



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the March 24, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 7, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the March 24 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: Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare
7. Special Reports
8. Honorary Degree Consideration
9. Special Orders
 - Open nominations for Senate officers
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
 - Catalog language regarding triple degrees
 - Interim Session regulations
 - Policy on keeping student records
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2008 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Clarke, Clinefelter, Clough, Connolly, Colvin, Dietz, Embry, Erskine, Gaede, Harraf, Hesse, Klein, Kalu, Lamb, Luger, Luttmann, Mackessy, McClatchey, Merrill, Murry, Peercy, Perrett, Schuttenberg, Stewart, Trelogan, Temkin, and Toewe. Absent member(s) with an alternate: Schuttler (Temkin). Member(s) absent: Cullom, Griggs, Hartgers, Hauk, Norton, Rennaker, and Willis. Guests: David Caldwell

The agenda was approved as amended by adding Tom Smith under Special Reports to address global assessment and by moving the Board of Trustees report before the President's report under Administrative Reports. The March 3 minutes were approved as amended by noting under the Provost's Report:

- third bullet, last sentence to read, "Budget calculations are based on a 5 percent enrollment decline."
- last bullet, NCHEMS stands for the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - Senate Action #947 regarding the "xf" grade was returned for discussion and sent to the APC.
 - Signs for the General Faculty Meeting for March 25 were available for those wanting to post them.

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter)

The following information was presented at the March 14 Board meeting.

- The President gave an overview of the budget process at the State level. The JBC has been meeting to set the funding for higher education.

- Research universities will be allowed to raise their tuition 9 percent; four-year colleges 7 percent; and community colleges 5 percent.
- It was again pointed out that Colorado is 49th in nation when it comes to fund higher education. Vermont is 50th.
- At commencement, an honorary degree will be awarded to Doug Kershaw.
- Ron Lambden, University Counsel, will be putting together language from the *Board Policy Manual* for a statement on ethical standards at UNC. Outside auditing boards are encouraging the adoption of such statements.
- Randy Haack, Vice President for Finance, presented a report on the cost of attendance. The Board will probably be asked to increase fees.
- Raul Cardenas, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, gave an enrollment report that detailed recruitment efforts. It was noted that enrollment was declining and probably would not be up in the Fall. The administration is planning for a 5 percent decline in enrollment. In order to boost enrollment, more “window” students are being admitted than before.

President’s Office – No Report

Provost’s Report (Harraf)

- The Academic Council is looking at the history of the decision to fold fees into tuition. It was noted that \$2-3 million is being generated through the fee structure at CSU and CU. A lengthy discussion was held about a proposed fee structure.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) – No report

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly)

- The Committee is having problems with members attending meetings. It agreed that beginning fall semester meetings will be set at 3:00 p.m. Monday prior to the Senate Executive Committee meeting.
- Senior faculty have expressed concerns about parity distribution procedures. A representative will come to the next meeting to discuss them.
- The Salary Equity report is being updated.

Academic Policies Committee (Embry)

- The Committee has a motion under New Business.
- A good response has been received regarding the query about Thanksgiving break. The majority of responses were not in favor of changing the calendar.

Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler)

- The Committee is comparing the *Board Policy Manual* and *University Regulations* to changes that have been made.

Elections Committee (Luttmann)

- A call for nominations for Senate vacancies will go out soon.

Special Reports

1. Tom Smith, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, explained the global assessment for the Liberal Arts Core. The most important reason for the assessment is for UNC’s own quality control. The measure of a successful curriculum is whether students learn from it. A subcommittee of the Liberal Arts Council will make a recommendation to the Council after considering three assessment models: Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP), College Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP), and Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)). The assessment is not to evaluate particular courses nor the performance of individual faculty.

Special Orders – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

1. The Chair of the Senate has discussed a Faculty Senate Scholarship Fund with the Chief Executive Officer of the UNC Foundation, Inc., Virgil Scott. Each party is willing to donate \$500 to the Fund. Designating the scholarship for a single parent is being considered. It takes about five years to get about

