



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the September 12, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room.

AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the September 12 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Joint Retrenchment Committee, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, BOT, Cultural Centers
7. Presentation by James Moore, CEO and President of the UNC Foundation
8. Special Orders
 - Appointments to Boards, Councils, and Committees
 - Appointment to the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies Search Committee
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Academic Policies Committee Motion Regarding Independent Studies
 - Elections Committee Motion Regarding the Salary Equity Committee
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Adams, L. Black, M. Black, Blair, Blanke, Blubaugh, Brown, Cline, Connolly, de la Torre, Embry, Falvo, Grapes, Huang, Lightfoot, Little Owl, Loftis, Luger, Luttmann, Mackessy, Murry, Norton, Nutter, Percy, Posselt, Rothaus, Schuttler, Stewart, Trelogan, and Worrall. Absent members with alternates: none. Members absent: Jurin, Liefer, and Thompson. Guests: Alma Azama, Becky Barnes, Denise Battles, Kim Black, Dick Dietz, Shandy Hauk, Ken McConnellogue, Carole Schneider, and Jack Temkin.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding under New Business confirmation of the Riesberg visit and by moving the Diversity and Student Service Self-Study report after the Chair's Report. The August 29 minutes were approved without objection.

Announcements

- Chair's Report (Percy)
 - Representative Jim Riesberg has asked to come on campus to talk about the needs of the State and Referendums C and D. An open information forum for the campus and Greeley communities has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. Senator Steve Johnson from Fort Collins will accompany. The SRC and the UNC chapter of the AAUP will co-sponsor the event. Confirmation was held under New Business.

Special Report

Diversity and Student Service Self-Study by Kim Black, Chair

- Three studies were conducted: Study One-Cultural Centers, Women's Resource Center, and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Office; Study Two-Colleges and Library; and Study Three-Student Services. Black went through the challenges and recommendations. The full report is available at http://www.unco.edu/pres/charting/transition/task_force_reports.htm.

President's Report (Norton)

- The UNC Foundation Board, the UNC Board of Trustees, and the CCHE recently had retreats where the future of higher education, funding, and Referendums C and D were discussed. Failure of the referendums will result in the University looking more like a private institution than a public one. There will probably be dramatic cuts, which the public will undoubtedly notice, and the Board is committed to exploring differential tuition.

- The President's Planning Council will hold its retreat next week.
- A study was conducted by Laura Connolly and other faculty to assess the economic impact of UNC on the northern Colorado region. Students spend \$53-74 million annually in the two county regions.
- The CCHE will present two budgets to the legislature, one of referendums C and D pass and one if they do not.
- The administration is working on several revisions to policies resulting from the Charting the Future process which were passed by the Senate. The administration and Senate leadership need to talk about concerns and modifications.

The President was thanked for all that she is doing for the referendums. Upon request, the President clarified a statement she made on television referring to adjunct and tenure faculty.

Provost's Report (Huang)

- A copy of the Provost's report to the Board on September 9 was distributed and is available on the web.
- The University will submit its invoice to COF for \$10.3 million for 128,000 credit hours of service based on \$80 per credit hour. The 300 students who have not authorized COF to distribute funds will have a bill sent to them.
- All the deans have submitted their hiring plans. The dollars will be approved by November 1.
- UNC has responded to helping those impacted by hurricane Katrina. One student has transferred out of the area to the UNC campus and will pay in-state tuition; several inquiries have been received. Seven students have gone to the area to help and many faculty and staff are helping with room and board. A couple of faculty from universities want to transfer to UNC.

It was noted that the percentage of tenure/tenure-track faculty to term has decreased from 81 to 73 percent. The Board is concerned about the quality of instruction and discussed the relationship of quality to tenure/tenure-track faculty.

Codification Committee (Schuttler) - No report

Elections Committee (Embry)

- The Committee is waiting on an updated list of voting faculty.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Luger) - No report

Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus) - No report

Academic Policies Committee (Blubaugh)

- The Committee passed a motion regarding independent study courses in the Extended Studies program that will come before the Senate at its next meeting.
- Discussion began on course grades.

Cultural Centers (Little Owl)

- Invitations to the 20th anniversary celebration of the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center and to the Greeley Festival. The mayor of Greeley will issue a proclamation at the anniversary celebration.
- As Little Owl has returned to school, another representative from the Cultural Centers will sit on the Senate.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Posselt) - No report

State Personnel Employees Executive Council (Brown) - No report

Student Representative Council - No report

Board of Trustees (Blanke)

- The Board held its retreat on September 9. The one action item that impacted faculty was the naming of buildings on campus after former University presidents. The President explained why the Senate was not in favor of the proposal and Blanke talked about the fiscal concern. The Board felt the issues were worthy of concern so asked Jim Moore, President of the UNC Foundation, who stated that an institution in higher education did not have a good chance at raising much money for something of this nature. Based upon what Moore had to say, the Board passed a motion unanimously to name the buildings after the former UNC presidents. There was no opportunity to inform the Board that the issue was not the naming of the buildings but the process that lead to it, specifically the lack of involvement by the faculty leadership, namely the Senate.
- The Board feels that there should not be an enrollment cap and that over the next three years the University could increase enrollment to 15,000 by making the appropriate scheduling.
- There should be more of a focus on recruiting non-resident undergraduates.
- The reduction in the ratio of tenure/tenure-track to term positions was mentioned.
- Blanke will serve on a subcommittee being developed to look at the possibility of program cuts. The committee will look at program review and the general education process, the Board's overall role in academic affairs.

Joint Retrenchment Committee (Temkin)

- The Committee is waiting on information and data from Academic Affairs.

