

FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the September 3, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the September 3 Minutes
4. Announcements
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs, Board of Trustees
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, and Academic Policies Committee
7. Special Reports
8. Special Orders
 - Appoint one Senator to serve on the Codification Committee (2-year term)
9. New Business
 - FEAC proposal
10. Comments to the Good of the Order
11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen Connolly, Colvin, Clough, Cullom, DeKrey, Dietz, Erskine, Ezzaher, Gaede, Harraf, Hesse, Iyer, Lamb, Luttmann, McCorkle, Middleton, Mills, Murray, Murry, Peercy, Salter, Schuttler, Temkin, Toewe, and Tort. Absent member(s): Clinefelter, Hartgers, Klein, and, Trelogan. Absent members with an alternate: Hauk (Connolly) and Norton (Reynolds).

The agenda was approved as amended by postponing #4 under Special Orders until after Senate elections have taken place and by moving #2 under Special Reports to follow the approval of the minutes. The June 16, 2008 minutes were approved by noting that Clough was in attendance and some minor changes.

Special Reports

2. Patrick Burns, the former chair of the Faculty Research and Publications Board (FRPB), presented information on the spring, 2008 Faculty Research & Dissemination awards from the Provost's Faculty Scholarship Fund. The fall deadline for the quarterly Faculty Development & Professional Development (Travel) award is Monday, September 8th. It was questioned if the FRPB is constituted adequately to make decisions across the disciplines.

Announcements

--Chair's Report

- The State of the University will be September 23 in the UC Ballrooms at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided by RSVPing to Elaine Quam by September 16.
- An Enrollment Summit will be held on October 15. One faculty member from each school will participate.
- The new Vice President for University Relations, Chuck Leonhardt will be on campus September 22.
- On September 30 at 3:00 p.m. there will be a reception for and a lecture by Joan Clinefelter, the M. Lucille Harrison Award recipient.
- One Senator will sit on the committee to help select the Freshmen Book.
- The Registrar's Procedures Manual will soon be available on the web.

- For the Faculty Senate Scholarship Fund the deadline is September 30 for the Percy match of \$50 donations and the deadline is October 30 for the one-half match by the anonymous donor. Money can be given to Murry to deposit with the Foundation. Scott and his wife and Smith and his wife were thanked for their donations.
- Senators are needed from EBS, NHS and HSS.

President's Office (Reynolds for Norton)

-- Some dates to remember:

- September 22 Dr. Chuck Leonardt arrives.
- September 23 is the State of the University Address.
- September 24a Press conference will be held on the Education Innovation Institute. Senate President Groff will be the sponsor on the Bill to establish the Institute.
- There will be 3 graduation ceremonies in December: one graduate on Friday and two on Saturday.
- The President signed an agreement with the the Denver Scholarship Foundation. They will have staff in the Denver schools recruiting for scholarships for which UNC will provide matches.

Provost's Report (Harraf)

- Fifty percent of the incoming class are undeclared. Transfer, African-American, and Hispanic students are up, Asian students and the freshmen are down. Enrollment data will be available September 8.
- The window-admit students are admitted at 90 percent but 9 percent are enrolling.
- There is a problem with classrooms as we don't have rooms for 25 of the spring classes; 85 percent of the classes are preassigned and about 15 percent of the classrooms are specialized.
- The +/- grading is a problem for multi-section classes in which the faculty do not agree with the way students are to be graded.
- The University has a lake-front building at Centerra beginning September 30.
- The Provost is hosting a barbecue on October 1 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Board of Trustees (Iyer) - No Report. Iyer appreciates the faculty's vote of confidence. If anyone has a concern his number is 1-2348.

Academic Policies Committee (Allen) - The Committee talked about many aspects of the Interim Session and the academic calendar during Thanksgiving week.

Codification Committee (Schuttler) - The committee is updating the Board Policy Manual which will be online in October, 2008.

Elections Committee (Luttmann) - The Committee has five of six members and will elect a chair following the Senate meeting today.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) - The Committee began discussion on possible revisions to the sabbatic leave policy.

Salary Equity Committee (Clinefelter) - No Report.

Information Technology Committee (Cullom) - A report was distributed with its various projects and plans. Cullom was thanked for keeping the Senate updated.

Special Reports

1. Kim Black, Director of Assessment, distributed a sheet with some peer information on the UCLA Faculty Survey which is the first of three surveys. The lengthy results are available on the web at [www.unco.edu/assessment/InstitutionalSurveys/FACULTY 2007 PROFILE.pdf](http://www.unco.edu/assessment/InstitutionalSurveys/FACULTY%2007%20PROFILE.pdf). Out of 695, about 28 percent of those who responded had usable data. There have been 23,800+ responses from 212 institutions nationally. The survey is recognized nationwide, is used at institutions across the nation, and is recognized by higher education as a valid and effective instrument. The Provost will use the results for benchmarking.

Special Orders

1. The appointments of McCorkle to the Faculty Welfare and Erskine to the Elections Committees were accepted

MOTION: Cullom/Connolly moved to accept the appointments

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. There were no nominations to the Codification Committee.

3. Anne Toewe was nominated as a Senator at-large on the Senate Executive Committee.

MOTION: Temkin/Percy moved to accept the nomination by acclamation.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

