



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the April 3, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 17, 2006 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the April 3 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - Administrative Response on Senate Action Forms:
 - #910 regarding 2-3-410 Faculty Workload was forwarded to the Board
 - #911 regarding 3-3-701 Faculty Salary Distribution was approved
 - #912 regarding 3-3-801 Faculty Evaluations was approved
 - #913 regarding 2-3-901 Promotion Guidelines and 2-3-902 Tenure were forwarded to the Board
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, SRC, BOT, Cultural Centers, PASC, SPEEC
7. Special Report(s)
 - Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning by Donna Welschmeyer
8. Special Orders
 - Call for Nominations for, and Election of, the 06-07 Officers
 - Appointment to the Academic Plan Subcommittee for Research
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - APC Motion Regarding Student Absences for University Sanctioned Events
 - Faculty Welfare Motions Regarding Curriculum (1-1-304 and 3-3-501)
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2006 SENATE MEETING

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

The agenda was approved as amended by adding under Unfinished Business enrollment in independent courses through Extended Studies. The March 20 minutes were approved as amended by correcting the last sentence of the second bullet under the President's Report to state that UNC's short fall projections for 05-06 total about \$2.7 million (not \$7 million), \$1.5 million in tuition and revenue and \$1.2 for utilities, and by noting under the sixth bullet of the Provost's Report that registration is for fall, not a "full" registration.

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - Faculty have questioned if there is anything in writing or if there is a policy about transitional retirements. Information can be found in section 2-3-1301(4) "Transitional Retirement" in the *Board Policy Manual*.
 - As called for in the Faculty Constitution of the *Board Policy Manual*, a faculty meeting has been scheduled for April 11 at 4:00 p.m. The location will be announced later.

Special Reports

1. Francie Murry reported on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Diversity at the University of Colorado-Boulder. UNC should pay particular attention to recommendations 3, 4, 6, and 8 in addition to the comments and

suggestions following the recommendations about improving public relations, retention programs, and funding. Building bridges was reiterated in this section in addition to the recommendation in #6. The complete report is posted on the Faculty Senate web site at www.unco.edu/facultysenate under "For the Information of Faculty".

President's Report

- Murry was thanked for calling to the Senate's attention the report from the Blue Ribbon Commission.
- On May 18 the University will host a field meeting of the Colorado Commission on Civil Rights.
- The General Assembly passed the Long Bill out of the House on March 31. There was a tuition cap at 2.5 percent but as the JBC did not fund all of the mandatory costs, the Bill now allows for a tuition increase up to 5 percent for in-state undergraduate students.
- Differential tuition by course prefix for nursing, music, theatre, and business is a strong possibility.
- The CCHE formula for mandated costs includes a 3 percent salary increase for all employees but does not include costs resulting from lower enrollment and higher utility and fringe benefit costs. This means that a percentage of current base budgets from all major divisions will need to be reallocated for salaries.
- For 05-06 there is still a shortfall between the cost increases and enrollment shortfall and the amount of new money the General Assembly is going to appropriate.
 - options to cover this shortfall this year:
 - \$800,000 from contingency funds.
 - \$200,000 in scholarships for non-resident students who did not attend UNC.
 - \$500,000 for stipend revenues moved over to fee-for-services.
 - \$560,000 refund as a settlement reached with the vendor of the cogeneration plant.
 - there are a couple of other possibilities to cover the balance.
- The University is anticipating a fringe benefit increase to 22.4 percent for next year.
- On April 6 in Indianapolis, the President will sit on a panel concerning accreditation in front of the Secretary of Education on the future of education.

Provost's Report (Huang)

- Fall registration for all students has begun on the new Banner system.
- The Academic Planning subcommittees will begin meeting April 4. There is a total of about 65 members.
- The search committee for the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies was thanked for their work on the committee. Tom Smith was selected and will be coming to campus July 1.
- Every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. the Provost will be available to talk to faculty who have concerns; no appointment will be necessary.

Elections Committee (Embry)

- The elections process is progressing.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Luger)

- Two policies on curriculum are being deliberated. They will probably be ready for the next Senate meeting.

Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus)

- The Committee will meet April 10.
- Information requested from the Provost has not been received yet.

Academic Policies Committee (Blubaugh)

- The Committee has a motion under Unfinished Business.

Codification Committee (Schuttler)

- The Committee has two motions under New Business.

State Personnel Employees Executive Council (Brown) - No report

Student Representative Council (Liefer)

- The final step in the SFAC process will be done on April 5.

Board of Trustees (Blanke)

- The Audit Subcommittee meets on Wednesdays. Some faculty have requested that the faculty trustee report to the Subcommittee that faculty salary increases do not come at the expense of academic programs. A motion was introduced under Other New Business concerning this discussion.

Cultural Centers (Oya)

- A reception was held to recognize students for academic excellence. Over 200 families were in attendance. It was noted that the reception was funded by roll-over money from State Farm.
- The Asian/Pacific American Student Services Luau will be April 8. The students are doing all the cooking.

- International week is April 10. To kick off the event, watercolor paintings by a Chinese artist will be displayed by the Fireplace Lounge at the UC during the day and a reception will be held at 5:00 p.m.
- Native American Student Services Fun Day will be April 26. Food will be served 12:30-1:00 p.m. followed by entertainment at 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Africana Night will be April 29 and Maya Angelo will be on campus April 30.
- Dean Morrell was thanked for working to get the three Cultural Center directors appointed to the Academic Plan subcommittees.

Professional Administrative Staff Council - No report

Special Orders

1. Nominations were opened for the 06-07 officers: Norm Peercy, chair; Francie Murry, vice chair; and Connie Stewart, secretary. Nominations will remain open until the elections are held on April 17.

Unfinished Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to abolish its motion presented to the Senate regarding enrollment independent study courses through extended studies: "The Academic Policies Committee moved that each enrollment in independent study courses offered through extended studies that count toward credit in degree programs shall be approved by the director of the appropriate school."

The Senate postponed the motion in October until January. The Committee since learned that the school directors made an agreement with Extended Studies for one year, therefore the motion is not necessary. Concerns were expressed that there is no policy on the issue, only an agreement; that the agreement is for one year; and that agreements can change whenever and by whoever.

MOTION: Luger/Loftis moved to table the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

New Business

1. MOTION: The Codification Committee moved to adopt the revision below to the Faculty Constitution in the *Board Policy Manual* section 2-3-103(2)(c) regarding the voting status of school directors.

2-3-103(2) Membership of the Faculty.

- (c) The voting faculty shall be those members of the faculty defined above who hold at least .50 academic year full-time equivalent (FTE) instructional and/or research assignments in the ~~schools~~, colleges, and University Libraries, excluding deans and school directors, but including librarians ~~and department chairs, or their equivalents~~. Faculty not meeting these criteria may petition the Faculty Senate for voting privileges. A school director elected prior to July 1, 2005 to a position for which only voting faculty members were eligible may complete his/her current elected term.

School directors, who are exempt staff and not faculty, are new positions added due CTF mandated changes. The revision is needed to identify their voting status. As some directors were faculty at the time they were elected to the Senate, etc., it seems appropriate that they be allowed to complete their elected terms of office for which only voting faculty are currently eligible.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. MOTION: The Codification Committee moved to adopt the revision to the Faculty Constitution in the *Board Policy Manual* section 2-3-109(2)(c) regarding the Constitutional Review Authority.

2-3-109(2) Structure of the Constitutional Review Authority.

- (c) Members of the CRA shall be appointed by the chair of the Faculty Senate, and must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Faculty Senate ~~and by the President~~.

No other faculty representative committees require the approval of the President. In addition, as the members of the CRA hear appeals and do not have the authority to amend the Constitution, the President's confirmation is not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

3. MOTION: de la Torre/Murry moved that as a means of promoting solidarity between the faculty and the administration, the following motion be accepted:
 1. Should the UNC faculty receive no raises for the upcoming fiscal year (beginning July 1, 2006), the UNC administration agrees:

