



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the March 20, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 3, 2006 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the March 20 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, SPEEC, SRC, BOT, Cultural Centers, PASC
7. Special Report(s)
 - Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning by Donna Welchmeyer
 - Blue Ribbon Panel on Diversity by Francie Murry
8. Special Orders
 - Call for Nominations for the 06-07 Officers
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Codification Motions Regarding Changes in the Faculty Constitution
 - Motion Regarding Salary Increases
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2006 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Adams, L. Black, M. Black, Blanke, Cline, Connolly, de la Torre, Embry, Falvo, Hesse, Huang, Jurin, Lennon, Liefer, Lightfoot, Luger, Luttmann, Murry, Norton, Nutter, Percy, Rothaus, Stewart, Toewe, and Trelogan. Absent members with alternates: Grapes (M. Black) and Schuttler (M. Black). Members absent: Blair, Blubaugh, Brown, Loftis, Oya, Mackessy, Posselt, Thompson, and Worrall. Guests: Dick Dietz and Jack Temkin.

The agenda was approved as amended by deleting the presentation on the Center for the Enhancement on Teaching and Learning and by noting that #1 under New Business was Faculty Evaluation not Workload. The February 27 minutes were approved as amended by noting in the fifth bullet under the Provost's Report that the proposal to change the Liberal Arts Core (LAC) electives was from six to nine hours not nine to six hours.

Announcements

--Chair's Report

- As requested by the Senate at its last meeting, memos were sent to Gavin and Trelogan.

President's Report

- Laura Connolly, President of the UNC Chapter of the AAUP, was commended on her testimony in the legislature on HB 06-1284 regarding tenure, which was instrumental in the bill dying.
- The general assembly is going to be conservative with what is given to education to make sure that there is enough revenue to cover what needs to be done. Funding is not enough to cover what the CCHE recommended to cover mandated costs. It does cover an across the board assumption for salary increases based on State employees, some benefits and utilities. The CCHE has established a formula for mandated costs for higher education institutions. The formula does not cover the actual amounts. It does include a 3 percent salary increase but not all benefits which contribute to the shortfall. The legislature has suggested that it would cover 83 percent of the costs and the rest would come from a \$1.5 million increase in tuition. UNC projections for 05-06 fell short about \$7 million; there are significant cost increases in utilities (due to the loss of the cogeneration plant) and a shortfall in tuition that includes State stipends.
- The Long Bill will be passed in April. A draft of UNC's budget will go to the Board in May and it will be acted upon at the June Board meeting.
- The Board is looking at a maximum tuition increase of 2.5 percent.

-- It is appropriate for constituents to address members of the JBC about the importance of keeping the faith of the voters.

The following items were noted by Senators:

- faculty do not realize the extent of the seriousness of the budget situation.
- concern was expressed about what voters would think after passing Referendum C then higher education asks for more money.
- the Salary Equity Committee has begun discussing the possibility of establishing a line of salary increases over a five year period to be at x level so that there is a commitment to salaries, that salary will be paid like utilities and are not the first thing cut.

Provost's Report (Huang)

- The Board approved the Academic Appeal Procedures, section 2-1-201.
- The American Sign Language program, which will be cash funded, was approved.
- Enrollment applications for window students are up 12 percent. Faculty contact with the students is critical. Students have stated that faculty contact have made a difference in their decision.
- Residence hall contracts are up.
- The Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies search is well underway. Two names have been submitted and the Provost is checking on them.
- April 3 is the first day for full registration.
- This will be a pilot year for the evaluation of deans. The Provost is working on the form which will go the Senate Executive Committee.

Faculty concern was expressed that the implementation of the deans evaluations, which was to go into effect immediately, is about two months behind.

Codification Committee (Schuttler) - No report

Elections Committee (Embry)

- The elections process has started.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Luger)

- The Committee has three items on the agenda.
- Marshall Parks, Director of Human Resources, reported to the Committee that there will be a health insurance premium holiday probably in April and possibly one next year. The Colorado Higher Education Insurance Benefits Alliance (CHEIBA) will meet in Greeley this May.

Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus)

- The Committee has one item under New Business.

Academic Policies Committee (Murry for Blubaugh)

- The Committee is looking at several things which were postponed but will eventually come to the Senate.

Professional Administrative Staff Council - No report

State Personnel Employees Executive Council - No report

Student Representative Council (Liefer)

- The SFAC process is almost over. The Council will decide on who will receive money at the next meeting.

Board of Trustees (Blanke)

- The Board met March 20. Most of the business was done in an Executive Session. During the open session, the President shared information about the budget.
- The Academic Appeals Procedure was approved.

Cultural Centers - No report

Special Orders

1. MOTION: The Senate Executive Committee moved approval of the slate for the Academic Plan subcommittees.

Two faculty members were appointed to serve on all subcommittees. The Committee unanimously agreed to appoint a third faculty member on the Faculty Subcommittee and the Research Committee.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Denny McCorkle volunteered to serve as the MCB representative on the Salary Equity Committee for the 05-08 term. His appointment to the Committee was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Unfinished Business

1. MOTION: The Faculty Welfare Committee moved to adopt the revisions as mandated by the CTF process to section 2-3-401 Faculty Workload.

