

2024 - 2025 UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

Jan 14, 2025 | 3:30pm

UC Council Room

MINUTES

Present: Couch, Clavir, du Bray, Finley, James, Matchett, Milan, Moore, Sedinger

Zoom: Karlin, Muralmanohar, Wiegand

Absent:

Call to Order 3:33pm

Approval of Agenda approved without objection

Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2024, approved without objection moved by Karlin, seconded by Moore

Chair's Report/Announcements (Larson) – The Salary Equity Committee brought a resolution about faculty salary to the last Faculty Senate meeting. Britney Kyle shared a presentation at the December Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting about faculty salary concerns. Information from that meeting is posted on the BOT website. The amorous policy is also being discussed and updated.

Reports from Councils

LAC (Matchett) – LAC has not met yet, they will meet in February

Assessment Council (Sonnentag) – No report

Special Reports

New Business

- Narrative Grade Comment – Charlie Couch/Registrar's Office
 - A new tab is available for faculty grade entry allowing comments to student's final grades, any text entered in the box will be visible to students.
 - The faculty may be unaware that students can see these comments, guidelines should be provided.
 - Things to consider:
 - Should there be an option to include criteria?
 - Would this information appear on transcripts?
 - Students would have access to view it.
 - Is this feature integrated with Canvas?
 - It will be included in the "Final Grades" section of URSA.
 - The Registrar has the ability to hide this column if necessary.
 - It was suggested that a formal letter should be sent to the faculty informing them about this feature.
 - It was stated that faculty often do not know where their comments/notes appear, but training would be beneficial.
 - Members are open to discussing this further with colleagues.

- There are faculty members who already use this feature and Couch is able to determine how many professors currently use the feature.
- This feature can be added to the "Final Grades Help" sheet for reference.
- Matchett recommends informing the Graduate Council, as this impacts graduate students as well.
- There is still time to decide whether to keep or remove this feature.
- It was initially believed to be a mandate, but this serves as a notice for now.
 - The committee will continue to discuss this item at the next meeting.
- Academic Probation Policies Changes – Mikay Elliott
 - This item will be pushed to the next meeting
- Schulze Chair Evaluation
 - Thank you for your feedback!
 - There was discussion on the potential changes, but the original order will be maintained.
 - Content was pulled from the evaluation tool, including Corrine Wieben's evaluation documents which can be found in the UGC Teams Folder.
 - The council is not required to provide feedback. However, if they choose to, feedback should be sent to Matchett by January 27.
 - Members are encouraged to return to their units to discuss the evaluation process and Wieben's role.
 - Raise the topic and see if colleagues have any experience with her.
 - Matchett will compile the report, which will be ready by January 31.
 - The Honors Faculty Advisory Board will also be involved, so this topic may surface in their discussions.
- Require Experiential Component for ALL UNC undergraduate Students
 - Currently, some academic units include an experiential component, but not all.
 - Depending on how this conversation progresses, compiling a list of programs that already require experiential components may be helpful.
 - There is currently no formal definition of an experiential component, establishing a clear definition would provide clarity and consistency.
 - This has value on what units think count as experiential components
 - UGC is asked to bring this topic back to units and start having some conversation and make them aware of this
 - Faculty resources, funding
 - Has this been tied to any resource allotment?
 - There is no plan to do this, through phase III this would be explored
 - There are many ways to approach this that is not fully internships
 - What resources would units need?
 - What's the driving force for this to be discussed now throughout campus? What's implementing this?
 - It's an item that has come out from the strategic process of making student experiences better.
 - The council has been asked to bring this topic back to their respective units to initiate discussions and increase awareness.

Unfinished Business

- Commencement Speaker Selection Process
 - A meeting with the Graduation Office will help determine where UGC fits into the process.
 - Sedinger will take the lead on this initiative, working with Nancy Matchett to define a clear selection process.
 - Key questions to address:
 - Who selects the speaker?
 - What criteria should be used?

Comments to the Good of the Order

January 27, 3pm- 6pm – The grand opening of the Center for Student Well-Being and Bear Pantry will be on January 27th from 3pm-6pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Adjournment 4:33pm