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**AGENDA FOR THE MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 FACULTY SENATE MEETING
AT 4:00 P.M. IN UC COUNCIL ROOM**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the April 4, 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of the March 21, 2022 Faculty Senate Minutes (See below)
4. Chair's Report
5. Administrative Reports: President, Provost, Board of Trustees
6. Staff Council Reports: Classified Staff Council, Professional Administrative Staff Council
7. Standing Committee Reports: Academic Policies, Codification, Elections, Faculty Welfare, Salary Equity
8. Student Senate Report
9. Special Orders
 - Faculty Senate Officer nominations
10. Special Reports
 - CETL Revitalization/Plans for AY 22-23 (McCartin)
 - Academic Covid Responsiveness Group Report (Senbet, Vaughan)
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
 - Voting Faculty amendment (Faculty Welfare)
 - Chair/Director Distinctions (Faculty Welfare)
13. Comments to the Good of the Order
14. Adjournment

**MINUTES FOR THE MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 FACULTY SENATE MEETING
AT 4:00 P.M. IN UC COUNCIL ROOM**

Present: Applegate, Athanasiou, Blatt, Brown, Charley, Cobb, Dietz, Doerner, Endres (Muller), Feinstein, Fischer, Franklin, Gebhardt, Greene, Haddad, Harraf (de la Torre), Kraver, Levin, Maxey, Pullen (Han), Schaberl, Schuttler, Senbet, Sileo, Stody, Vaughan, Vollendorf, Wieben, Wiegand, Wood (Muller), Yu

Absent: Benavidez, Benedict, Brewer, Fulks, Johnson, Kyle, Williams, Zaghlawan

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.
2. Approval of the March 21, 2022 Agenda
Approved without objection.

3. Approval of the February 28, 2022 Faculty Senate Minutes
Approved without objection.

4. Chair's Report (Levin): No Report.

5. Administrative Reports:

President (Feinstein)

- UNC is hosting finalists for the position of Founding Dean of UNC's College of Osteopathic Medicine. Open forums are running this week and next week.
- The bill to allow UNC to offer osteopathic medicine programs was approved and has been signed by Governor Polis.

DISCUSSION:

- Will the State possibly help fund the medical college?
 - There is no official response from the State at this time.
- When would we welcome our first medical students?
 - The first class of students might start as early as Fall 2025.

Provost (Vollendorf)

- Searches are underway for the HSS dean and NHS associate dean; thanks to those who are serving on the search committees.
- PVA is hosting a benefit concert for Ukraine on March 23.

Board of Trustees (Fischer): No Report.

6. Staff Council Reports:

Classified Staff Council (Gebhardt): CSC met last week. We approved funding for classified staff to attend the cancer rehab center and approved scholarships for classified staff dependents. We'll also be looking at funding for the Spring health fair.

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Cobb): No Report.

7. Standing Committee Reports:

Academic Policies (Vaughan): We have an item under new business. We also worked on a grade replacement policy for the Graduate level, which is ready for review at Codification.

Codification (Schuttler): We are working on Faculty Senate bylaws and will review the grade replacement policy from APC.

Elections (Kyle): Faculty Senate elections are closing today.

Faculty Welfare (Senbet): The chair/director updates might be ready for Senate in April.

Salary Equity (Greene): No Report.

8. Student Senate Report (Benavidez): No Report.

9. Special Orders

10. Special Reports

- **Academic Covid Responsiveness Group Report** (Senbet, Vaughan): No Report.

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- **Posthumous Degrees** (APC)

- Vaughan presented revisions to the posthumous degrees policy meant to simplify the process and provide more flexibility for awarding posthumous degrees.
- Key changes to the policy:
 - Family approval is no longer required to award a posthumous degree.
 - The requirement that a student must have been enrolled in their last semester before graduation has been removed.
 - The CAO, in consultation with the Dean of Students, determines whether the posthumous degree will be awarded.

MOTION: APC – It is moved to approve the revised Posthumous Degrees policy for placement in University Regulations and in University Catalogs.

DISCUSSION:

- The phrases “reasonable progress toward degree completion” and “significant disciplinary incident” were written to be intentionally vague to allow the CAO and DOS to use their discretion when considering individual cases.
- The policy as written covers students who may not be enrolled in classes at the time of their death (e.g., students who have taken a leave of absence would be eligible).
- President Feinstein thanked the committee for their work and is supportive of the policy as written.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

13. Comments to the Good of the Order

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Britney Kyle
Faculty Senate Secretary

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary