

Catawba College Faculty Senate Minutes
April 3, 2008

Senators present: Barnes, Chamberlain, Fish, Hayes, Hood, Osterhus, Roberts, Stringfield, Zink (Chair).

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 11:00 in the Rendleman Conference Room. Chair Chris Zink called the meeting to order and presided.

The Senate approved the minutes of the March 20, 2008, meeting.

The Senate discussed the progress of the Swink Award process and advised Prof. Zink on the next appropriate step.

Next Prof. Hayes announced that Katrina Pergerson is the recipient of the Barbara Hill Scholarship. She will consult Dr. Freeze about appropriate means of publicizing the information. Then Prof. Zink announced that Dr. McCartney will include the Sexual Harassment Policy in the packet for the next faculty meeting.

Prof. Zink also suggested that the Senate needs to create a timeline of duties for next year's senators to follow. Profs. Barnes and Osterhus volunteered to serve as a subcommittee to work on a draft of a timeline.

After Prof. Zink communicated that the remaining committee elections will be held at the next faculty meeting, senators engaged in a lengthy discussion about evaluations of committee chairs and committee members. The difficulty of ensuring compliance was noted, and senators agreed that they need to be more pro-active in getting the evaluation forms returned. This year Dr. Roberts will distribute forms and encourage faculty to complete and return them. Faculty members need to participate in this evaluation process because it is part of their responsibility as committee members; furthermore, the evaluations are useful for department chairs and the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee.

Finally, senators returned to the issue of the committee rotation cycle. A motion was made (Hayes) and seconded (Barnes) to defer the matter until next year. Dr. Roberts made a motion to make rotating off for a year optional in light of the fact that we now have a sixth standing committee. The motion was seconded (Barnes), but it failed to pass.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Hayes
Faculty Senate Secretary