

FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the September 15 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the September 15 Minutes
4. Announcements
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs, Board of Trustees
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, and Academic Policies, Codification
7. Special Reports
8. Special Orders
 - Appointments to various boards, committees, and councils
9. New Business
10. Comments to the Good of the Order
11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 SENATE MEETING

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Luttmann. The agenda was approved with minor changes and by adding a resolution regarding space changes. The September 3 minutes were approved as amended with minor changes,

- by noting under Announcements, Chair's Report, last bulleted item, the Peercy match was \$500 not \$50,
- changing the date in the last bullet under the Provost's Report to "October 11 not 4",
- by changing the second motion under New Business to read, "Peercy/Dietz moved that the Faculty Senate establish FEAC for the remainder of the academic year to conduct the annual survey of faculty perceptions of administrators. FEAC will then be taken over as a standing committee of the Senate. ~~authorizes FEAC to continue in existence for the remainder of the current academic year~~",
- by clarifying that there will be 3 graduation ceremonies in December: one graduate on Friday and two undergraduate on Saturday.

Announcements

--Chair's Report

- Right now donations will receive a "double dip" for the Faculty Senate Scholarship Fund. The deadline is September 30 for the Peercy match of \$500 donations from Senators and the deadline is October 30 for the one-half match by the anonymous donor from Senate members.
- Joan Clinefelter, recipient of the M. Lucile Harrison Award, will give a lecture and be honored at a reception on September 30.
- September 23 is the State of the University Address. A free lunch will be served for those making a reservation.

President's Office (Reynolds for Norton)

- UNC, Aims, CSU, and the Front Range Community College are working to establish a campus at Centerra in Loveland.

-- There will be a press conference on September 24 to announce the plans to establish an Education Innovation Institute to advance practices in teaching and learning, and in informing public policy decisions related to education. UNC would serve as the umbrella institution and would coordinate efforts of other specialized centers.

-- CSU's STEM program hired John Moore but MAST is still on the UNC campus. Stephen Anderson is the director of the program.

Provost's Report (Harraf)

-- Each college has been asked to appoint a faculty representative for the Enrollment Summit to discuss how we can improve the recruitment and retention effort. What develops will be put into action. Some concerns are that UNC is losing about 50 percent of the undeclared students and not having enough classroom space.

-- Tobias Guzman has been named the Vice President for Enrollment Management which encompasses the residence and dining halls, Registrar, financial aid and admissions.

Board of Trustees (Iyer) - The Board has not met yet. No report.

Codification Committee (Schuttler) - No report.

Elections Committee (Luttmann) - The Committee elected Luttmann as the chair for 2008-09. There have been two nominations for the one Senate position from the college of HSS. The ballots will go out soon.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) - The Committee continued discussion on possible revision to the sabbatic leave policy. It will begin a parallel discussion regarding faculty classifications in October.

Salary Equity Committee (Clinefelter) - No Report.

Academic Policies Committee (Allen) - The Committee talked about Interim Session and the Thanksgiving calendar. There have been 202 responses to the calendar survey with 38 of them coming from 7 IP addresses and 60 percent preferring the current schedule of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday off for Thanksgiving.

Special Reports - None

Special Orders

1. There were no Senator nominations for the Codification Committee

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. MOTION: Peercy/Dietz moved that the Faculty Senate hereby authorizes FEAC to continue in existence for the remainder of the current academic year. The Faculty Senate further charges FEAC with 1) conducting a survey of faculty perceptions of administrators during spring semester 2009 and 2) developing bylaws and procedures to govern a standing Senate committee (standing Committee approved 9/3). The primary duty of that standing Senate committee will be to conduct an annual survey of faculty perceptions of administrators.

MOTION: Mills/Hauk moved that the Faculty Senate authorizes FEAC to develop bylaws and procedures to govern a standing Senate Committee which the Faculty Senate would constitute during spring semester, 2009 and the primary duty of that standing Senate committee will then be to conduct an annual survey of faculty perceptions of administrators starting spring semester 2009.

VOTE: The amended motion failed 2-18 with 2 abstentions.

VOTE: The first motion passed 14 - 4 with 4 abstentions.

MOTION: Clough/Peercy moved that whereas classroom availability and course scheduling are of great importance to faculty members, therefore, the Faculty Senate resolves that the Academic Policy Committee be instructed as a matter of priority to seek information and begin discussions on the planned removal of classrooms in Michener Library from instructional use in the coming Spring Semester, on the possible implications of this removal for class scheduling, and on the possible implications of such class scheduling for student and faculty retention.

The issue is more of consultation issues with the faculty. There is now a University-wide group that looks at space allocation. It was explained that Academic Advising and Disability Services were promised space quite some time ago.

VOTE: The resolution passed unanimously with 1 abstention

