

# FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

## AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 16, 2009 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the February 2 Minutes
4. Announcements
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs, Board of Trustees
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare
7. Special Report(s)
8. Special Order(s)
  
9. New Business
  - Elections Committee Bylaws
10. Comments to the Good of the Order
11. Adjournment

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2009 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Colvin, DeKrey, Dietz, Doerner, Erskine, Ezzaher, Gaede, Harraf, Hesse, Iyer, Klein, Lamb, Luttmann, McCorkle, Middleton, Mills, Murry, Schuttler, Temkin, Toewe, J. Tort and , and Trelogan.  
Absent members with an alternate: Connolly (Gaede), Cullom (Reed), Norton (Reynolds), and Peercy (Murry).  
Absent member(s): Clinefelter, Clough, Hartgers, Hauk, Peercy, Little Owl, Murray, and Salter. Guest(s): Jenna Finley, Brad Shade, and Tricia Tort.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding the Elections bylaws under New Business, a Special Report from the First Year Book Committee, and by moving #2 under Special Reports to the Chair's Report under Announcements. The January 21 minutes were approved as amended by noting under the Academic Policies report that the figure was 49 courses not percent and under the second bullet of the President's Office report that the name of the former UNC president is spelled Dickeson not ~~Diekenson~~.

### Announcements

#### **Chair's Report**

- If anyone has suggestions to add to the list of "UNC/Aims Collaboration Ideas", contact the Provost's Office.
- Raul Cardenas was welcomed to UNC as the Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students. He will be invited to a future Senate meeting.

### Administrative Reports

#### **President's Office** (Gloria Reynolds for President Norton)

- The Governor's budget recommendations look better than expected.
- The University is working on getting more tuition flexibility.
- The President met with other CEOs and they have scheduled a meeting with the State Senate President, Peter Groff, to talk about hybrid models.
- At a working session on Monday, January 26, the Board also talked about hybrid models. The Senate Chair noted that all the members were in attendance and that they are supportive and very interested in what is going on at UNC.
- On Saturday, January 31, Michael Bennett, President Norton, and various education leaders from School District 6 and the area, including Fort Collins, talked about K-12 education.
- The President extended the executive staff meeting to include the deans and leaders of governance groups to talk about the areas for which they were asked to report on. The President's web site [www.unco.edu/pres](http://www.unco.edu/pres) has a "Financial Matters" link to provide resources, information, and an opportunity for feedback.

### **Academic Affairs/Provost's Report (Harraf)**

- The Provost is working with the deans regarding investment strategies in terms of ways to create new revenue streams.
- There was a good attendance at Bear night.
- February is a big recruiting month for UNC. We are visiting a number of Denver public schools. Web marketing is working. There have been 43,000 hits on the web site.

### **Board of Trustees (Iyer)**

- Notes and a copy of the slide presentation from the January 26 meeting at Centerra were distributed.
- For 2009 we have a \$1.6 shortfall.
- The next Board meeting will be January 26. Most of the items will be action items.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin)** – No report

**Salary Equity Committee ()** -- No Report

**Academic Policies Committee (Allen)**

- Hybrid classes that are in the classroom and on-line were discussed as well as issues about informing the students, syllabi, etc.

**Codification Committee (Schuttler)**

- The Committee approved the changes recommended for the Elections Committee in the Senate bylaws. Luttmann will address them when they are taken to the Senate for approval.

**Elections Committee (Luttmann)**

- Recommended changes to the bylaws and the Constitution were distributed. The bylaws will go to the Senate at its next meeting. The Constitutional changes will be discussed at the March 2 meeting.

### Special Reports

1. Brad Shad, Director of Housing Operations, and Jenna Finley, Director of Residence Life, gave a slide presentation regarding campus services and resources available.

- Some conservation measures include recycling old furniture (including drapes), cleaning products are green-seal certified, appliances are high efficiency, energy-star rated, furniture is renewed, and the buildings are automated (light sensors, thermostat controls, night-time-time lighting, etc.)
- Residential learning communities and an academic resource center (for studying, etc.), are set up. Leadership development activities such the Residence Hall Association, deck and resident assistants are available.

2. Tricia Tort, Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellness Education, works with students to live healthy lifestyles so they do well academically. The American College Health Association developed a survey, the National College Health Assessment.

- UNC surveys about 1,000 students Mid-February through mid-March to identify the most common health effects for students.
- The last year the highest health issues affecting academic success were stress, acute illness like the flue, sleep and relationship difficulties, death of friend or family member, alcohol use, depression, and internet use including internet games.
- Twelve percent of students are in a fight; male fights went down but female fights went up. Twenty percent of students are in an emotionally abusive relationship; twenty-three percent of students had unprotected sex as a result of drinking; fifty-seven percent of students are exercising to lose weight, thirty percent are dieting to lose weight; sixty percent are at a healthy weight; and eighteen percent were clinically diagnosed with depression; there are probably more students experiencing depression but eighteen percent were diagnosed.
- The survey is voluntary and anonymous. OBIA randomly selects a list of classes. Faculty are called to ask for 30 - 45 minutes of class time to complete the survey.
- The response rate is lower if it is done on the web.

Murry asked members of the college recruitment and retention committees to be proactive and alert all of their college that this will be happening.

3. Mills announced that the First Year Book Committee has narrowed down the book choice to "Three Cups of Tea". The book will go to the Provost who will have them distributed to the faculty who will be teaching from them. There will be dialog held with the units on how they will be put into the curriculum. A web site will be created and the author will be invited to campus.

