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MINUTES FOR THE MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026,
FACULTY SENATE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. IN UC COUNCIL ROOM

Present: Bailey, Brown, Chapin, DeKrey (Levin), Dietz, Elkins, Etheridge-Woodson, Gershwin, Haddad, Humphrey, Kang, Klein, Karlin, Lee, Leonard, Levin, Mannello, Marchand-Martella, Muller, Murza, Newman, Senbet, Shafie, Stewart, Taylor, Trask (Blodgett), Wieben

Zoom: Alcantar, Garrett, Manshad, Tian

Absent: Elias, Hall, Han, Henderson, Kyle, Lindillo, Schaberl

1. Call to Order 4:00pm
2. Approval of the August 31, 2026 Agenda
 - Muller moves to approve the amended agenda with the addition of PVA Deans Search Committee Members and CSC FS senator appointments, seconded by Leonard. approved with changes
3. Approval of the April 20, 2026 Faculty Senate Minutes approved
4. Chair's Report (Newman) Welcome back! Newman introduces Keith Humphrey the Director of Student Affairs and he shared his goals for the year.
 - Humphrey shared the goal for Student Affairs is to increase student engagement in and out of classroom experiences by asking students about their campus engagement and working with IM&T on real-time quantitative and qualitative data. He would also like to increase residence hall occupancy and partner with faculty on classroom projects and presence in student spaces. For more information about events and news, it can be found on Bear Connect. Both Humphrey and Newman both expressed the impact of faculty attendance at student events and how students appreciate seeing faculty at events.
 - Levin shared that academic clubs and organizations operate on different calendars.
 - Humphrey shared that the renewal process is in April to allow access to spaces before courses begin, with the goal to establish student leadership before the end of the academic year.
 - A different process for department-driven clubs may need to be considered.
 - Humphrey will follow up with General Counsel English.
5. Administrative Reports

Interim President (Haddad) – Interim President Haddad agreed with Humphrey and Newman that students enjoy seeing their professors at campus events. He shared that he has enjoyed visiting classes across the colleges and has made it an expectation to attend and support athletic teams, academic teams, and bands. COCA met on August 28, and the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) can now begin moving into the building. A town hall will be held on September 15 to provide an update on where the institution stands amid the changing higher education landscape. The goal is to increase awareness and ensure everyone is on the same page about the challenges the institution is facing. The first part will focus on increasing awareness of the current landscape and the budget

outlook for this year and the next two years. The institution is falling short of balancing the budget, and it is time to begin conversations about what needs to be done to prevent that trend from continuing. The university will need to consider what can be changed and where operations may need to be disrupted or reimagined. More details about the path forward will be shared following the town hall. Given the upcoming September 15 town hall, it seemed appropriate to postpone the open forum until after the town hall. Haddad apologized for the delay. On September 21, the Senator Kolker, Chair of the Education Committee will be on campus. Colorado Speaker of the House McCluskie has also been invited to a September 28 discussion regarding her legislation.

Provost (Marchand-Martella) – Provost Marchand-Martella attended the first football game this past Friday. With her team they plan to focus on enrollment and on a profit-sharing model with extended campus. A model is planned to be rolled out in January for a test run. She expressed her appreciation and proactivity in the work her vice-provosts have done. She shared that faculty are excited and eager to share their ideas and requested that units invite her to department meetings to continue to hear from them and the ideas they have.

Dean's Representative (Elias) – No report

Board of Trustees (Kyle) – No report

6. Staff Council Reports

Classified Staff Council (Henderson) – No report

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Lindillo) – No report

7. Standing Committee Reports

Academic Policies (Mannello) – The Academic Policies had their first meeting today. The committee continued working on an AI resolution and voted on two items that will be moving through the senate action process.

Codification (Schuttler) – Codification reviewed UR 3-3-801 and will look at the items sent from APC at the next meeting.

Elections (Schuttler) – The PVA deans search is under way, with committee appointments being made today.

Faculty Welfare (Brown) – Faculty Welfare had their first meeting last week. UR 3-3-801 is on today's agenda and will need to be approved in a timely manner to avoid confusion with recently approved BPM. Once updates have been approved and made units will be notified.

Salary Equity (Senbet) – UNC hired Hanover last year for a salary analysis, Salary Equity reviewed their report, and they shared some good ideas that SEC would like to adopt.

8. Student Government Association Report (TBD)

9. Special Orders

- Appoint Faculty Senate Executive Committee Member-at-Large (2026-2027)
 - i. Self-nomination - Levin
 - ii. **Motion:** Senbet moves to approve Levin's self-nomination
 - iii. **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously
- Appoint Faculty Senate Scholarship Committee (2026-2027)
 - i. Self-nomination - Blodgett

- ii. **Motion:** Schuttler moves to approved Blodgett's self-nomination, Lee seconds
 - iii. **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously
- Appoint Codification Committee Senate Appointed Member (2026-2027)
 - i. No nominations were put forward; the seat remains vacant until further notice
- Appoint PVA Deans Search Committee Members
 - i. Sarah Off-Fixmer (Associate Professor of Violin and Music Business in SoM)
 - ii. Rachel Darden (Assistant Professor in STAD)
 - iii. Bri Murphy (Assistant Professor in SoAD)
 - iv. **Motion:** Dietz moves to approve the PVA Deans Search Committee Members, Schuttler seconds
 - v. **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously
- Appoint CSC FS senator
 - i. No nominations were put forward; the position remains vacant until further notice
- Confirmation of Faculty Senate Subcommittee Appointments
 - i. Salary Equity Committee (2026-2029)
 - 1. James Hall (PVA)
 - 2. Khalil Shafie (EBS)
 - ii. Faculty Welfare Committee (2026-2027)
 - 1. Barbara Garrett (EBS)
 - 2. Greg DeKrey (NHS)
 - 3. Hannah Kang (EBS)
 - 4. Jensen Fisher (COM)
 - 5. Jieun Lee (HSS)
 - 6. Jonathan Alcantar (HSS)
 - 7. Kim Murza (NHS)
 - 8. Laura Stewart (NHS)
 - 9. Philipp Schaberl (MCB)
 - iii. Academic Policies Committee (2026-2027)
 - 1. Clelyn Chapin (PVA)
 - 2. Corrine Wieben (HSS)
 - 3. Faith Klein (COM)
 - 4. John Leonard (PVA)
 - 5. Lu Tian (EBS)
 - 6. Yuyan Han (NHS)
 - iv. **Motion:** Senbet moves to approve the committee selections, Levin seconds
 - v. **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously

10. Unfinished Business

- None

11. New Business

- University Regulations 3-3-801 Faculty Evaluation (Brown)

- Brown explained that the revisions to UR 3-3-801 will now be parallel to the recently revised BPM 2-3-801.
- MOTION: Leonard moves to approve the revisions to UR 3-3-801, seconded by Schuttler
- DISCUSSION:
- VOTE: Motion approved unanimously

12. Special Reports

13. Comments to the Good of the Order

- Please remind faculty to complete the survey expertise survey that was distributed by OSRP.
- Let Newman know if you have any ideas for the upcoming Faculty Senate Newsletter.

14. Adjournment 4:38pm