

Catawba College Faculty Senate Minutes
December 6, 2007

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

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, December 06, 2007, at 11:00 in the Rendleman Conference Room. Chair Chris Zink called the meeting to order and presided.

The Senate approved the minutes from the November 15, 2007, meeting.

Prof. Zink noted that minutes from Fall 2007 and future minutes should be emailed to faculty after the minutes are approved. The practice of posting minutes to the Catawba website will continue.

Old business included noting that the subcommittee reports are not yet ready. Also, the sexual harassment committee work has been delayed because attorney response is not yet available.

Additional old business pertained to the senate's approval of a standing GEAR committee and the need for that matter to go to the faculty.

New business included continuation of discussion of the need to revise the current committee rotation system. Senators agreed that a six-year rotation is desirable. Other issues included: no penalty for taking the option of a year off; advantages of rotating faculty to different committees; ensuring continuity by having someone serve as vice-chair for two years before becoming chair; the need for data about the efficiency of current committee populations; the need for balance and equality of representation on committees; the possibility that deadlines, not personnel, are problematic; differences in time commitments for different committees.

As a result of the discussion, Prof. Zink instructed senators to talk to their colleagues to continue to gather information. Furthermore, Dr. Freeze will collect data. Then the senate will prepare for next semester's committee assignment responsibility.

A motion was made and seconded (Freeze, Hood) to nominate Dr. Griffith for the Trustee Award, with the award's being announced at Opening Convocation in January and given at the Awards Convocation in April. Dr. McCartney is not opposed to the idea, and no rules govern the timing of the award. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Dr. Freeze reported that Development Office personnel have asked the senate to change the timing of the Trustee Award to the fall semester so that it can be presented by the trustees at their annual meeting in February. Discussion on this item was deferred to a future meeting.

Finally, senators considered their work for next semester, which includes work on:

Committee rotation system

Swink Award

Barbara Hill scholarship recipient

Committee reports

Committee members' and chairs' evaluations

Endowed and unfunded professorships

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

Respectfully submitted,

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