

JOINT RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

McKee 423 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Clough, Gregg, Huang, Jenkins, Lennon, McConnellogue, Schoneck, and Temkin

Members present by proxy: Jenkins (Clough) and Reed (Schoneck)

Special assistance: Dinges, Garcia, and Gavin

Temkin read the e-mail from Lambden regarding confidentiality. Lambden agreed that the meetings should be open to the public and that only executive sessions to discuss personnel issues are to be confidential. The executive session minutes are to be signed by the chair (as to what occurred) and the University attorney (that statutory requirements for closed meetings were met). It was agreed that, as the Committee is a Committee of the Senate, the minutes and meeting schedule will be posted on the Senate web site, and that meetings will also be announced in the daily "UNC Today".

The Committee discussed what will be covered in the initial report and what will be done after. The following three categories were considered.

1. The Policy, which dictates that certain items be addressed
2. The charge to the Committee in the Presidents report (the last six bullets on the last page).
3. What the President asked the Committee to do at the last meeting:
 - to recommend criteria.
 - to identify what the role of the Committee should be in the overall process, the comprehensive plan.

By consensus the Committee agreed:

- that the initial report should include
 - the response to Policy items (A), (C), and (E) in 2-3-1301(5)(b)(I).
 - the role of the Committee in the overall process.
 - a note that the Committee will make a recommendation for criteria within a certain time frame.
- that the Committee's charge in the President's report will be addressed after the initial report.

During a discussion of how to handle criteria recommendations, the Committee agreed by consensus that the role and mission is the primary consideration.

MOTION: The Chair moved to affirm that the criteria that the Committee is going to develop will be developed in the light of the statutory mission.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Some suggestions for criteria were to give some preliminary criteria in the initial report and state that it will need to be defined or expanded, and to address what is agreed upon, then introduce later what cannot be agreed upon.

General guidelines for writing the report discussed last week were discussed further. The Committee will further state in the report that criteria will be submitted in light of the statutory mission, more detailed information will be requested that bears on those criteria, and a report will be submitted by a certain time (that the Committee agrees upon).

The next three meetings were scheduled at 3:00-5:00 p.m. in McKee 423 on the following dates: Wednesday, July 2, Monday, July 7 and Monday, July 14. A fourth meeting may be needed. The July 2nd meeting will be to go through the President's preliminary report, agree on the wording of the principles of what will be said in response to each, and to assign members to draft something to share with the Committee. Drafts will be sent to Marianne who will distribute them to the Committee. The next meeting will be July 7th to discuss the responses.

The June 11 minutes were approved without objection. The June 20 minutes were approved as amended by noting that Dinges, Gavin, and Garcia are Committee support, not members. Also under question #2, the President's second response, the third sentence should read ". . . inevitable conclusion based upon what I have to give TO you, versus . . ."

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Jack Temkin
Chair

Vicki Garcia
Recording Secretary