



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

#316

Below are the minutes of the February 28, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005 in the UC Columbine Room.

AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 21, 2005 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the February 28 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Cultural Centers, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, BOT
7. Reports of Special Committees: Commission on University Experience, Faculty & Staff Professional Development Center Task Force, Joint Retrenchment Committee, and Transition Team
8. Special Orders
9. Unfinished Business
 - Fresh Start for Returning Students
10. New Business
 - Course Evaluation Task Force Recommendations
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2005 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Black, Blair, Blanke, Blubaugh, de la Torre, DeKrey, Dietz, Embry, Erskine, Gardiner, Geringer, Grapes, Graham, Hauk, Huang, Jenkins, Jones, Jurin, Lang, Laxalt, Little Owl, Luger, Luttmann, Maestas, Merrill, Murry, Percy, Picard, Posselt, Pulos, Roehrs, Rothaus, Temkin, and Trelogan. Absent members with alternates: Embry (Luger), Newmark (de la Torre), and Picard (Murry). Members absent: Norton, Schneider, and Trelogan. Guests: Becky Barnes, David Caldwell, Tom Gavin, Jennifer Griffin, Therese Lask, and Jean Morrell.

The agenda was approved as amended by noting that the Cultural Centers report should be under Standing Committee Reports, Special Orders item #1 was moved to New Business, #2 under New Business was deleted, and the On-Line Blackboard Survey Comments was added under New Business. The January 31 and February 14 minutes were approved without objection. A correction was noted for the January 19 minutes: the Rocky Mountain Cancer Research Institute received two \$75,000 grants not two \$5,000 grants.

Announcements

- Chair's Report (Dietz)
 - The chair of the Elections Committee will report on how the Senate elections will be conducted this year.
 - In a statement, Dietz informed Senate members of his wife's condition after a skiing accident at Copper Mountain, and thanked those who had offered their support and expressed sympathy.

President's Report - No Report

Provost's Report (Huang)

- Everyone will give a report at the next Transition Team meeting on Thursday, March 3.
- During the next three weeks the candidates for the three deans positions will be interviewing on campus.
- A conference committee will be established to work out differences regarding the Faculty Evaluation Policy. Five members from the Faculty Welfare Committee, two deans and two interim directors will serve on the committee.

Elections Committee (Merrill)

- The Senate Executive Committee determined that according to the Faculty Constitution there will have to be elections for all new senators in the three new colleges (NHS, HSS, and EBS); the Senate positions for PVA, MCB and the University Libraries will not change. The terms for the senators elected from A & S, COE and HHS will expire June 30, 2005 as the bodies they represent will no be the same.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin)

- The Provost met with the Committee to discuss the membership on Faculty Evaluation Conference Committee. It was determined that it would be best for five members on Welfare to serve on the Conference Committee.

Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus) - No Report

Academic Policies Committee (Murry)

- The Committee has two items under New Business.

Codification Committee (Jenkins) - No Report

Board of Trustees (Blanke) - No Report

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Posselt)

- The spring service activity will be to work in the xeric garden. Contact Teresa Sellmer or Julie Posselt to volunteer or for information.

State Personnel Employees Executive Council (Maestas)

- Alice Shuffler from the A & S Dean's Office was named the Employee of the Year.

Student Representative Council (Matt Lang)

- There is a full Council for the first time this year.
- About 17 conference grants totaling \$17,000 were given out.
- Funding was given to three organizations to host conferences on campus.
- The Academic Integrity Task Force is working on a campus wide honor pledge.
- The SFAC process has begun.
- Work has started on forming college student councils modeled after the one in the MCB. These councils would report to the SRC. Students will vote on whether or not they want representatives from the college councils to have a vote on the SRC
- The SRC has not yet taken a stand on the increase in student fees.

Cultural Centers (Little Owl)

- The Centers have their signs again and a Native American shaman has been asked to bless them during a ceremony to be held sometime during the week of March 21.

Commission on the University Experience (de la Torre)

- The Commission meets every Thursday. A final report with recommendations and a mission statement for general education is due to the Provost on March 29. A subcommittee will work on proposals for the nine hours.
- It was noted that the Commission is to also give a report to the Senate.

Faculty & Staff Development Center Task Force (Hauk)

- The Task Force is working on a final report to give to the Senate and the President at the end of March.
- In response to questions for clarification, it was noted that faculty and staff are those who are employed by the University including graduate assistants and undergraduates, that professional development is anything that helps anyone move forward professionally, and the Center for Professional Development is a clearing house for information, not a prime provider, and can serve as a liaison off-campus for the services not available on campus.

Joint Retrenchment Committee (Temkin) - No Report

Transition Team (Dietz) - No Report

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. MOTION: Roehrs/Jenkins moved that the five faculty members on the Evaluation Conference Committee be from the Senate Faculty Welfare Committee.

The members of the Welfare Committee have been working on the details of a number of policies in order to come in line with the new structure, one of which was the evaluation policy, and are well versed with the policy itself and the issues. As some deans and interim directors have questions and concerns, the Conference Committee is to work them out. It was noted that the Senate unanimously passed the three parts of the policy.

VOTE: The motion passed by a voice vote.

The slate as presented was approved by a voice vote: Shandy Hauk, Stan Luger, Norm Peercy, Carol Roehrs, and Jack Temkin

Beth Franklin and Dianne Gray will represent the interim directors and Joe Alexander and Eugene Sheehan will represent the deans.

2. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to adopt the changes in the Academic Standing Policy.

The recommended changes were proposed by the Academic Review Committee that works with students on academic probation. Lask explained the changes and answered questions.

MOTION: Lang/Temkin moved to call the question.

VOTE: The motion to call the question passed unanimously.

VOTE: The motion to adopt the changes passed 22-2 with 3 abstentions.

3. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to immediately suspend access to the qualitative comments until there is a policy for published civility and appropriateness for the on-line blackboard courses.

The Committee was asked to look at on-line evaluations for blackboard courses as faculty have not been getting the results even though they are given to students. It was found that the evaluations were on line for anyone to look at. Some comments have been derogatory and very inflammatory. Legal ramifications and censoring comments were questioned. The motion was divided address the suspension of access:

MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to immediately suspend all electronic web access to the Center for Professional Development originated student evaluation of on-line courses.

VOTE: The motion to suspend passed unanimously by a voice vote.

4. There was an evaluation of deans in practice but it was not used in recent years and was never codified. In November the Senate approved a policy and the Academic Council amended and approved the policy in January. The main areas of concern in the Academic Council’s version are who are the “appropriate faculty and staff” and the request for signed comments.

MOTION: Temkin/Merrill moved that the issue of the evaluation of the deans be referred to the Evaluation Conference Committee.

VOTE: The motion passed by a voice vote.

Other New Business

A request was made to put the President’s response to seven questions submitted by Faculty Trustee Blanke on the Senate web site in addition to the list of administrative salary increases for 2004-05, which is already on the web.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Laxalt requested that the Senate discuss UNC’s public relations related to the College Opportunity Fund as students and parents are confused about the program. Discussion followed on information that is available, time lines, and what will be done in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Alison Merrill
Secretary

Vicki Garcia
Recording Secretary

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* Monday, March 21	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m. UC Council Room *
* Monday, March 21	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m. UC Council Room *
* Wednesday, March 23	Salary Equity Committee	1:00 p.m. Ross 3270B *
* Monday, March 28	Codification Committee	1:00 p.m. UC Big Thompson *
* Wednesday, March 30	Salary Equity Committee	1:00 p.m. Ross 3270B *
* Wednesday, March 30	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m. UC Aspen A *
* Monday, April 4	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m. UC Council Room *
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