

FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the October 27, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the October 27 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
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8. Special Orders
9. New Business
10. Comments to the Good of the Order
11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2008 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Clinefelter, Clough, Connolly, Cullom, DeKrey, Dietz, Gaede, Harraf, Hartgers, Hauk, Iyer, Lamb, Luttmann, McCorkle, Middleton, Mills, Murry, Percy, Salter, Schuttler, Temkin, Toewe, Tort, and Trelogan.

Absent member(s): Colvin, Doerner, Erskine, Ezzaher, Klein, Little Owl, and Murray.

Absent members with an alternate: Hesse (Luttmann) and Norton (Reynolds). Guests: David Caldwell, Ronda Corman, David Kendrick, Rachel King, Marshall Parks, Virgil Scott, and Tom Smith.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding under Special Reports a report from the Student Representative Council. The October 13 minutes were approved as amended under New Business that the Latin honor Magna is 3.8 not 3.8 and by deleting the second sentence under Comments to the Good of the Order.

Announcements

-- Chair's Report

- Academic Council – No report

President's Office (Reynolds for Norton)

The President went to a few events last week:

- the ASCU Group on Presidential Leadership and Global Competitiveness meeting.
- the Big Sky President's Conference
- the Community Vision meeting will be Friday, October 31. The group connects planning efforts in Greeley, Evans, Downtown, UNC, Weld, etc.
- The President's Planning Council came up with a proposal last spring regarding the request for 16 areas. It was questioned when there would be a response to the proposal. Reynolds noted that the President would be calling a meeting of the two groups.

Academic Affairs/Provost's Report (Harraf)

- The three-year calendar is up on the web.
- Information, including discussion, comments, and action items, for the Enrollment Summit is on the Provost's web site.
- The Latin honors Senate action was approved. The Provost would like to start on it in this fall.

- One person noted that the Insight report for midterm grades did not work, it was not available. Many faculty did not receive the sheet from the athletic department.
- The President approved the Latin honors Senate action. The Provost has asked the Registrar if it would be possible to start it this fall.
 - +/- grading will be tracked to see how it affects the honors.

Board of Trustees (Iyer) – No report

Elections Committee (Luttmann) – As there was a mix-up with one candidate and the other one withdrew, the Graduate Council elections are postponed until spring semester when elections will be held again. The Committee will soon be working on its Bylaws.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) – No report

Salary Equity Committee (Clinefelter) - No Report

Academic Policies Committee (Allen) – Changing the drop/add deadlines was discussed. The proposal will be sent to the deans as well as the affected areas, i.e., Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, etc.

- Allen, the Senate representative on the University Space Utilization Committee, reported that there was no delay for the renovation of the Michener basement based on State funding and distributed the charge for the Committee.
- The Catalog Committee discussed having a separate graduate and undergraduate catalog and the format, etc. Comments are to be directed to Allen.

Codification Committee (Schuttler) – No report

Special Reports

1. David Kendrick, Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL), reported on the quality of on-line courses. On-line learning, on-line classes, as well as hybrids have increased and will continue doing so. To make sure quality is in place, CETL has started a new initiative over the next three years called Quality Matters (QM) which is a program that looks at standards and is a faculty peer review process, faculty determining among faculty what are the best standards. Kendrick noted that the QM does not make a rubric publicly available but it would be provided at the meeting. A suggestion was made not to distribute the brochure campus-wide as it is “too cooperate” and not accessible by faculty and may feel that it is too “foreign”. It won't be a good introduction to the faculty.

There are seminar training programs on December 1 and 2, which are during the last week of classes.

2. Marshall Parks, Director of Human Resources, announced that effective January 1, 2009, domestic partner benefits will be available. The President and Senate were thanked for taking the matter up, their patience, and passing the resolution to help line up other institutions and CHEIBA (Colorado Higher Education Insurance Benefits Alliance).

- There will be an open enrollment meeting November 19 as well as a Health Fair when there will be free blood work for those who sign up for it. There are a limited number of time slots available.
- There will be no increase in faculty health and dental premiums this year.
- The Work Environment Task Force will meet for an hour every other week with some outside work also required initially, meaning a commitment of about 5-6 hours per month. The time commitment will decrease after the initial work is completed. Meeting dates and times will be set once the group is complete. NOTE: A faculty member is still needed on this group.

3. Charles Miles, President of the Student Representative Council, addressed the need for a faculty representative on the Council. The Senate has announced the vacancy several times campus-wide. Senate members suggested many reasons why there is no representative yet.

-- As the position is appointed someone has to volunteer.

- SRC members should recruit volunteers also.

-- It is a tremendous commitment.

- The meetings are every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Sometimes the meetings are extremely long.
- Many faculty have night classes.
- Many faculty want to go home to their families.

Tracy Salter volunteered for the position.

MOTION: Connolly/Peercy moved that Salter be appointed by acclamation.

*	Monday, October 27	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*
*	Monday, October 27	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*
*	Monday, November, 3	Salary Equity Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Aspen A	*
*	Wednesday, November 5	Codification Committee	2:15 p.m.	UC North Platte	*
*	Wednesday, November 5	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen A	*
*	Monday, November 10	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*

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