



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the November 26, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 10, 2007 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the November 26 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - Report on Academic Council
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, BOT, Cultural Centers, Information Technology Committee, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, Academic Planning,
7. Special Reports
 - Dan Frantz, Veterans Administration, regarding the impact and influence of the Iraqi war on returning students
8. Special Orders
 - Appointments to the President's Planning Council
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Faculty Welfare Committee motion
 - SRC Statement of Support for the Textbook Campaign
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2007 SENATE MEETING

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

Senate Chair Murry relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Erskine.

The agenda was approved as amended by moving Special Orders to follow New Business. The November 12 minutes were approved as amended by:

- noting that Klein was in attendance.
- noting under the President's Office Report, fourth bullet, that Weaver will work with Connolly as the Vice President for Legislative Affairs for the State AAUP.
- rewording the Academic Policies Committee report to read, "The Liberal Arts Council has notified the APC that courses still lacking the gtPathways designation as of the end of this coming February will be removed from Areas 1-6 of the Liberal Arts Core in the 2008-2009 *Catalog* as per the requirements of UNC's performance contract with the State. On the order of 20 courses could be affected. It was also noted that the State has removed the limit on the number of times a course's nomination for inclusion in gtPathways may be resubmitted to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE).

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - Academic Council – No report

- Three faculty members are needed to serve on the President's Planning Council. An announcement will be distributed to faculty.

President's Office (Langer for Norton)

- In addition to the 3 faculty members on the President's Planning Council, there will also be a slate of 6 faculty members for the Senate's confirmation to serve on the Council on a continuous basis. If any of the 6 faculty can not serve, names of replacements will be resubmitted.
- The Provost released a position as Special Assistant to the President for Diversity that is an internal position for full-time faculty but the position will be a partial reassignment or partial overload. An announcement will be sent out today.
- Forums to update on the recommendations that came out of the Academic Planning Committee will be held on November 28 at 5:00 p.m. and December 4 at 12:30 p.m., both in Spruce A.

When questioned, it was noted that David Skaggs, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, will participate in a forum with faculty on December 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the UC Panorama Room.

Provost's Report (Harraf)

- There are 778 students enrolled in the Interim Session. Some of them have no prior UNC credit. Registration is open until December 17.
- The Provost met with Patrick Burns, Chair of the Faculty Research & Publications Board, and gave the Board \$300,000 to be awarded to faculty for travel needs, etc. Current applications can be used. New guidelines will be provided in the spring.
- The Extended Studies Work Group will look at other institutions for their best practices with regards to workload issues, compensation, etc.

The intent of the expanded grading system was questioned. The intent of the policy was to make expanded grades available but not obligatory for individual faculty members. What grading system will be used is to be stated in their syllabi. Nothing was discussed about programs choosing to make a uniform policy. It was noted that entire programs have decided not to use the expanded system. It was suggested that a Senate committee work on a clarifying statement.

Elections Committee (Luttmann)

- A ballot went out today for all the remaining positions on the Professional Education Council with a deadline date of 12:00 noon on December 3.
- The NHS election results for the Liberal Arts Council have not been received.

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin) - No report

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly)

- The Committee has a few more details to work out on the faculty salary procedures document before it comes to the Senate possibly at the next meeting.

Academic Policies Committee (Hesse for Embry)

- The Committee has a motion under New Business regarding an "xf" grade.

Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler) – No report

Academic Planning Committee – No report

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter) – No report

Cultural Centers (Rennaker)

- Multicultural Affairs will host a Sophomore Recognition on November 28 in Columbine B.

Information Technology Committee – No report

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Klingsmith) – No report

State Personnel Employee Executive Council (Covin) – No report

Student Representative Council (Lamb)

- An elections commissioner, Lisa Richards, has been hired and two assistants.
- Student conference grants are due February 15. The applications must be stamped by the SRC office.

Special Reports

1. Gloria Reynolds, Executive Director of Communication, Media Relations, was invited to talk about some of the issues that have come to the attention of the Senate. Additional concerns included perceptions that UNC is reactive rather than proactive with its media relations and that UNC web sites are not consistent with

the information provided, e.g., not listing the faculty in the program nor giving the name of the school or school director. Responses to written questions and Senate discussion:

- proofing depends on the type of project, e.g., the project might go to the college or program to proof. If the information is initiated by a client it is assumed to be correct.
- some of the current projects are the view book for the Graduate School, a campaign for the student to return to the residence halls, new employees orientation packet, the media guide covers for basketball and wrestling, and web projects, i.e., a new Financial Aid site. A site for parents is also being developed.
- Nate Haas, the Media Relations Director, works with the press. His job will soon be focused more directly on building connections between the University and various press agencies. As part of the process, he will start meeting with school directors soon.
- Julia McSherry is the Foundation consultant who is working on the "Transforming Lives" campaign.
- Some photos being used are from archives dated back to 1999. Most of them do not have labels identifying who is photographed.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. MOTION: The Senate Executive Committee moves that all faculty appointments to the President's Planning Council be confirmed by the Faculty Senate.

The point of the motion is to reaffirm the principle that the Senate confirms appointments of faculty representatives to committees, etc.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee moved to add a grade to the grading scale of "xf" which would be an option for the professor to use for academic misconduct/dishonesty.

The grade is used at other schools. It would be a permanent mark on the record. An "f" covers a wide range of behaviors; the "x" would further identify the academic dishonesty. The grade would be subject to the academic appeals process which is an option for any student for any grade.

VOTE: The motion passed 14-6 with no abstentions.

Special Orders

1. MOTION: Murry/Peercy moved that in addition to the 3 new representatives to be selected by the Faculty Senate, the Senate confirm the continued appointments of the following faculty to the President's Planning Council: Marcus Embry (HSS), Keiko Krahnke (MCB), Brian Luedloff (PVA), David Pringle (NHS), Teresa McDevitt (EBS), and Mark Anderson (UL).

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. The appointment of Sieger Hartgers to the Senate Faculty Welfare Committee was confirmed unanimously by a voice vote.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Murry congratulated the higher administration for recognizing and using the expertise of faculty on campus for the new diversity position.

Erskine announced that there will be a forum to target community partnerships on November 29 at 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Connie Stewart, Secretary

Vicki Garcia, Recording Secretary

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* Wednesday, January 16	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m. UC North Platte *
* Wednesday, January 16	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m. UC Aspen C *
* Wednesday, January 23	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m. UC Council Room *
* Wednesday, January 23	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m. UC Council Room *
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