



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

#365

Below are the minutes of the January 23, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 4, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the January 23 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - Report on Academic Council
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Information Technology Committee, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, Academic Planning, BOT, Cultural Centers
7. Special Reports
 - Ron Lambden, University Counsel, regarding the results of the President's evaluation
8. Special Orders
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Replacement for Nutter on the ITC
 - Replacement for Erskine on the Extended Studies Work Group
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2008 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Clinefelter, Connolly, Erskine, Hartgers, Hauk, Klein, Klingsmith, Luttmann, Mackessy, McClatchey, Merrill, Murry, Peercy, Perrett, Stewart, and Temkin. Absent member(s) with an alternate: Dietz (Temkin), Gaede (Erskine), Hesse (Luttmann), Jankow (Colvin), and Schuttler (Temkin). Member(s) absent: Clarke, Clough, Embry, Griggs, Harraf, Kalu, Lamb, Lennon, Luger, Norton, Rennaker, Trelogan, Toewe, and Willis. Guests: None

The agenda was approved as presented after deliberation.

MOTION: Allen/Klein moved to include the discussion listed under New Business.

A motion was made to call the vote

The motion to call the vote passed 10-2 with 5 abstentions.

VOTE: The motion passed 10-3 with 4 abstentions.

The minutes of the December 10 were approved as presented.

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - New Senator, Sieger Hartgers from PVA, was introduced, Shandy Hauk was welcomed back after her sabbatic leave, and Christine McClatchy was welcomed as an alternate for Cris de la Torre who is on sabbatic leave.
 - Elmer Bachenberg was congratulated on his birthday, which was January 17.
 - Senate Action #945 to delete section 2-3-404 Absences was approved by the Board of Trustees.
 - Several faculty have questioned the required use of the U. S. Bank credit card. It was explained that its use is a Governor's Executive Order. It was noted that the traveler may submit the charge receipt for immediate reimbursement for airline ticket purchases rather than waiting until the travel is completed.
 - Academic Affairs Council – The retreat was held January 7 and an emergency meeting was called for January 23. The following items were discussed:
 - Information will be coming regarding the budget. As Vice President Haack wants the faculty involved, monthly meetings will be scheduled. Meetings will be held after the Board meetings so information can be passed on.

- Summer session 2007 will be examined. It will be about two years before changes in the structure of summer session can be worked out and implemented. Some questions to be examined will be how is the session paid for, how is the pay scale determined, why there is a seven-credit hour limit, what level of professor is teaching the courses, is it equitable for everyone, etc. The Senate Salary Equity Committee has been asked to look at summer salaries.
- The cost of graduate education will be being examined.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee was charged with examining the sabbatical leave guidelines across campus and the criteria used to evaluate the merits of a proposal. The reasoning for examining the guidelines is that consistency and clarity are needed to support the faculty in writing good proposals.
- January is national mentoring month.
- September 17 is Constitution Day. The founder of Liberty Day, Andy McKean, wants the Liberty pocket-size booklet, which costs \$1 and contains the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, distributed to everyone. As the Liberal Arts Council identifies the freshman reading list, possibly the booklet could be added to the list. It was noted that CSU and CU have purchased it for all their students.

President's Office – No report

Provost's Report – No report

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly) – The Committee will have its first meeting tomorrow (January 24).

Academic Policies Committee – No report

Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler) – No report

Elections Committee (Luttmann) – No report

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) – No report

Cultural Centers – No report

Information Technology Committee – No report

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Klingsmith) – No report

State Personnel Employee Executive Council (Colvin) – No report

Student Representative Council – No report

Academic Planning Committee – No report

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter)

-- The Board met December 14.

- The President reported about the intent to create a center/institute that would enable UNC to take a leading role in education policy in the state and nation-wide.
- The President announced a search for a faculty member to advise her on matters of diversity.
- In order to improve UNC's relationship and profile with external bodies, UNC is joining a voluntary system of accountability called the College Portrait Program, which is created by the Association of State Colleges and Universities and by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Scholarships. The web site will provide a common data set for all participants. One of the pieces of the data is some sort of core curriculum assessment, which a subcommittee of the Liberal Arts Core is working on.
- The State is looking at formally adopting the National Center of Higher Education Management System (NCHEMS, private organization based out of Boulder) peer group for UNC as the institutions are smaller. There is some overlap of UNC's current group and the NCHEMS group. It was noted that UNC always looks underfunded no matter what peer group it uses.
- Nothing is known about the appointments to replace five Board members whose terms expired the end of December.

The status of reporting the results of the President's evaluation was questioned. Clinefelter was not able to comment and stated that the Senate should direct its questions to Ron Lambden, University Counsel, or the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dick Monfort. The Senate directed the Senate Chair to invite Lambden to the next Senate meeting and report on what is happening with the President's evaluation.

Special Reports - None

Special Orders

1. MOTION: Perrett/Peercy moved to confirm the appointment of Michael Mills to the President's Planning Council.

It was noted that the President reconfigured the President's Planning Council to review the academic structure resulting from the Charting the Future plan. When the reporting mechanism was questioned, it was noted that

Senator Luger, one of the three faculty appointed to the Council, could be asked to report to the Senate or Murry could also make a report.

VOTE: The motion passed 14-3 with 1 abstention.

Unfinished Business – None

At this point, a request was approved by the body to add Learning Communities as item #2 under New Business.

New Business

- Concern was expressed that faculty activities and expertise is often ignored. Examples are:
 - the “Major-to-Career Guides”, which is also on the web, for Geography was created by Career Services without input from Geography. The pamphlet lists a metallurgist as an occupation; there are no geographers who are metallurgists. In addition, the occupation of geographer isn’t listed.
 - Geography prepared maps for the “Economic Impact Profile”. This report was summarized in the “Economic Impact Report in 2007-2008 Institutional Profile University of Northern Colorado”. Two of the maps prepared for the original report were changed in the summary, therefore the interpretation has changed. Credit was given for the maps but not the maps that were originally prepared.

A structure needs to be in place and procedures developed for publishing materials, which includes consulting with and editing by the appropriate individual/unit to ensure that information and data are correct. Faculty, staff, and students are all part of a community that needs and wants to “put their best foot forward” and work together for the betterment of the University. It was noted that to achieve that goal, the Student Advisory Council would like to have faculty representation at its meetings so ideas and concerns can be shared. The Council meets every other Friday at 10:00 a.m. with the next meeting February 1.

- New Learning Communities, a group of liberal arts courses bundled by major, are being organized for the fall semester. As they are possibly a part of the curriculum, they are a faculty issue and should therefore, go before a faculty group.

MOTION: Connolly/Erskine moved to charge the Academic Policies Committee with creating a policy for decision-making and exploring the rationale regarding the Learning Communities/Clusters.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Mills invited everyone to the basketball game with Montana State on January 24. With identification, admission will be free. Go Bears!

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Connie Stewart
Secretary

Vicki Garcia
Recording Secretary

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* Monday, February 4	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Monday, February 4	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Wednesday, February 6	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte	*	
* Wednesday, February 6	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C	*	
* Friday, February 8	Salary Equity Committee	115 a.m.	UC South Platte	*	
* Monday, February 18	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Monday, February 18	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Wednesday, February 20	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte	*	
* Wednesday, February 20	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C	*	
* Thursday, February 21	Salary Equity Committee	8:00 a.m.	UC South Platte	*	
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