

Catawba College  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
October 4, 2007

Senators present: Barnes, Eastis, Fish, Freeze, Hayes, Hood, Roberts, Stringfield

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, October 04, 2007, at 11:00 in the Rendleman Conference Room. Dr. Roberts called the meeting to order and presided. Senators Zink (Chair), Chamberlain, and Zerger were unable to attend the Senate meeting because they were attending the presidential search committee meeting.

The Senate approved the minutes from the September 20, 2007, meeting.

Dr. Roberts announced that, as was discussed at the September 6 meeting, Prof. Zink plans to take the intellectual property proposal to the President and Chief Financial Officer for feedback.

Next the senators discussed the provost search committee and the remarks from Dr. Knott in the October 2 faculty meeting and in an email to Dr. Fish. Points of discussion included:

- President's desire for faculty members' input
- Board's plan for the provost to be the College's chief operating officer
- Senators' concern about to what extent the provost also serves as a dean
- Senators' belief that the chair of the search committee should be a faculty member, not an administrator
- Senators' concern about the provost search occurring simultaneously with the presidential search

The outcome of the discussion was a suggestion that senators respond to the President's invitation to send him criteria for a provost and a decision to talk to our colleagues to learn how they feel about proceeding with or postponing a provost search. One senator pointed out that postponing the provost search could enhance the presidential search as well as alleviate faculty concerns about a simultaneous search. Another senator pointed out potential problems with delaying the search, including problems identifying and making progress with an interim dean.

Next the Senate considered Dr. Roberts' revisions to the Sexual Harassment Policy. Dr. Roberts pointed out that the Sexual Harassment Policy and the Professional Boundaries policy, which was discussed in the Sept. 2003 faculty meeting but not voted on, are two separate policies. Senators received copies of responses to the draft that Dr. Roberts received from Dr. Knott and Larry Farmer. Senators provided feedback to Dr. Roberts to assist him in revising the draft and should email him with any additional suggestions they have. After revising the draft, Dr. Roberts will bring it back to the Senate for approval. Then the document will go to the President and Larry Farmer, the College attorney, back to the Senate, and on to the faculty.

Before the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m., Dr. Roberts noted that the remaining agenda items will become old business for the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
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