



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the October 24, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room.

AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2005 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the October 24 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Joint Retrenchment Committee, BOT, Cultural Centers, PASC, SPEEC, SRC
7. Special Orders
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
 - Motions from Faculty Welfare Committee
 - Student Health Insurance
 - General Education Program
10. Other New Business
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2005 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Adams, L. Black, M. Black, Blair, Blubaugh, Brown, Connolly, de la Torre, Falvo, Huang, Lightfoot, Loftis, Luttmann, Murry, Norton, Nutter, Oya, Posselt, Schuttler, Stewart, Trelogan, and Worrall. Absent members with alternates: Grapes (Schuttler) and Liefer (de la Torre). Members absent: Blanke, Cline, Jurin, Luger, Mackessy, Percy, Rothaus, and Thompson. Guests: Denise Battles, David Caldwell, and Jack Temkin.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding the Student Grading Scale under New Business. The October 10 minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements

- As Chair Percy was ill, Vice Chair Murry presided over the meeting. A proviso was in order as Murry had to leave at 5:30 p.m. and Secretary Stewart had to leave at 5:00 p.m. Senator Loftis was elected unanimously by a voice vote to chair the meeting after Murry left.
- SRC VP Liefer requested at the last Senate meeting faculty representatives to serve on the following committees:
 - UC Advisory Board--William Ebomoyi was appointed at the September 12 Senate meeting.
 - One-time replacement for Iyer for October 12 SRC meeting--there were no volunteers.
 - Homecoming King and Queen Committee--there were no volunteers.
- Roger Bowen, general secretary for the national AAUP, will be at the State annual meeting to talk about shared governance. The meeting will be held Saturday, October 29 on the Westminster campus of the Front Range Community College.

President's Report (Norton)

- The President and Provost met with Percy and Blanke to talk about Senate actions resulting from the mandated CTF restructuring of the University and that will replace existing policies in the *Board Policy Manual*. Some recommended changes were put in a draft.
- The President will meet with the Senate Executive Committee on a regular basis. Shared governance will be discussed at the next meeting.

Provost's Report (Huang)

- The Board's academic sub-committee will meet on November 7. Data was sent to the sub-committee last week and to the chair of the Joint Retrenchment Committee.
- Sabbatical leave requests are due to the deans November 14 then the Provost by December 9.

Joint Retrenchment Committee (Temkin)

- Some, but not all, data was received from the Provost. The Committee wants to begin working on a reduction-in-force plan in case elimination or reduction of programs, which would include the reduction of tenured faculty, should be recommended. There is a concern that the time line in the policy would not allow enough time to give due consideration so the Committee wanted to begin early.

Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus) - No report

Academic Policies Committee (Blubaugh)

- The Committee had two motions on the agenda.

Codification Committee (Schuttler)

- Work continues on the Manual and Regulations.

Elections Committee (Embry)

- Nominations will go out soon for the Library Advisory Committee and the Tenure Appeals Committee. Elections results announced:
 - BOAC--Michael Mills (HSS)
 - General Education Council--Lori Sauble-Otto (HSS) and Sharon Zill (NHS)
 - Graduate Council--Sean O'Halloran and Dick King (EBS)

Faculty Welfare Committee - No report

Student Representative Council - No report

Board of Trustees - No report

Cultural Centers (Oya)

- In the fall issue of *Winds of Change*, the college guide for American Indians, UNC was featured with a two-page article. Other schools recognized in the magazine were Yale and University of Texas. It was noted that there are 139 undergraduate and graduate Native Americans enrolled at UNC.
- Semana de los Muertos will take place this week at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center.
- A director for the Marcus Garvey Center is still needed. Gloria Rollins, administrative assistant, has been taking care of everything. A candidate will be on campus Thursday, October 26.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Posselt) - No report

State Personnel Employees Executive Council (Brown) - No report

Executive Session for an Honorary Degree Consideration at 4:23 p.m.

- The session resumed at 4:31 p.m.

Special Orders

1. As there were no nominations for senators from EBS, HSS, MCB and NHS to serve on the Salary Equity Committee, the floor was opened for non-senator nominations. The following faculty members were elected:

- Pat Graham from HSS was elected for 05-06.
- Jamie Erskine from NHS was elected for 05-08

Representative are still needed from EBS and MCB

Unfinished Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved that each enrollment in independent study courses offered through extended studies that count toward credit in degree programs shall be approved by the director of the appropriate school.

The motion was postponed in September until the last Senate meeting in October.

MOTION: Embry/de la Torre moved to postpone the motion until the meeting in January.

The motion needs to be researched more. EBS faculty recommended that directed studies be including in the motion in addition to extended studies.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed unanimously by a voice vote.

New Business

1. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved that the grading scale for students at the University be changed to the following scale with the GPA equivalent of A = 4.00, A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.33, B = 3.00, B- = 2.67, C+ = 2.33, C = 2.00, C- = 1.67, D+ = 1.33, D = 1.00, D- = .67, and F = 0.

The sentiment, not unanimous, is that there is a desire among faculty to obtain greater grade accuracy and to reward students for asserting themselves. The proposed scale would give more flexibility for grading. Faculty can take advantage of the additional grades at their own discretion. The impact will be mostly on the A students as there will be fewer given. A survey of graduate coordinators asking how GPAs are evaluated on transcripts indicated that the proposed scale would fit well with the decision-making process. The SRC felt that students would be motivated. Students will need to be advised of the change and instructors will need to advise the students of how they will be graded. The timing for changing the scale is crucial for the implementation of the Banner system. CU, CSU, and Montana State are all using the +/- grading scale. Implementation of the new scale would be Fall, 2006.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Mary Schuttler was congratulated for being selected as the 05-06 PVA College Scholar.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Connie Stewart
Secretary

Vicki Garcia
Recording Secretary