

**Catawba College Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**February 21, 2008**

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

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, February 21, 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 December 6, 2007, meeting.

Prof. Zink noted that Dr. McCartney presented the Trustee Award to Dr. Bruce Griffith at his home prior to the trustee meeting. The presentation of the award was announced at the trustee meeting and the community meeting.

The Barbara Hill selection committee will consist of Gary Freeze and Julia Hayes.

Because the senate must revise the committee rotation system, the committee effectiveness survey which the senate had planned to conduct may not be particularly useful. Roberts had suggested that the rotation system be simplified and based on rank. A chair and vice-chair will provide continuity. Discussion included disparity in number among the ranks, which may be addressed by consideration of seniority; the benefits of being on committees for first-year faculty; the need for experience among committee members; faculty's desire to retain a year off from committee service; and the reduction in committee members if we approve a sixth standing committee. Prof. Zink asked senators to look over the "Proposed Changes to the Committee Rotation Program [from Dr. Hunt]: [Comments: Roberts, Feb. 12, 2008]"; to give some thought to the proposal and comments; and to be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. Zink will send senators an electronic copy of the document.

Prof. Zink distributed the "Sequence for the Swink Award." He will make the call for nominations today with a February 29 deadline. Discussion about deadlines for each step in the process ensued. Prof. Zink will send senators an email with a proposed timeline.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Hayes  
Faculty Senate Secretary