



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 4, 2005 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the March 21 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, BOT, Cultural Centers
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
 - Nominations for Senate Offices
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Revised Article VI Salary Equity Committee from the Senate Bylaws
 - Resolution Regarding Academic Freedom
 - Revised 3-3-302 Department Chairperson (School Director) Policy
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2005 SENATE MEETING

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

The agenda and February 28 minutes were approved without objection.

Announcements

- Chair's Report (Dietz)
 - The chair of the Elections Committee will report on how the Senate elections will be conducted this year.
 - Nominations for the Senate Officers will be opened at the next Senate meeting.
 - Dietz' wife, Susan, is now in an acute care facility near St. Anthony's Central. Improvement has been slow.

President's Report (Norton)

- The legislature spent time discussing UNC's cash spending authority which is the line item relating to tuition. UNC asked for \$6 million to spend on items the CCHE has identified as mandated costs, one of which is salaries. The CCHE agreed that recruitment and retention of faculty and staff is directly related to quality, therefore, they recommended allowing UNC to increase tuition. The JBC approved an additional cash funding authority of \$5.1 million allowing for a tuition increase, salary increases, and some capital expenditures. Financial aid will get 20 percent.
- Funding for three capital projects was approved: the health and safety emergency projects, the high temperature hot water main, water main improvements on central and west campus, and replacement of electrical and fire alarm systems in Frasier, McKee, and Butler-Hancock Halls.

- The Governor and General Assembly came to a compromise in the wording to take to the voters in November to retain tax revenues from TABOR through the Colorado Economic Recovery Act (HB 1187). A list of Senators, unsure of how they would vote, was distributed noting that anyone could contact them to let them know that s/he support the Act and that it is important to higher education. A request was made for the President to distribute the information to faculty.
- The budget process has begun.
- The Big Sky Conference continues to keep in contact.

Provost's Report (Huang)

- The Course Evaluation Task Force has completed its final report.
- The web-based course evaluation was suspended immediately after the Senate's request at its last meeting.
- UNC submitted 70 courses to be included in the guaranteed transfer courses. The State has a total of 360 courses; UNC has submitted more than other institutions in the State.
- The program coordinators and chairs must return their catalog revisions to the Registrar's Office by March 28 as the catalog must go to print on March 31.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) - No report

Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus)

- Per a request from the Committee, the Provost has sent a letter to peer institutions requesting salary distribution information. Responses are beginning to come in.
- The proposed revisions to the Committee's bylaws, a part of the Faculty Senate Bylaws, will be complete soon.

Academic Policies Committee (Murry)

- Revisions to the Fresh Start Program will be discussed under Unfinished Business.
- The elimination of a physical education requirement for general education was discussed at length.

Codification Committee (Jenkins) - No report

Elections Committee (Merrill)

- The deadline for Senate nominations was extended to March 25 as there were quite a few vacancies still open.

Cultural Centers (Little Owl)

- There will be a "Cowboys and Indians" symposium on March 26. The goal will be to educate people about stereotypes.
- Kawika Malama, A/PASS Coordinator, thanked everyone for their support of the Six Senses of Sake dinner. The Center will hold a Luau on April 16 and an Asian Festival on April 9. There will be hula dances as well as other cultural events at the Luau. There will be demonstrations, e.g., acupuncturist, as well as Asian goods and food at the Asian Festival.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Posselt)

- Nominations for Council members have been opened. There are five positions from Academic Affairs and two from University Advancement. Those interested in serving on the Council should contact Julie Posselt or any of the PASC members.

State Personnel Employees Executive Council - No report

Student Representative Council (Matt Lang)

- The SFAP meetings begin this week.
- Nominations are open for the Faculty, GA, TA and Academic Advisor of the Year.
- The College of PVA is the only college to get all the signatures required to start a college council.
- The SRC elections will be held April 5-6. There are 23 candidates, 2 positions are unopposed: the President and the Vice President for Diverse Relations.
- There will be two referendums on the ballot: one for the student fee increase for the athletic changes on campus and the other to add 5 voting members to the Council as a result of the creation of the 5 college councils.
- A forum is being planned to get student information on general education and other issues on campus.
- The Cultural Centers are now named and on signs.

Board of Trustees - No Report

