



# FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the December 5, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room.

## AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 18, 2006 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the December 5 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, SPEEC, SRC, BOT, Cultural Centers, PASC
7. Special Orders
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
  - Welfare Motions Regarding Faculty Evaluation Policy and Procedures (1-1-307, 1-1-308, 2-3-801, and 3-3-801)
10. Other New Business
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 SENATE MEETING

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

The agenda was approved unanimously. The November 21 minutes were approved without objection.

### Announcements

- Chair's Report
  - The administration has approved the following Senate actions:
    - revised sections 2-3-1101 Disciplinary Action of Tenure Faculty and 2-3-402 Teaching Responsibilities. Both revisions will go to the Board for approval.
    - placement of the Summer Compensation & Workload Policy in 3-3-702.

### President's Report (Norton)

- There has been discussion with the director of the CCHE about how higher education will divide the budget. There are differing opinions about the approach and the method. The JBC and general assembly are unhappy that decisions are not getting made. They want a more unified front from the CCHE.
- The Board will meet December 9 and will look at the facilities plan that came out of the student fee initiative in April.
- A budget proposal by the CCHE did not make it into the Governor's budget which was not acceptable to any higher education institution so there is a split between the CCHE and the Governor.

### Provost's Report (Huang)

- The CCHE performance contract for now until July is for tuition of each year. The other piece is the mandated comprehensive faculty evaluation and professional development procedures.

- The contract for our retention rate, graduation rate, and teacher education will for January - July.
- The campus community is part of Americore for which Vinnie Scalia was the contact person. David Caldwell has been appointed to replace him.
- A faculty committee has been appointed to look at the Interdisciplinary Studies Liberal Arts curriculum: the liberal arts core and the PTEP program. There are two faculty from EBS, HSS, and NHS, one from PVA, and two principles from the field (one from elementary education and one from District 6). The deans recommended the faculty and the Provost made the appointment. It was noted that this has been the selection procedure for the members in the past.
  - As this committee fits the definition of a faculty representative committee as defined in the *Board Policy Manual*, it was questioned why the selection of the faculty on the committee was not brought before the Senate. The issue will be discussed under Other New Business.

#### Codification Committee (Schuttler)

- The Committee has finished reviewing the *Board Policy Manual* and will begin work on the *Univeristy Regulations* at the next meeting.

#### Elections Committee (Embry)

- Below are recent election results:
  - Professional Education Council (PEC) - Courtney Willis, at-large position
  - Library Advisory Committee - Christine Moritz (HSS)
  - Tenure Appeals Committee - Vish Iyer (MCB), Paula Conroy (EBS), Stan Luger (HSS 05-07) and Jack Temkin (HSS 05-06), Juliet Fried (NHS 05-06) and Robert Walch (NHS 05-07), and Diane Bolden-Taylor (PVA 05-06) and Melissa Malde (PVA 05-07).
- The Senate Executive Committee will discuss school directors being part of the voting faculty.

#### Faculty Welfare Committee (Luger)

- The Committee has three motions under New Business.

#### Salary Equity Committee (Rothaus) - No report

- The College of Natural & Health Sciences may be developing a process for salary distribution during the summer, and as the Committee is to review the summer policy, the Chair will make an inquiry.

#### Academic Policies Committee (Blubaugh) - No report

#### Professional Administrative Staff Council (Posselt) - No report

#### State Personnel Employees Executive Council (Brown) - No report

#### Student Representative Council - No report

#### Board of Trustees (Blanke)

- The Board will meeting on Friday, December 9.
- The Faculty Trustee recommended two or three weeks ago to set up a procedure to evaluate the Charting the Future process similar to what is done for program review. The recommendation has been rejected by the Board. The Senate Executive Committee will discuss the issue at its next meeting..

#### Cultural Centers (Oya)

- Tickets for the A/PASS Six Senses of Sake, to be held on January 20, are on sale. Those wanting to post a flyer in their area are to contact Rene Oya at 1-1976. The money will go to scholarships for Asian students for whom there is a 75 percent retention rate.
- Beginning January, all four centers will publish a joint newsletter on-line. James Kador, director of the Marcus Garvey Center, will take the lead in the project. There will be some educational programming on Thursday and Friday nights.

#### Special Orders - None

#### Unfinished Business - None

#### New Business

1. After the Faculty Welfare Committee's revised drafts of the three sections (1-1-307, 2-3-801, and 3-3-801) pertaining to faculty evaluations were distributed to the Senate, the administration submitted revised drafts. The Committee was not aware of, had not seen, nor had there been discussion with the administration regarding more changes, some of which in the administration's newly submitted draft were

substantive. It was noted that the Senate approved revisions to the sections in January and February, 2005 but the administration did not act on them until August, 2005. A recommendation was made to postpone Senate action, providing time for the Committee to work with the administration on the differences in the revisions, and therefore not be send the revisions to the Board at this time. After discussion, the administration agreed that Senate action could wait until it reconvenes in January.

MOTION: Luger/Loftis moved to postpone consideration of the three sections until the first Senate meeting in January.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously 23-0 with no abstentions.

Responses to concerns about upcoming evaluations:

- that as there is nothing in the sections addressing the preparation of dossiers therefore they will not be affected.
- that as the policies in the *Board Policy Manual* are in effect until a revision is adopted therefore four-year reviews are still in place.

Other New Business

1. Discussion was held on the selection process for the faculty committee looking at the Interdisciplinary Studies Liberal Arts curriculum: the liberal arts core and the PTEP program. As this committee fits the definition of a faculty representative committee as defined in the *Board Policy Manual*, it was questioned why the selection of the faculty on the committee was not brought before the Senate.

MOTION: Connolly/Rothaus moved to follow the procedure already set in the *Board Policy Manual*, that committees be selected following the usual governance process to conform to the definition of a representative faculty committee.

Any committee that deals with curriculum should be considered a Representative Faculty Committee. Concerns expressed by faculty members are that curriculum is not being handled with faculty involvement or participation. Section 2-3-104(3) Representative Faculty Committees was read. The names can be brought forward to the Senate for confirmation

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Comments to the Good of the Order - None

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Francie Murry, Vice Chair for  
Connie Stewart, Secretary

Vicki Garcia  
Recording Secretary

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* Wednesday, January 11	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte		*
* Wednesday, January 11	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen A		*
* Wednesday, January 18	Academic Policies	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Wednesday, January 18	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Wednesday, January 25	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte		*
* Wednesday, January 25	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen A		*
* Monday, January 30	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
* Monday, January 30	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room		*
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