

Catawba College Faculty Senate  
Thursday, March 26, 2009

Present: Boulter, Eastis, Fish, Hood, Roberts, Stringfield, Zink

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

The minutes from the March 19 meeting were approved.

Senate elections

The Senate discussed the effect of administrative appointments and promotions (some of which have not yet been announced) on the pool of eligible candidates for next year's Senate.

Dr. Roberts suggested that we may need to delay Senate elections until the May 5 faculty meeting (rather than the April meeting).

Prof. Zink agreed. He will ask the provost and/or president to announce the names of the deans and the promotions as soon as feasible. He will also send an email to all faculty explaining that Senate and other committee elections will be held on May 5.

Report on committee rotation

Prof. Zink reported that he has heard from most, but not quite all, department chairs with regard to faculty eligible to serve on governance committees. He has also received an eligibility list from Kim Smith a (with qualifiers re: retirements). Prof. Zink will pass that information to Dr. Roberts, who is in charge of this particular Senate function.

Vision editorial group reports

Item 1 and Item 3 groups have finished their work and submitted to Dr. Sullivan; Item 2 group is almost finished.

The Senate discussed writing a preamble or introduction to the document. Senators agreed that it is important to contextualize the report (describe the process, acknowledge omissions such as references to specific programs)

Dr. Eastis will draft an introduction and send out via email to all Senators for revision/editing/approval.

Awards

The process for the Swink award is well-underway.

One nomination has come in for the Trustee Award. The deadline is Friday, March 27 (tomorrow); expect to see more nominations.

Prof. Zink expressed concern that if the call for award nominations goes out electronically we may be cutting out some of the staff. How many of the maintenance staff, for example, use e-mail (or campus mail, for that matter)? Prof. Zink will get in touch with Mr. Haywood (facilities) and someone with housekeeping staff to see that they can get information out to make sure it's all fair and aboveboard.

No one was present to report on Barbara Hill Scholarship.

Holtzman proposal

Discussion of this item was tabled once again, until a meeting with more Senators present.

New business

Assessment of committee chairs by members, and of members by chairs—these forms need to go out electronically ASAP.

Future meeting schedule

April 23 will be the last regular-term full Senate meeting. The Executive Committee will have to meet after that to put governance committees together. We will also need to have one more meeting after May 5 for new Senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla M. Eastis