



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the October 29, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 12, 2007 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the October 29 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - Report on Academic Council
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, SRC, Academic Planning, BOT, Cultural Centers, Information Technology Committee, PASC, SPEEC
7. Special Reports
 - Update on fund raising by Virgil Scott, CEO of the UNC Foundation, Inc.
8. Special Orders
 - Appoint a Senator to Codification
 - Appointments to board, councils, and committees
 - Appointment to the Capital Planning Committee
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Policy on Sanitizing Computers
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2007 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Clarke, Clinefelter, Clough, Connolly, de la Torre, Dietz, Erskine, Gaede, Harraf, Hesse, Jankow, Klingsmith, Lamb, Luger, Luttmann, Mackessy, Merrill, Murry, Peercy, Perrett, Rennaker, Stewart, and Temkin. Absent member(s) with alternate: Embry (Luger), Norton (Langer), Schuttler (Temkin), Toewe (Hesse), and Trelogan (Sauble-Otto). Member(s) absent: Battles, Griggs, Hauk (sabbatic leave), Kalu, Klein, Lennon, Nutter, and Willis. Guests: David Caldwell.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding reports by Jennifer Clarke and Dan Socall under Special Reports. The October 15 minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - Academic Council
 - The UCLA survey will be coming out soon.
 - After discussion it was determined that the survey should be opened to all constituents including deans, school directors, and/or any faculty on a contract-time which would include academic advisors.

President's Office – No report

Provost's Report (Harraf)

- The letter that will go regarding the UCLA survey will be signed by the Provost and the Faculty Senate Chair.
- As of October 29, 394 students have signed up for the Interim Session. Last year, 450 total students signed up.
- As requested by the Academic Policies Committee (APC), the Provost e-mailed a memo to everyone regarding the expanded grading system, that all course syllabi, program literature, etc. must reflect the change in addition to the Catalog. February 1 is the deadline to submit changes.
- The Academic Council looked at summer enrollment and the variety of customized calendars, some of which are outside the university sanctioned catalog. The APC will also look at the issue.

- The deans and school directors will be asked to draw up 1-, 3-, and 5-year professional and personnel goals, which will be put on the college web sites.
- The University Recruitment and Retention Committee will meet November 2.
- Academic Affairs is trying to launch a newsletter and overhaul its web site.
- Graduate faculty discussed are talking about not having a graduate summer graduation ceremony.

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly)

- The Committee is working on the policies for the use of money gained from positions that are eliminated. The policies have been reviewed and recommendations will be made. The recommendations will be sent in advance to the Senate for review prior to the next Senate meeting.

Academic Policies Committee (Embry) – No report

Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler)

- The Committee has been reviewing Senate Actions returned for discussion. One of them is #934 regarding faculty rights to determine its own representatives on various groups.
- The Committee continued to review the bylaws for various councils to make sure they are consistent with the Constitution in the *Board Policy Manual*.

Elections Committee (Luttmann)

Although the numbers were not in, Sieger Hartgers will probably be the newly elected Senator from PVA. There remains a vacant Senate position in MCB. Nominations for the major councils and boards are still coming in after the deadline on Friday, November 2.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin)

- Marshall Parks, Director of Human Resources, talked about the process required if PERA were to be restored as a retirement option at UNC. A motion will be presented under New Business.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Klingsmith)

- The Council is looking at different ways to raise money for scholarships.
- There is a focus on bringing in new members, e.g., orientation.

State Personnel Employee Executive Council (Jankow) – No report

Student Representative Council (Lamb)

- The attendance was low at the Town Hall meeting last week, but those attending had some good questions about the group funding process and some productive suggestions on how SRC could improve. It was noted that there are public sessions during every SRC meeting.
- About \$5,600 was awarded for conference grants.
- The hiring process has started for the Vice President for Student Relations position.
- As CU-Denver has some funding problems, Trustee Smith is working with the Associated Students of Colorado to work something out for the SRC to give them about \$2,500.

Academic Planning Committee (Embry) – No report

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter) – No report

Cultural Centers (Rennaker)

- The Cesar Chavez Cultural Center is hosting a week long event, Semana de Los Muertos, beginning October 29 through November 2. Something is planned each evening at 5:00 p.m. w/most events held at the Center.
- The Office of Multicultural Affairs has a graduate assistant helping all the Cultural Centers. She has put a newsletter on the web at www.unco.edu/multicultural.
- The Marcus Garvey Cultural Center will host a Halloween Dance on October 31 at 8:00 p.m.
- The Native American Student Services Center will host Native American Education & Recognition Week on November 5 through 8. Something is planned each day at 12:00 or 5:00 p.m. at the Center.

Information Technology Committee

- The Committee will meet Wednesday, October 31.

Special Reports

1. Jennifer Clarke, Chair of the Graduate Council, announced that due to cost there will be no summer ceremony for graduate students. The savings will be directed to scholarships for graduate students. The students can choose which ceremony they want to attend, either the spring ceremony before summer, or the fall ceremony following summer. The degree will still be conferred in the summer. Deadlines will not change. It is permissible for program areas or colleges to hold a reception for their students.
2. Dan Socall, Director of the Counseling Center, invited everyone to attend the first annual Mental Health Summit on October 31 at the University Center. First Lady Jeannie Ritter will be the keynote speaker. The

Counseling Center has experienced a 250 percent increase in phone calls this fall since the Virginia Tech incident last fall. Faculty especially were encouraged to attend as they “are the eyes and hears on campus.”

Special Orders

1. MOTION: de la Torre/Temkin nominated Ron Reed to serve as the Monfort College of Business representative on the Salary Equity Committee.

VOTE: The nomination passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. No Senator volunteered to serve on the Codification Committee.

3-5. The following appointments were unanimously confirmed by a voice vote:

-- Information Technology Committee - Deanna Meinke and Rik D’Amato

-- University Disciplinary Committee - James Gould

-- University Recruitment & Retention Committee - Diane Gaede

There were no volunteers for the Constitutional Review Authority nor the Student E-Billing Committee,

6. There were no volunteers for the Capital Planning Committee

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. MOTION: The Faculty Welfare Committee moves that the Senate resolves that it favors timely exploration of the feasibility of working with other institutions to craft legislation that would bring PERA as an option for UNC faculty.

As some faculty have requested bringing PERA back to campus as an optional retirement plan (ORP), the Committee looked into the possibility. When TIAA-CREF and other optional retirement plans (ORP) became available at the University several years ago, PERA was not interested in being one of several options. That has now changed and in order to have PERA as an option, there will have to be legislation. There are a lot of questions as to what PERA would do if it were to become an ORP option. The resolution simply states that the Senate supports anyone exploring the possibility. Legislation, if any, would likely be presented at 08-09 legislative session.

VOTE: The resolution passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Comments to the Good of the Order

1. A request was made to have a lobbyist address the Senate.

2. On October 31 a speaker from the National University of Singapore will be on campus to talk about toxins and snake venom. The seminar will be held in Ross 1090.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Connie Stewart
Secretary

Vicki Garcia
Recording Secretary

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	UPCOMING SENATE & SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
* Wednesday, November 7	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte		*
* Wednesday, November 7	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C		*
* Monday, November 12	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Monday, November 12	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Thursday, November 15	Salary Equity Committee	8:00 a.m.	UC South Platte		*
* Monday, November 26	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Monday, November 26	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Wednesday, December 5	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte		*
* Wednesday, December 5	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C		*
* Monday, December 10	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Monday, December 10	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
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