

Catawba College
Faculty Senate Minutes
September 20, 2007

Senators present: Barnes, Chamberlain, Eastis, Fish, Freeze, Hayes, Hood, Osterhus, Roberts, Zerger, Zink

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in the Rendleman Conference Room. Prof. Zink called the meeting to order and presided.

The Senate approved the minutes from the September 6, 2007, meeting.

The first agenda item was discussion of old business. The first item was the College's Intellectual Property Policy. Proposals to revise the policy were presented to the Senate by R. Roberts and D. Pulliam. Discussion included the nature of the template used by institutions for intellectual property policies and the desirability of having a policy indicating that faculty members' and students' intellectual property belong to them rather than to the institution at which it was created. A motion was made and seconded (Roberts, Freeze) to adopt Roberts' proposal (rev. 9-20-07), share it with Chuck Williams and the College's attorney and request written opinions on the proposal, and take it before the faculty. The motion passed.

Other old business included the College's Sexual Harassment Policy. Senators are unsure whether the Board has approved the current policy. A motion was made and seconded (Freeze, Hayes) to appoint a subcommittee to investigate the history of the current policy and to highlight inconsistencies and other problems in the policy. The motion passed; appointed subcommittee members are Barnes, Roberts, and Freeze. Because the faculty has been told to complete the online sexual harassment training by October 1, the Senate believes faculty member should do so regardless of its plans to suggest revisions to the current policy.

The final item of old business was Zink's inquiry to the Provost about the money for endowed chairs. Zink reported that he is still waiting for that information from the Provost.

New business was a motion from Freeze "asking the Provost and President to request that the Presidential Search Committee ...be expanded to include a tenured female faculty member." Roberts seconded the motion, which passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Hayes
Faculty Senate Secretary