



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the April 7, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 21, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the April 7 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: Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity
7. Special Reports
8. Special Orders
 - Nomination and Election of Senate officers
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Revisions to the Evaluation and Promotion and Tenure Policies
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2008 SENATE MEETING

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

The agenda was approved as amended by adding under New Business a motion on parity distribution procedures and discussion about a special Senate meeting to talk about budget and retention. The March 24 minutes were approved with minor changes.

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - The Academic Council is discussing administrative fees and enrollment management. Both issues need more time for a comprehensive discussion by the Senate so issues are understood.

President's Office (Reynolds for Norton)

- The President and Provost are in Denver meeting with the Leadership Council.
- Reynolds is stepping into a role with expanded duties for internal communication. Some of her responsibilities are from the position held by the previous Chief of Staff, Jenna Langer, whose position will not be filled.
 - It was questioned when "something of substance" will be heard from the President about the 08-09 budget and retention issues.
 - It was suggested that in response to the administrative changes in the last few years, a written structure plan (regardless of personnel) be developed.
 - A Vision 2020 plan is being developed.

Provost's Report (Wacker for Harraf)

- The President is looking at the "xf" grade more broadly with other issues of academic integrity.

- Don Gundmundson has been named the dean of the Monfort College of Business.
- The Provost is suggesting to post a one-year calendar rather than a three year.
- The announcement for the new Assistant Vice President for Extended Studies will be out next week.
- The Academic Plan is being used to develop the Vision 2020 plan.

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter)

- On April 14, the Board will have a work session in the morning. The refinancing of bonds, an orientation for the new Board members, and an honorary degree consideration are on the agenda.
- Budgeting includes projections for a 5 percent decrease in enrollment, a 4 percent faculty salary increase, a 4.2 percent classified salary increase, and a separate pool of \$300,000 set aside to address parity issues.
- The Compensation Committee is looking at peer groups. The plan is to stay with the current peer group then next year start transitioning from the current group to the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) or possibly NCHEMS plus five group.
- The President's Planning Council put together questions to send to the programs, directors, and deans regarding Charting the Future. The results are being tallied.

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly)

- The Committee has a motion under New Business

Academic Policies Committee (Embry)

- The Committee has three motions under New Business.

Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler) – No Report

Elections Committee (Luttmann)

- Ballots have been sent out for the Senate elections to those colleges who had nominees. Comments were made as to why there were no nominees for all of the vacancies: one-fourth of the faculty have left in the past three years, administration does not seem to listen to the faculty, there is a lack of campus community, many non-tenured faculty feel intimidated and do not speak up, new faculty are not expected or rewarded for performing, and there is need to self-monitor how issues are approached, the tone of voice, how concerns are expressed, etc.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin)

- The Committee will have three motions for the next meeting that involve thorough revisions to the evaluation and promotion and tenure processes.

Special Reports – None

~~ The Senate went into Executive Session at 4:50 and resumed at 5:23 p.m. ~~

Special Orders

1. There were no nominations for the Senate Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Nominations will be held open until the next meeting. Elections will also be held at this time.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to adopt the revised Catalogue regarding multiple majors and concurrent degrees.

As Banner will allow the change in terminology, the Committee also approved the change to the transcript wording under the section for “two majors but have fewer than 150 credits”. “First major”, “second major”, etc. will be used instead of “primary major”, “secondary major”, etc.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved that student registration for the Interim Session be limited by the following:

1. Students may take up to four credit hours during the Interim Session.
2. Students on academic probation may not enroll in the Interim Session.
3. UNC students must complete 24 hours of college credit prior to enrolling in Interim Session.

Items 2 and 3 protect students on academic probation and new students.

VOTE: The motion passed by a voice vote.

