



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the April 9, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 23, 2007 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the April 9 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - The Senate Recognition Reception will follow the Senate meeting on May 7th in Spruce A.
 - The June Senate meeting will be held on the 4th at 4:00 p.m. Location to be determined.
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, IT Banner Work Group, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, Academic Planning, BOT, Cultural Centers
7. Special Reports
 - Mike Johnson, Vice President of Alumni Relations, regarding Team UNC
 - "Reasons to Pursue Sustainable Resources at UNC" by Kelly Lawrence, President of the Environmental Sciences Club
8. Special Orders
 - Nomination and Election for Senate Officers
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Confirmation of Appointments of Area Committee Members to the Liberal Arts Council
 - Confirmation of Appointments to the Faculty Satisfaction Survey Committee
 - Confirmation of Appointments to the Evaluation of Administrators Committee
 - Confirmation of Faculty Appointment to the Banner Student Implementation Task Force
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2007 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Black, Blair, Blubaugh, de la Torre, Embry, Erskine, Falvo, Grapes, Hauk, Huang, Jurin, Kalu, Klein, Lennon, Lightfoot, Luger, Luttmann, Mackessy, Murry, Norton (Langer), Oya, Percy, Perrett, Pfeiger, Rothaus, Schuttler, Stewart, and Temkin. Absent member(s) with alternate: Connolly (Temkin) and Hesse (Embry). Member(s) absent: Clarke, Clinefelter, Gunnells, Nutter, and Sussman. Guests: Denise Battles, David Caldwell, Raul Cardenas, Dick Dietz, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Jenna Langer, Kelli Parmley, Gloria Reynolds, and Tom Smith.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding under New Business a motion regarding the expanded grading scale and a motion from Luttmann under Other New Business. The March 26 minutes were approved as amended by deleting in the second bulletin under the Chair's Report the redundant sentence in the fourth line, and noting in item #1 under Other New Business that the name should be Marshall Parks' in the motion.

Announcements

-- Chair' Report

- An outline and a supplement handout for to assist Senators in giving presentations at the college forums will be distributed along with an explanation later.
- In response to the concern expressed at the last Senate meeting about lighting for the Africana Night speaker, it was reported that the Black Student Union made the arrangements thus requested the lighting. In addition, the bulb in the lectern light exploded when it was turned on so there was no light on the lectern.

President's Report (Norton)

- It has become clear that the notion of diversity is much broader than was first thought. It encompasses new understandings of community and includes common practices of civility. The University will work with the Community Relationship Service, a program from the Department of Justice, and in conjunction with the Civil Rights Commission. A diversity survey will be coming out that will help campus communities develop communication across lines.
- The recommendation to reinstate the Dependent Tuition Grant will be forwarded to the Board.

Provost's Report (Huang)

- There are several activities on campus this week as it is Academic Excellence Week.
- After 17 years at UNC, Dean Alexander has resigned as of the end of Spring semester. An interim dean will be identified by next week. A national search will be conducted Fall semester.

College Forums

The outline for the college forums was explained. Each of the seven documents previously distributed to all faculty for their review prior to the forum correspond with the highlights in the outline. A Supplement was distributed that the presenters will need to hand out at the forum.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Luger) – No report

Salary Equity Committee – No report

Academic Policies Committee (Embry)

- The Committee has a motion under New Business.

Codification Committee (Schuttler) - No report

Elections Committee (Temkin)

- The election results for the Faculty Senate were reported: HSS – Marshall Clough and Norm Percy, MCB – Karen Turner, NHS – John Barbrey, and PVA – Robert Murray and Anne Toewe.

Cultural Centers (Oya)

- An April calendar of events for the Centers was distributed.
- The number of admitted students of color for Fall 07 is about 807. Compared to last year the numbers are a little low.
- The Centers lost about 345 enrolled students between Fall and Spring semesters including the number of those graduating.
- Little Owl received a message with a memo from CSU President Penley addressed to the CSU community with information on their budget for the coming year. The memo will be forwarded to the Senate.
- Tickets for the Luau on Saturday, April 14 are available at \$22. A lot of parents will be coming in from Hawaii to help. The flowers, pineapple, poi, etc. are shipped in from Hawaii.
- On April 25, Jim Warne will talk with the athletes in the morning and will do a presentation in the afternoon.
- Sherwin Williams approached NASS to establish a partnership to do some things in the future.
- Eric Rennaker, Director of the Cesar Chavez Center, will share reporting responsibilities with Oya.

Information Technology Banner Focus Group (Fitzpatrick)

- The Group has not met. It has been put on hold until information from other focus groups comes in.
- As it was questioned what it is to do next, it was recommended that the Group discuss its charge for direction.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Oya)

-- Elections are the process. School directors are included as they are exempt administrators

State Personnel Employees Executive Council – No report

Student Representative Council (Pfleiger)

-- Elections are in the process. There are 20 total candidates.

-- Conference grants for the summer are available. Applications are in the Student Activities Office.

Academic Planning Committee (Embry)

-- There should be a meeting sometime this semester.

Board of Trustees – No report

Special Report

1. Kelli Parmley, Director, Office of Budget & Institutional Analysis (OBIA); Raul Cardenas, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management; and Tom Smith, Assistant for Undergraduate Studies, gave a presentation on enrollment. Some points presented:

- Parmley provided information on where and how OBIA is delivering basic information, reporting tools, how to request information from OBIA, other sources of higher education data, and where UNC might be Fall 07.
- Cardenas addressed enrollment trends. Based on JBC documents, all Colorado institutions are projecting declines in undergraduate enrollment for Fall 07. Some recruitment discussion:
 - get grants for kids from the schools to come on campus during the summer for activities.
 - parents and students want to talk with faculty.
 - have more participation with visitations and make phone calls.
 - do more things in the evenings for those who can't participate in events during the day.
 - students enrolled at UNC help to get the word out about UNC.
- Smith addressed retention and graduation rates. It takes the campus community to help a student succeed, not any one person or office. The students' success starts with their entire first year experience, which includes faculty development. A team will be constituted to spend a year looking at resources and talking about faculty development, recruiting, program capacity, the bottle neck in programs, etc. Advising during orientation in the summer needs to be done by a faculty member so there is direct contact with the students, not an administrative assistant or school director who possibly is not in the discipline.

Frustration and concerns were expressed about faculty not having time, staff and resources to do their jobs let alone committing time to help recruit.

Special Orders

1. Nominations were opened for Senate Officers: Chair – Laura Connolly, Vice Chair – Jack Temkin, and Secretary – Connie Stewart. Nominations will be held open until the next Senate meeting.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved that the expanded (+/-) graded system as signed by the President be implemented without further delay.

The Student Representative Council brought forward two proposals for the Committee's consideration. One of the proposals recommended an all grade forgiveness policy, not just for Ds and Fs. The Other proposal recommended that the C- and grades below be dropped leaving A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, and F. The proposals in addition to the table listing policies that might be effected by the new grading system were referred to the Graduate, Liberal Arts, Professional Education, and Undergraduate Councils for their consideration and recommendation.

VOTE: The motion passed 19-4 with 3 abstentions.

Other New Business

1. MOTION: Luttmann/Jurin moved that the Senate Executive Committee integrate the forum handouts into the outline for the Senators.

VOTE: The motion failed by a voice vote.

