



# FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the November 8, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22 in the UC council Room.

## **AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 22, 2004 SENATE MEETING**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the November 8 Minutes
4. Announcements
  - Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, SRC, BOT, PASC, SPEEC
7. Reports of Special Committees: Joint Retrenchment Committee, Commission on the University Experience
8. Special Orders
9. Unfinished Business
  - Endorse Charge for the Course Evaluation Task Force
  - Appoint Faculty Members to the Course Evaluation Task Force
  - Appoint Faculty Members to the Transition
  - Postponed Constitutional Amendment
10. New Business
  - Temkin Motions Concerning University Policies and the Ordinary Governance Process
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

## **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2004 SENATE MEETING**

Members present: Arakawa, Blair, Blanke, Blubaugh, de la Torre, DeKrey, Dietz, Embry, Erskine, Gardiner, Graham, Jenkins, Jones, Klein, Laxalt, Luger, Merrill, Murry, Newmark, Peercy, Picard, Pulos, Roehrs, Rothaus, Temkin, and Waters. Absent members with alternates: Jurin (Gardiner). Members absent: Black, Grapes, Hauk, Huang, Maestas, Norton, and Schneider. Guests: Becky Barnes, Curt Peterson, and Debora Scheffel.

The agenda was approved as amended by moving the New Business item to Special Orders. The October 25 minutes were approved without objection.

### **Announcements**

- Chair's Report (Dietz)
  - Jennifer Geringer, the new senator from COE, was introduced.
  - UNC's counterproposal to the Performance Contract from President Norton dated November 1 was briefly discussed. The chair will report to the President the reaction from the Senate regarding the "non-Best University Experience" comment, which was identified as CCHE language.
  - The Commission on the University Experience (CUE) has been added on the agenda under Special Reports.

### **President's Report (Scheffel for Norton)**

The President had another commitment.

### **Academic Affairs/Deans' Council Report (Scheffel for Huang)**

The Provost is out of town.

### **Academic Policies Committee (Murry) - No report**

### **Codification Committee (Jenkins) - No report**

### **Elections Committee (Merrill)**

- Fall election results: Senate--Shandy Hauk (A & S), David Grapes (PVA), and Jennifer Geringer (COE); Tenure Appeals Committee--Nancy White (HHS), Dale Shaw (COE), and A & S election in progress; Graduate Council--

election in progress; Board of Athletic Control--Kacy Guill (UL); Faculty Research & Publications Board--Sarah Naper (UL); and Professional Education Council--elections in progress.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin)

- The Committee is working on revising those portions of faculty evaluation that reference the old University structure.

Salary Equity Committee - No report

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Posselt)

The Senate will collaborate with PASC on a couple of community service projects this year: one or two days tending to the UNC Xeric Garden and one evening serving dinners at the Guadalupe Center.

State Personnel Employees Executive Council - No report

Student Representative Council (Arakawa)

- Public interviews will be held November 10 to select the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The new vice president will take office Spring semester.

- There will be a hearing on November 10 for the UNC Broadcasting Organization, which is a group of students who want to open an University television station, and for CoPIRG; both groups are seeking funding through the student fee allocation process.

Board of Trustees (Blanke)

The Board is meeting November 9 to consider two action items: joining the Big Sky Conference and substantial tuition increases. Six tuition models will be submitted that differ in two ways: how much tuition they generate and the method for generating revenue. The new tuition rates would go into effect 2006.

Joint Retrenchment Committee (Temkin)

The Committee will meet soon to discuss the data to request from the administration.

Commission on the University Experience (Laxalt)

The President shared her charge at the first meeting on Thursday, October 28. Meetings will be every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in Candelaria. The Commission agreed to have a study period until the end of the year to look at about 15 articles. Tom Trelogan designed a website ([www.cue.unco.edu](http://www.cue.unco.edu)) for the Commission. Scalia reported that there will be a national conference in San Francisco and 10 Commission members could sign up to attend. Laxalt will bring the charge to the next Senate meeting. The Commission's first report is due in March and the final report is due October, 2005. The Senate questioned the money being spent to send members to the conference.

Special Orders

1. Jennifer Geringer's appointment to serve on the Faculty Welfare Committee was confirmed without objection.
2. A call for faculty volunteers from the colleges (new structure) to serve on the Course Evaluation Task Force went out last week. Not many faculty volunteered and not all colleges are represented. The following faculty were appointed and confirmed by the Senate to serve on the Task Force: Cris de la Torre (MCB), Mark Anderson (UL), Joan Clinefelter (Humanities & Social Sciences), and Achilles Bardos (Education & Behavioral Sciences). Volunteers are still needed from PVA and Natural & Health Sciences.

3. MOTION: The Senate Executive Committee moved to approve the slate for the faculty membership on the Transition Team.

Concerns were expressed about a number of issues: the President chose the faculty for the Team then asked the Senate to approve the slate; it is not clear what the charge will be for the Team; there is no representation from the University Libraries, and the role of one of the members is more administrative in the college than that of a faculty member. It was noted that the function of the Team is described in the CTF but its specific role is unclear.

MOTION: Percy/Roehrs moved to postpone approval until such time as the chair has more information.

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

Unfinished Business

1. MOTION: The Chair moved the approval of the charge to the Course Evaluation Task Force. It was noted that Debora Scheffel will chair the Task Force. As discussed in the past in Senate and the Senate Executive Committee, it was understood that the Task Force would deliberate whether or not it is advisable to develop an instrument that would be useful for the three purposes stated. However, the charge already makes that determination. The charge is not what was communicated to the Executive Committee. It should be communicated to the Provost that the charge should be open to allow for the possibility, e.g., that no such evaluation be "used in faculty tenure, promotion, reappointment and annual evaluation decisions."

MOTION: Luger/Pulos moved to table the charge until such time as the Provost is present to discuss it. Defeating the charge tells the Provost that something is wrong with it; it is not necessary to tell him personally.

