



FACULTY SENATE FORUM

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Below are the minutes of the December 11, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the UC Council Room with the following agenda.

AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 22, 2007 SENATE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the December 11 Minutes
4. Announcements
 - Chair's Report
 - SAF #926 regarding faculty salaries being highest priority returned with memo.
 - Motion from the Senate Executive Committee
5. Administrative Reports: President, Academic Affairs
6. Reports of Standing Committees: Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity, Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, PASC, SPEEC, SRC, Academic Planning, BOT, Cultural Centers
7. Special Reports
8. Special Orders
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Faculty Distinguished Career Service Award for Robert Heiny
11. Other New Business
12. Comments to the Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2006 SENATE MEETING

Members present: Allen, Blair, Clinefelter, Connolly, de la Torre, Embry, Erskine, Falvo, Grapes, Gunnells, Hesse, Jurin, Kalu, Lennon, Liefer, Lightfoot, Luger, Luttmann, Mackessy, Norton, Oya, Peercy, Rothaus, Schuttler, Stewart, and Temkin. Absent member(s) with alternate: Huang (Wacker). Member(s) absent: Black, Blubaugh, Hauk, Klein, Murry, Nutter, and Sussman. Guests: Denise Battles, Dick Dietz, Ron Lambden, and Michael Mills.

The agenda was approved as amended by adding a resolution under New Business. The November 27 minutes were approved without objection.

Announcements

- Chair' Report
 - The preliminary meeting regarding the Provost Search Committee went well
 - SAF #927 extending the implementation date of the +/- grading scale to Fall, 2007 was approved.
 - #928 regarding the Student Authorized Absence Policy was approved by the administration.
 - #929 regarding the Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Policy was approved by the administration and will go to the Board for approval.
 - #930 regarding the Transitional Retirement Appointment was approved by the administration and will go to the Board for approval.

President's Report (Norton)

- The President spoke with the JBC at the General Assembly last week. The Committee made it clear that it liked the Governor's lower budget for higher education (\$50 million) versus the proposal from the CCHE (\$100 million) and the CCHE budget better than the still higher budgets submitted by various institutions. She also had dialog with Committee members about the development of a long range State plan to facilitate planning and decision making for the long term rather than year by year.

- The CCHE commissioned a report from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) to begin establishing benchmarks of where the State is in higher education funding. The report established some peer groups for comparison. Colorado higher education funding is at 40 percent of our peer group combined with a tuition rate of 67 percent of our peer group.

Provost's Report (Wacker) - No report

Elections Committee (Temkin) - No report

Faculty Welfare Committee (Luger)

- A number of policies were under New Business for the Senate's consideration.

Salary Equity Committee (Connolly) - No report

Academic Policies Committee (Embry) - No report

Codification Committee (Schuttler) - No report

Cultural Centers (Oya)

- Little Owl has placed a bid with the Commission on Indian Affairs to host the annual meeting in 2007. If accepted there will be several tribal leaders on campus.

- APASS has initiated final study nights at the house that will last until 10:00 p.m.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Oya) - No report

State Personnel Employees Executive Council (Gunnells) - No report

Student Representative Council (Liefer) - No report

- The Council is winding up the student fee allocation process.

- Regan Pfeifer will replace Liefer who is graduating.

Academic Planning (Clinefelter)

- The Plan will be discussed under New Business.

Board of Trustees (Clinefelter)

- The Board will meet December 15.

Special Reports - None

Special Orders - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. The first phase of the Academic Plan has been completed. Next semester specifics will be identified under the goals. It was noted that under the goals there is nothing to disagree with but the document is not a plan, and that the project began with more details than what it ended with.

MOTION: Temkin/de la Torre moved that while the goals may be laudable, the Senate rejects the document as a plan.

The document was intended to identify the goals that will be made into a plan. The goals will be integrated into the next step next semester and will have measurable objectives.

VOTE: The motion failed by a voice vote.

2. By consensus it was agreed to discuss the changes in sections 2-2-301(3)(a), 2-3-201, 2-3-403, 2-3-410(2) and 2-3-413 from the *Board Policy Manual* as one action instead of separately.. The proposed changes were made to be in compliance with the CTF mandated changes from last year.

MOTION: The Faculty Welfare Committee moved to accept the changes in sections 2-2-301(3)(a), 2-3-201, 2-3-403, 2-3-410(2) and 2-3-413 .

Section 2-3-403 Office Hours was questioned: what are regular hours, what are the additional office hours for student advisement, and the posting of the hours. A friendly amendment was made to 2-3-403: "Faculty members will establish and maintain regular office hours, ~~which must be posted.~~"

VOTE: The friendly amendment failed by a voice vote.

VOTE: The original motion to accept all the revisions passed unanimously by a voice vote.

3. MOTION: Embry/Perrett moved that

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Heiny was appointed to the position of Faculty Athletics Representative 24 years ago and also served in an interim role as Athletic Director; and WHEREAS, Dr. Heiny spent innumerable hours and energy working to improve the academic climate for student athletes at the University of Northern Colorado, and to

