

FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the October 13, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the October 13 Minutes
4. Announcements
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs, Board of Trustees
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, and Elections
7. Special Reports
 - David Kendrick, Director of CETL, regarding quality of on-line courses
 - Marshall Parks, Director of Hum Resources, regarding CHEIBA
8. Special Orders
9. New Business
10. Comments to the Good of the Order
11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2008 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Clinefelter, Clough, Colvin, Connolly, DeKrey, Dietz, Doerner, Erskine, Ezzaher, Harraf, Gaede, Hartgers, Hauk, Hesse, Iyer, Klein, Lamb, Luttmann, McCorkle, Middleton, Mills, Murry, Percy, Schuttler, Temkin, and Tort. Absent member(s): Cullom, Little Owl, McCorkle, Middleton, Murray, and Trelogan Absent members with an alternate: Toewe (Salter). Guests: David Caldwell, Rachel King, Virgil Scott, and Tom Smith.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding a resolution from APC under New Business and moving the New and Old Business to follow the Chair's Report. The September 29 minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements

--Chair's Report

- At the State of the University Address, the President mentioned that she wanted to start a campus-wide work environment task force to look at things for faculty such as spouse benefits and family friendly tenure policies. Marshall Parks, who would lead the group, would like a membership of four faculty members, one dean, two SPEEC and two PASC members. Faculty volunteers should contact Garcia at vicki.garcia@unco.edu.
- The Academic Council meeting was cancelled as the Enrollment Summit will be held that Wednesday.
- The _ match from an anonymous donor is open until October 31.

Unfinished Business

1. RESOLUTION: The Academic Policies Committee, based on the results of the survey of faculty and students, moved that the Faculty Senate pass the following resolution: the Faculty Senate supports that the Provost's Office keep the academic calendar as it currently stands in which the Thanksgiving/Fall Break includes no classes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week of Thanksgiving.

The results were 63.8 percent of the faculty want the current schedule and 66.9 percent of the students want to keep the current schedule of Wednesday through Friday off.

VOTE: The resolution passed 18-2 with 1 abstention.

New Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to adopt the proposal for Latin honors University-wide that Latin honors be defined as;

Summa 3.9 and above
Magna 38 and above
Cum laude 3.7 and above.

To be effective as soon as reasonable.

Under the current system, approximately two percent of all students received honors in each of the three levels and the honors are not University-wide. Under this motion 17 to 18 percent would graduate with honors, which are in line with other universities. Some universities use percentile, some use grade point average. As the +/- grading system is new this year and it might skew the numbers, APC will review the numbers in next year.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

President's Office (Reynolds for Norton) - The President:

- met with the School District 6 Superintendent, Ranelle Lang.
- attended a Get Smart Schools Board meeting. It is a group putting together a support system for educators who are looking to start charter schools.
- travelled to Vancouver with the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Exchange Program.
- attended the Governor's P-20 Systems Transformation subcommittee meeting.
- met with Executive Director, Theresa Cusimano, of the Colorado Campus Compact regents.
- met with CU and Aims and Front Range colleges regarding an external facilitator for their joint venture.

Provost's Report (Harraf)

- Those attending the barbeque were thanked.
- The Enrollment Summit will be held Wednesday.
- All of the spring classes have a home now.
- The space committee has not met yet. Allen will represent the Senate on the committee.
- Starting tomorrow a three-year calendar will be posted on the web.
- There will be a concerted effort to have things put up on the University calendar of events, which is different from the three-year calendar.

Board of Trustees (Iyer) – Dick Monfort was elected chair and Jerry Morgensen vice chair. The establishment of the Education Innovation Institute is in full swing. The second campaign is under way with a goal of \$80 million by the year 2014. The Equity and Diversity Councils are working on a comprehensive diversity plan for the University. Questions should be directed to Iyer.

Elections Committee (Luttmann) – Most of the elections were unopposed. The winners were:

Codification Committee - Bob Lynch (at-large)

Board of Athletic Control – Corey Pierce (at-large) and Ashley Walker (NHS)

Liberal Arts Council – Richard Jurin (NHS) and Michael Kimball (Life of the Mind)

Tenure Appeal Committee – Gary Huffines (NHS)

Professional Education Council – Connie Stewart (K-12 Art)

Undergraduate Council – Erik Applegate (PVA)

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) – No report

Salary Equity Committee (Clinefelter) - No Report

Academic Policies Committee (Allen) – No report

Codification Committee (Schuttler) – No report

Special Reports

1. Virgil Scott reported that there have been 21 commitments to the Faculty Senate Scholarship Fund with ten from Senators and three donations from people who have never donated before. The total to date is \$14, 010. Those who have donated include Randy Haack, two Alumni, all of the senior staff at the Foundation Office, two Foundation Board members, two of the Trustees, Tom Smith, and the Scotts. The goal for the upcoming capital campaign is \$80 million.

2. Rachel King, Interim Dean of Students, reported on the Student Success Advisory Council. The Council looks at all student areas, professional development needs, and improvement of information dissemination. The focus is on the first four weeks, Faculty participation is needed. The Council meets every other Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Special Orders

