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**MINUTES FOR THE MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. IN UC COUNCIL ROOM**

**Present:** Borum, Brown, Brownhill, Chapin, Dietz, Etheridge-Woodson, Feinstein, Fischer, Fleming, Garrett, Gershwin, Haddad, Kang, Landry, Lunar, Leonard, Levin, McDuffie, Newman, Schuttler, Senbet, Shafie, Wieben

**Zoom:** Alcantar, Elkins, Han, Karlin, Leatherman, Lee, Mannello, Manshad, Morse, Paytoe Gbayee, Roberts, Trask, Tian, Wood

**Absent:** Castro, DeKrey, Henderson, Humphrey

**Guests:** Pierre Banks, Gareth Gingell, Nancy Sileo

1. Call to Order 4:00pm
2. Approval of the April 6, 2026 Agenda approved without objections
3. Approval of the March 23, 2026 Faculty Senate Minutes approved without objections
4. Chair's Report (Newman) – The provost search is moving along, with several Zoom interviews today. Faculty Senate should have received calendar invitations to meet candidates next week. Open forums for Candidate #1 will be held on Tuesday, online at 1:30 p.m. Candidate #2 (April 15–16) and Candidate #3 (April 20–21). Please look for links shared across UNC communications. The All-Faculty Meeting will be on April 16 and will include a presentation on faculty well-being as well as a promotion celebration, followed by a Shared Governance reception at President Feinstein's residence. The State of the City event is scheduled for April 15, and following the April 20 meeting there will be a Faculty Creative Works celebration. The final listening session with the University Libraries senator is also upcoming. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences senators hosted a senator office hour, which was very productive. Senators should be receiving a survey soon requesting feedback for the next President. There are still a few spots available for the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) building tour, please contact Lee if interested.
5. Administrative Reports

**President** (Feinstein) – President Feinstein encourages everyone to come hungry and thirsty to the Shared Governance Reception. Greeley Day saw strong participation, with over 60 attendees. The university plans to request a 4% tuition increase and will need to identify a Joint Budget Committee representative to present this proposal. Co-chairs for the Presidential search are currently working to identify a search firm, with applications due last Thursday. The fire-side chat with Scott James fireside was well received. The COM has received over 1,400 applications and is currently interviewing more than 400 candidates to fill available spots. The ribbon-cutting and white coat ceremony is scheduled for July 24.

**Provost** (Fleming) – This time of year, is particularly challenging, with many competing priorities and responsibilities. Provost Fleming, Etheridge-Woodson, and Sileo spent time

reviewing upcoming events to determine which they are able to attend. Academic Affairs is also continuing work on personnel files and the budget. Vice Provost candidates were on campus last week, and it was noted that a search firm was not used, as they are currently conducting due diligence in the process.

**Dean's Representative** (Haddad) – Deans have almost completed all faculty evaluations, which have been sent to the provost. There are also several events taking place during this time.

**Board of Trustees** (Fischer) – The Board of Trustees (BOT) announced Kamel Haddad as Interim President and also introduced the Presidential Advisory Committee, co-chaired by Steve Jordan and Annette Martinez. This committee will hire a search firm and establish a search committee composed of representatives from various campus groups, with a maximum of 15 members. The presidential search will take place in the fall, and a list of semi-finalists will be shared with the BOT, who will ultimately select a single finalist. The BOT will meet during graduation weekend to discuss the budget and will also hold a meeting in June.

6. Staff Council Reports

**Classified Staff Council** (Henderson) – No report

**Professional Administrative Staff Council** (Castro) – No report

7. Standing Committee Reports

**Academic Policies** (Gershwin) – Academic Policies have four COM policies on the agenda. In the APC meeting the committee discussed AI statement resolution that will be forthcoming

**Codification** (Schuttler) – Codification finished reviewing the Faculty Evaluation Policy

**Elections** (Schuttler) – Boards, Councils, and Committee ballots were distributed today and the All-faculty ballot will be sent tomorrow.

**Faculty Welfare** (Brown) – Faculty Welfare has Board Policy 2-3-801 on today's agenda

**Salary Equity** (Senbet) – The Budget Priority Guideline is on today's agenda. The Administrators Moving to or Returning to Faculty policy is being revised and will be sent to the Senate soon. The committee discussed the FY26 Compensation Outcome and the FY27 Faculty Salary Distribution Model.

8. Student Government Association Report (Brownhill) – It is election week are ballots are open! Senators are asked to encourage students to vote!

9. Special Orders

- Open nominations for 2026–27 Faculty Senate officers
- Chair:
  - i. Gershwin nominates Newman – Newman accepts the nomination
- Vice-chair:
  - i. Schuttler nominates Brown – Brown accepts the nomination
- Secretary
  - i. Newman nominates Schuttler – Schuttler accepts the nomination
- Voting will take place at the next meeting.

10. Unfinished Business

- Budget Priority Guidelines (Senbet)
  - i. Brown shared two important parts of the revised budget priority guidelines.
    1. The aspect that requires discussion between the President, the BOT, and the Faculty Senate.
    2. A list of budget priorities, with instruction identified as the central priority.
  - ii. These revisions promote transparency and provide clearer guidelines.
  - iii. **MOTION:** Adopt the revisions to Funding Priorities Guidelines
  - iv. **VOTE:** Motion approved with one abstention

## 11. New Business

- College of Osteopathic Medicine Policies (Gershwin)
  - i. UNC College of Osteopathic Medicine Grading Policy
    - a. Senbet raised a question about the distinction between “business days” and “working days.”
      - i. Gingell clarified that the language refers to Monday–Friday days when UNC is open.
      - ii. Garrett noted that the distinction can be confusing, as some policies use different terminology.
    - b. Shafie asked why the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) has its own set of policies.
      - i. It was explained that COM policies are distinct, which is common for osteopathic medical schools, particularly due to accreditation requirements. These timelines are standard and necessary.
      - ii. Gingell added that while policies must align with UNC, accreditation requires COM-specific language, and grading practices are consistent with broader medical school standards.
      - iii. It was noted that outside work does not count toward the medical degree.
    - c. Levin questioned whether this policy should reside in University Regulations instead of Board Policy Manue, since policies are reviewed regularly.
      - i. Gingell shared that accreditation requires annual review, though significant changes are not expected unless accreditation standards change.
    - d. Shafie emphasized the need for clearer distinctions between COM students and other UNC students.
      - i. Newman suggested that APC could provide a statement clarifying how COM policies differ from broader university policies.
    - e. Senbet asked for clarification on COCA standards.
      - i. Gingell explained that these are accreditation standards set by COCA.
  - ii. UNC College of Osteopathic Medicine Grade Appeal Policy

- iii. UNC College of Osteopathic Medicine Remediation, Re-examination and Make-Up Policy
- iv. UNC College of Osteopathic Medicine Academic Dishonesty Policy
- v. Voting will take place at the next meeting
- Faculty Evaluation Policies (Brown)
  - i. Brown shared that work on Board Policy 2-3-801 began in Fall 2024, with the goal to modernize and streamline the evaluation process.
  - ii. Changes included comprehensive evaluation frequency and the handling of actionable items at different administrative levels.
  - iii. Vote will take place at next meeting

12. Special Reports

13. Comments to the Good of the Order

14. Adjournment 4:56pm