



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Columbine A with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 23, 2008 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the December 10 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - Report on Academic Council
5. Administrative Reports: President's Office, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Cultural Centers, Information Technology Committee, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, Academic Planning, BOT
7. Special Reports
8. Special Orders
 - Appointment to the Presidents Planning Council
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Discussion on misrepresenting what UNC does to the general public
11. Comments to the Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2007 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Battles, Clinefelter, Clough, Connolly, de la Torre, Dietz, Embry, Gaede, Luttmann, Mackessy, Merrill, Murry, Nutter, Peercy, Perrett, Rennaker, Temkin, and Trelogan. Absent member(s) with an alternate: Clarke (Mackessy), Erskine (Gaede), Harraf (Cardenas), Hesse (Nutter), Jankow (Colvin), Luger (Embry), Norton (Cardenas), Schuttler (Temkin), and Stewart (Murry). Member(s) absent: Griggs, Hauk, Hartgers, Kalu, Klein, Klingsmith, Lamb, Lennon, Toewe, and Willis. Guests: David Caldwell, Dan Frantz, Samantha Ortiz-Schraver, and Mason Smith.

The agenda was approved as presented. The November 26 minutes were approved as amended by noting under the Student Representative Council report that Audrey Porter was hired as the elections commissioner and Amy Braun and Lisa Richards were hired as assistant commissioners.

Announcements

- Chair's Report
 - Academic Council
 - As the Provost returned home on an emergency, the Academic Council meeting was cancelled.
 - Tom Smith will have the final Academic Plan sent to faculty and staff on January 14. The steering committee is grateful for all the faculty input received during the process.

President's Office (Cardenas for Norton)

- The President is in Denver at a meeting going over the proposed allocation procedures for the \$48 million general fund increase. There will be a hearing on the 18th.
- In January the enrollment figures will be coming in.
- There are 800 students enrolled in the Interim Session.
- After six years, the President's scholarship increased to \$2,000 renewable and the Provost's scholarship increased to \$1,250 renewable.
- The University Recruitment and Retention Committee has met 2 times; it will meet once a month. Six or seven goals have been set, one of which is to look at admission requirements that have been set in different colleges/units. The requirements need to be more consistent as part of a greater whole of the University.

Provost's Report (Cardenas for Harraf) – No report

Faculty Welfare Committee (Temkin)

- The Committee has a motion under New Business

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly)

- The Committee wrote a document that is intended to clarify the means used for distributing salary increase money for the regular process and for the supplemental salary competitiveness fund used for the first time last year. The Compensation Committee asked Salary Equity to review the policy to determine whether changes were needed. It was determined that there was a need to facilitate a proper understanding of the procedures for the faculty. If there are questions, notify Connolly with comments. Clinefelter and Janet Crego were thanked for their work.

Academic Policies Committee (Embry)

- Tom Smith reported via e-mail that Laurie Sauble-Otto gave a report on the assessment sub-committee, which will be recommending the global core assessment instrument for the Liberal Arts Council.

Codification Committee (Temkin for Schuttler) – No report

Elections Committee (Luttmann)

- John Luckner, Gary Fertig, and Melissa Parker have been elected to the Professional Education Council.
- Judy Stauter won the NHS election for the Liberal Arts Council.

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter)

- The Board will meet December 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the Panorama Lounge. There will be 3 action items:
 - the Senate Action, approved by the President, recommending the deletion of section 2-3-404 Absences from the *Board Policy Manual*.
 - the Governor's Executive Order authorizing partnership agreements with State employees will be discussed. The Order would make it possible for State employees to unionize; faculty would be excluded.
 - the first quarter financial report.
- The textbook initiative will be presented by Mason Smith, Student Trustee.
- Graduation for graduate students is at 7:00 p.m. December 14. There are will be two undergraduate ceremonies on the 15th in Butler-Hancock at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. It was noted that Clinefelter will give the authorization.
- No one knows who the new Board members will be. Of the 5 to be appointed, at least 2 will be replaced and the others will probably be renewed.

Cultural Centers (Rennaker)

- The Center directors met with the Human Relations Commission in an information session.

Information Technology Committee (Nutter)

- The planning sub-committee is waiting for the distribution of the Academic Plan.
- The standards sub-committee worked on updating the acceptable user's regulations.
- The Committee continues to work on a project management work flow plan.
- URSA is a continuing priority. The best way to report suggestions would be via the helpline. URSA will probably never be completed. It is "living software".

Professional Administrative Staff Council – No report

State Personnel Employee Executive Council (Covin) – No report

Student Representative Council (Smith for Lamb)

- \$12,000 in conference grants will be awarded for students to attend conferences across the country. Each grant is up to \$550. Faculty were asked to spread the word.
- There was a lot of discussion regarding the "xf" grade policy.
- In addition, the Council is preparing for SFAP, has hired a new vice president, and is refiguring the spring goals.

Academic Planning Committee (Embry)

- Nothing to add to what has already been reported.

Special Reports

1. Dan Frantz from the Department of Veterans Affairs talked about the impact and influence of the Iraqi war on returning students.
 - There are no good stats on returning veterans to northern Colorado; probably about one-quarter of them came to UNC, one-quarter went to Aims, and the other half are not going to college.
 - Their ages range from 21-53.
 - Issues that might be seen in the classroom are hyper-vigilance, having difficulty in crowds, inability to do group projects, test anxiety, strong visceral reactions to foreign students and faculty, struggles with authority in general, isolation, anger, and depression.

- Another problem is traumatic brain injury for which the frequency is “off the charts”. It leads to sensitivity to bright lights and noise, depression, anxiety, and difficulty with concentrating. Each individual reacts differently.
- Veterans are not always being encouraged to seek help.

Frantz is willing to talk to any faculty group about the issues. Frantz’ card will be sent to Dan Socall, Director of the UNC Counseling Center.

Special Orders

1. Rhonda Corman, Cynthia Galovich, and Stan Luger were appointed to serve as the faculty representatives on the President’s Planning Council.
2. David Gilliam was unanimously approved by a voice vote to replace Teresa McDevitt on the President’s Planning Council.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. MOTION: The Faculty Welfare Committee moved that the Faculty Senate designate Tom Griggs as the liaison between UNC faculty and legislators, PERA staff, human resource directors, and other interested parties regarding the possibility of re-establishing PERA as a retirement option for faculty.

Marshall Parks, Director of Human Resources, indicated that legislation has to be crafted that includes other institutions and needs to involve PERA and possibly other retirement plans. There are many details that need to be discussed. A Bill could be taken up in the late legislative session.

MOTION: Embry/Peercy move to amend by adding, “for a renewable one-year term” to the motion.

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

VOTE: The motion as amended passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Mason Smith, Student Trustee, presented a Campaign Coalition Statement Support for the textbook campaign. A task force consisting of faculty members, students, two library staff members, and the manager of Barnes & Noble was developed to discuss the issues and come up with ideas. They intend to present the Statement of Support at the December 14 Board meeting. Point #4 in particular of the Statement was debated.

MOTION: The Student Representative Council/Temkin moved that the Faculty Senate hereby endorses the Campaign Coalition of the SRC and the Associated Students of Colorado and supports the goals of this campaign.

The motion to call the question passed 18-2.

VOTE: The motion failed 4-14.

MOTION: Temkin/Embry moved a substitute motion that the Faculty Senate supports the efforts of the UNC students and faculty which seeks classroom-level solutions that can easily save students money on textbooks in a variety of ways. From the discussions the SRC will provide all faculty members with many options for relieving the burden of textbook costs.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously 20-0 with no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 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	*	
* Wednesday, January 30	Codification Committee	1:30 p.m.	UC North Platte	*	
* Wednesday, January 30	Faculty Welfare Committee	3:30 p.m.	UC Aspen C	*	
* Monday, February 4	Academic Policies Committee	3:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
* Monday, February 4	Faculty Senate	4:00 p.m.	UC Council Room	*	
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