

**MINUTES FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023, FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AT 4:00 P.M. IN UC ASPEN A & B**

**Present:** Almquist, Endres, Feinstein, Fleming, Haddad, Kyle, Levin, Schuttler, Senbet

**Absent:** Sileo, Vaughan

**Guests:** Jim Doerner, Lyda McCartin, Phil Wypert

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Approved without objection.

**Approval of the Minutes from January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

Approved without objection.

**Announcements**

**Chair's Report** (Senbet):

- Welcome to today's guests Phil Wypert, Jim Doerner and Lyda McCartin.
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee members introduced themselves to guests.

**Senate Committee Reports**

**Academic Policies** (Levin): We are finishing up catalog language in our next couple of meetings, and then sending to Codification before we approve.

**Codification** (Schuttler): We are finishing up Faculty Welfare item.

**Elections** (Schuttler): We are starting to think about Faculty Senate elections.

**Faculty Welfare** (Endres): We are starting to address Sanctions Short of Dismissal and have created a depository folder for peer universities' comparison information for upcoming workshop meetings.

**Salary Equity** (Kyle): We are making adjustments to years in rank specifically for Associate Professors. Previously UNC Associate Professors were at 5 years in rank, but recent data supports 3 years in rank. We have started to model (3% & 4% of pool) how to distribute raises for upcoming year.

**Standing Reports**

**Board of Trustees** (Vaughan): We are meeting on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 and Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. Remember to participate in the UNC President's evaluation this week.

**President** (Feinstein): I am attending the Board of Trustees meetings this Thursday and Friday. This Friday we are hosting a Board of Trustees breakfast which Cabinet members have been invited to attend.

**Provost** (Fleming): This semester's Board of Trustees theme is one of diversity, equity and

inclusion. Thursday evening there is a dinner with representatives from campus cultural centers. Friday morning's breakfast faculty speakers will talk about different diversities, gender, etc. VSIP NHS worked with the Provost's Office for good information on new programs. HSS Dean searches are coming. Both committees have finalists and will be setting up interviews. The candidate search did not provide much gender diversity.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

- ChatGPT

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- It was mentioned that some students take offense to the assumption they are using AI.
- Some students are not even interested in using AI and some classes don't really even have a use for it. Be careful of knee-jerking reactions.
- Math has been dealing with technology advances (calculators, etc.) for a long time but may need to consider use detection software for ChatGPT.
- It was suggested that a balanced approach would be to learn as much about ChatGPT before deciding best approach. It is possible that AI would be helpful for faculty and students in future.
- Consider plagiarism vs. using AI to assist students in writing.
- Traditional plagiarism will not be caught by ChatGPT.
- Outputs are helpful when starting to think about writing a conclusion, but ChatGPT cannot write an entire paper for a student.
- An alternate approach may be for professors to break down assessments in to four parts.
- Could this be a tool that could help students structure their essay (implications for ENG 122) or will they just copy/paste the ChatGPT answer?
- ChatGPT can help students learn (computer code) as long as they cite using it.
- UNC faculty are working on obtaining a grant that uses automated grading AI for grading large classes.
- It was suggested that varying our assessment tools and techniques will be more important now, and sometimes it makes sense to restrict the use of technology.
- This is just the beginning; Google to add their own AI soon. The Calculator is a great analogy to ChatGPT (IT, documentation).
- More serious concerns arise regarding online courses.
- HSS has gone back to writing essays in hardcopy bluebooks. Senbet's online class Principals of Economics has discussion board questions (& respond), identify strengths, weaknesses, add your own example, weekly multiple-choice quizzes (AI always gets it correct), and homework. It is possible to score an A without touching a book. With the current detection AI software out there, you just cannot be sure.
- It was suggested that asking students to write a question about something they don't understand on a topic is a question AI could most likely not answer.
- When asked open-ended questions, ChatGPT responds: "I don't have or give opinions."
- It will be important to clarify if faculty tell students not to use ChatGPT and students use it, would this be a case of academic dishonesty?

- Talk to the Dean of Students before clarifying the Honor Code; explicitly state technology that is allowed and not allowed (i.e., Grammarly).
- What will this technology look like in 5 or 10 years?
- What should our approach be at this point?
- It was suggested that we start to communicate and educate faculty.
- It was mentioned that hosting an open forum would help get an idea of what is happening with faculty; Lyda offered to create an email and send to Fleming for review.
- The email message to UNC Faculty could announce: ChatGPT is here! Then give an idea of how AI is currently being addressed, offer informational resources and examples of how some faculty are already responding.
- UNC Faculty at the unit level could help generate the email message from President/Provost office.
- Can our instructional designers assist faculty? Lyda will bring to Leadership team.
- How does AI deal with citations? ChatGPT citations are made-up and incorrect, but you can cite ChatGPT as a source.
- Senbet: I am currently developing a Capstone course: “AI and the future of instruction in higher education.”

#### **Comments to the Good of the Order**

- A former student of Salary Equity Chair Kyle is involved in the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado, a non-profit that is hosting a coffee day fundraiser at Human Bean, Zoe’s Coffee or Blue Mug this Weds, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023. Half of Wednesday’s coffee sales will go to support the Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.