

FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the April 6, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 20, 2009 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the April 6 minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - 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 Report(s)
 - Virgil Scott, CEO, Foundation, Inc.
8. Special Order(s)
 - Nominations and elections for Senate chair, vice chair, and secretary
9. Unfinished Business
 - Salary Equity motion
 - Summer and interim session motion
10. New Business
 - APC motion regarding hybrid class language for Catalog
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2009 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Clinefelter, Clough, Connolly, DeKrey, Dietz, Doerner, Erskine, Ezzaher, Gaede, Harraf, Hartgers, Hauk, Hesse, Iyer, Klein, Little Owl, McCorkle, Mills, Murry, Salter, Schuttler, Temkin, Toewe, Tort, and Trelogan. Absent member(s) with an alternate: Luttmann (Temkin), Norton (Reynolds), Percy (Murry). Absent member(s): Cullom, Lamb, Middleton, Murray, and Stadler. Guest(s): David Caldwell.

The agenda was approved as amended by separating Unfinished Business into two items. The March 23 minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements

Chair's Report

- There were extra copies from previous meetings available.
- The Academic Council talked about the Joint Budget Committee movement and the Long Bill. There will be a report from the President's Office today.
 - The Foundation gave a report. Virgil Scott wants to give a report to the Senate at its next meeting.
 - The enrollment updates are still looking pretty good. The University is hoping to have increased enrollment next year.
 - The sabbatical leave policy was discussed as well as the first year book, which is "Three Cups of Tea".

Administrative Reports

President's Office (Gloria Reynolds for President Norton)

- The Long Bill was introduced and talks about a \$400 million cut to higher education. About \$44 million of UNC's budget comes from the State.
- Two bills were introduced that would move money out of the State workers compensation reserve and move it into higher education along with the federal stimulus dollars.
- There is a possibility the Long Bill will be voted on later this week.

- The Tuition Equity Bill that would allow in-state tuition rates for undocumented students who attended high school in Colorado for three years was voted down by the State Senate.

The President was thanked for the updates she sends out.

Academic Affairs/Provost's Report (Harraf)

- Completed applications are up about 10.4 percent for the fall.
- Research Day was very successful. About 400 students participated.
- We are still waiting on the budget. The executive staff has been working on budget proposals from the colleges. About 170 undergraduate course fees and marginal budget increases have been submitted.

Board of Trustees (Iyer) – No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Academic Policies Committee (Allen) – Tod Sedbrook gave a presentation on Second Life. The Committee has a resolution on the agenda

Codification Committee (Schuttler) – Codification discussed a Graduate Council proposal for a change in the Constitution.

Elections Committee (Temkin for Luttmann) – Ballots are out for Senate elections.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) – the Committee has two motions on the agenda regarding the sabbatical leave policy and will be discussing faculty classifications next.

Salary Equity Committee (Clinefelter) –the Committee has two motions under New Business.

Special Reports – None

Special Orders

1. There were no nominations for the positions for Senate chair, vice chair, nor secretary. Nominations will remain open until the next meeting when elections will take place. As Senate elections have not yet been completed, there may be Senators willing to run for Senate office if re-elected to the Senate.

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion resumed on the revisions to the Sabbatical Leave Policy, section 2-3-1001. This was the second reading.

MOTION: The Faculty Welfare Committee moved to adopt the revisions to the Sabbatical Leave Policy in 2-3-1001.

MOTION: Connolly/Hauk moved to amend by reinstating the deleted sentence in the first paragraph in 2-3-1001(2); to delete “full-time” in the next sentence; and 2-3-1001(4)(a), the second sentence to read, “In accepting . . . at least the full-time equivalent of one academic”

VOTE: The motion to amend passed 17-3 with 3 abstentions.

There was much discussion about the motion and amendment. One comment, from Dean Battles, was that it would be very unusual for UNC compared to other Colorado institutions to have the lowest level of review limited on the basis of academic content to program faculty. However, it was noted that most directors and deans may not qualify to review the proposal as they may not be in the same discipline as the applicant. In addition, it was pointed out that most other Colorado institutions leave the criteria for Dean's decisions unspecified so it is not clear whether it is correct that UNC would differ substantially in that respect.

VOTE The motion as amended passed 17-3 with 4 abstentions.

MOTION: The Faculty Welfare Committee moved to adopt the revisions to the Sabbatical Leave Policy in 3-3-1001.

Much of what was in 3-3-1001 was moved to 2-3-1001.

VOTE: The motion passed 18-3 with 3 abstentions.

New Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to resolve that the proposed definitions below in reference to hybrid courses be included in the Catalog.

Lecture – Regularly scheduled classroom-based instruction involving face-to-face contact between instructor and students. (Lecture “L” classes.)

Online – Internet-based classes requiring World Wide Web and email access.

Instruction may include delivery via Internet chat rooms. Assignments are accessed online and returned to instructors by a specified deadline date. Tests are administered online in a secure, time-limited format. (Online “O” classes.)

