration of faculty representation ratios on various Boards, Councils, and Committees.

DISCUSSION: Faculty members expressed concerns regarding the Grade Replacement Policy, and Senate members present encouraged faculty members to contact a Senate representative with suggestions/comments regarding any Senate Action that has been passed this academic year. Luttmann will correspond with Academic Policy Committee members regarding the Grade Replacement Policy as well.

Please note: A complete listing of Senate Actions for the 2010-2011 AY can be found on the Faculty Senate website.

New Business

Changes to Faculty Constitution

Chair Luttmann distributed handouts and reviewed the following items, explaining rationale for each proposed amendment. Luttmann informed the faculty that a general faculty vote will take place on all constitutional amendment proposals.

- Article 3: Faculty Part 1 Faculty Governance: Constitution of the University of Northern Colorado Faculty (align language with academic restructuring).
- 2-3-103(2) Membership of the Faculty
- 2-3-107(2) The Liberal Arts Council
- 2-3-106(8) Quorum of the Faculty Senate
- Reporting Responsibilities of major Boards/Councils/Committees to the Faculty Senate.

Luttmann welcomed questions/comments on the constitutional changes presented.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Luttmann discussed correspondence he received concerning salary increases in specific areas of the University, and reassured the faculty that the Compensation Committee would be directly involved in any aspect of salary distribution.

Adjournment

MOTION to Adjourn: Temkin.

SECOND: Connolly.

The faculty voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Allison Merrill
Senate Secretary

Lori Riley
Recording Secretary