



# FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the February 18, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

## AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 3, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the February 18 Minutes
4. Announcements
  - Chair's Report
    - Report on Academic Council
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs, Board of Trustees
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification
7. Special Reports
  - Patrick Burns, Faculty Research & Publications Board, regarding guidelines for the Provost's Scholarship
8. Special Orders
  - Appoint a replacement for Erskine on the Extended Studies Work Group.
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
  - Resolution regarding domestic partners
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2008 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Clinefelter, Clough, Connolly, Cullom, Dietz, Embry, Gaede, Griggs, Harraf, Hartgers, Hauk, Klein, Kalu, Lamb, Luger, Mackessy, McClatchey, Murry, Percy, Perrett, Stewart, Trelogan, Temkin, and Toewe. Absent member(s) with an alternate: Erskine (Gaede), Jankow (Gunnells), Luttmann (Temkin), Merrill (Erskine), Norton (Langer), Schuttler (Temkin), and Toewe (Connolly). Member(s) absent: Battles, Clarke, Hesse, Klingsmith, Rennaker, and Willis. Guests: Ted Cain, David Caldwell, Jennifer Griffin, Virgil Scott, Tom Smith, Stephanie Torrez, Sara Troy, and Robbyn Wacker

The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the February 4 meeting were approved as amended by changing:

- the third bullet under Announcements to read, "Ron Lambden, University Counsel, ~~was not able~~ declined to attend . . . ."
- the second bullet under the Board of Trustees report should read, "In relation . . . whether or not the ~~letter to the~~ Faculty Trustee . . . ."

### Announcements

- Chair's Report
  - Copies of Senate Bill #45 regarding intellectual diversity and #73 regarding textbooks were available. The final vote on SB 45 was to "postpone indefinitely".
  - The Chair, Dietz, and Percy met with Lambden to discuss ways of getting the faculty evaluation of administrators on line. Options are being explored.
  - The Academic Council continues its work on the budget. They discussed charging student fees in addition to current tuition. A couple of years ago, the administrative fees were rolled into the tuition. Reinstating fees is a way to increase revenue without an official tuition hike.

### President's Office (Langer for Norton)

- The President is working on some federal earmarks. The University has received \$600,000.
- The campus is looking at its emergency preparedness in light of the shooting at Northern Illinois University last week. Recommendations were made based on the Virginia Tech report and State Patrol experts were called in to assess campus security. They made 250 recommendations that will be reviewed and prioritized. A Request for Proposal has been issued for a comprehensive emergency response system.

- Trustee Darlene LeDoux was asked to look at how to do an appropriate evaluation with appropriate faculty involvement for employees who report to the Board (President, University Counsel, and Internal Auditor).

#### Provost's Report (Harraf)

- The freshmen reading list provided by the Liberal Arts Council should be out by the end of the month.
- Three colleges will be evaluating their deans this year: PVA, NHS, and HSS.
- In terms of the budget process, structural deficits will be identified whether it is travel, operational money, etc. Colleges have been asked to look at their needs within certain parameters, e.g., what does it really take to support the faculty.
- Deans and school directors have been asked to assess their technology needs.
- Fees were absorbed in the tuition a few years ago. Now new fees are being discussed, e.g. technology fee. There will be a meeting with student representatives to discuss fees.
- The coding of student courses is being reviewed. Currently there is no data integrity
- Both undergraduate and graduate applications are higher than last year, however, currently admits are down as the applications are incomplete.
- Robbyn Wacker reported on the Extended Studies Work Group. The Group is focusing on the structure as well as the policies and governing units. A recommendation has been made to have someone, i.e., dean or assistant vice president, run the combined units of Extended Studies and the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. Funding would be under extended resources.

#### Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler) – No report

#### Elections Committee – No report

#### Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) – A resolution should be ready for the next meeting.

#### Salary Equity Committee (Connolly) – The Committee may have a motion for the next meeting.

#### Academic Policies Committee (Embry)

- The Committee has two motions under Unfinished Business.
- An e-mail will be sent to faculty for their input on extending the Thanksgiving break from 3 days to a week.

#### Professional Administrative Staff Council – No report

#### State Personnel Employee Executive Council (Gunnells)

- PASC and SPEEC are combining their employee appreciation banquets. The banquet will be March 3 this year.

#### Student Representative Council (Lamb)

- Applications for the College Experience are at their highest (90+).
- Student Fee Allocation Process (SFAP) forums continue. The next one will be February 19.
- The election for officers next year is coming up.

The Senate Chair thanked SRC for their hospitality when she attended their meeting last week.

#### Academic Planning Committee (Embry)

- The President's Planning Council is examining budget ideas in relation to the Academic Plan.

#### Board of Trustees (Clinefelter)

- The President's Planning Council will be looking at some key features of Charting the Future (CTF). A subcommittee will be formed to look at the role of school directors and school mixes.

#### Cultural Centers – No report

#### Information Technology Committee (Cullom)

- Based on comments at the last meeting:
  - there is a modified message for voice support in the classrooms.
  - there is a concept being tested that forces users to "lock down" the browser when they take an on-line test; this will prevent students from being kicked off the system.

#### Special Reports

Virgil Scott, CEO of the UNC Foundation, Inc., gave an update.

- The position of Vice President for Alumni Relations was filled by Jerry DeWitt.
- In Planned Giving, there have been no estate gifts. The Frasier Society membership and dollars are up.
- In Total Giving the number of gifts is up.
- There were 8 new positions filled with 4 people already on staff. There are three positions open which are in the funding raising area.
- Capital campaigns are now 7-8 years. Approximately 200 donors and \$80 million are anticipated over the 7-year time. About \$15 million is earmarked for athletics.

Special Orders

- 1. Charmayne Cullom was unanimously appointed to serve on the Information Technology Committee as a Senate representative.
- 2. An announcement will be sent to all faculty to replace Erskine on the Extended Studies Work Group.
- 3. Dick Dietz' was unanimously appointed to serve on the Program Review Work Group.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- 1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to adopt revisions to the Fresh Start Program. Plus and minus grades (C-, D+, and D-) were added to the policy. No other changes were made.  
 MOTION: Klein/Luger moved to amend by deleting the C- grade throughout the policy. Deleting the C- grade would be inconsistent with the other policy changes. In addition, the student could use the Fresh Start Program.

MOTION: Call the question.

VOTE: The motion to call the question passed unanimously 21-0 with one abstention.

VOTE: The motion to amend failed 4-18 with no abstentions.

VOTE: The motion passed 18-4 with no abstentions.

- 2. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to accept the policy (undeclared students) as written to go into the Catalog.

Currently there is no policy on how a student can become undeclared.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously 19-0 with 3 abstentions.

Comments to the Good of the Order

The Chair thanked the body for its professionalism.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Connie Stewart  
Chair

Vicki Garcia  
Recording Secretary

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	UPCOMING SENATE & SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
* Monday, March 3	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Monday, March 3	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Friday, March 7	Salary Equity Committee	11:15 a.m.	UC South Platte	*	
* Wednesday, March 12	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte	*	
* Wednesday, March 12	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C	*	
* Monday, March 24	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Monday, March 24	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Thursday, March 27	Salary Equity Committee	8:00 a.m.	UC South Platte	*	
* Wednesday, April 2	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte	*	
* Wednesday, April 2	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C	*	
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