

Catawba College
Faculty Senate Minutes
October 18, 2007

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

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in the Randleman Conference Room. Chair Chris Zink called the meeting to order and presided.

The Senate approved the minutes from the October 4, 2007, meeting.

Prof. Zink announced that Dr. McCartney responded favorably to the draft of the Intellectual Properties Policy. Upon gaining approval from Dr. Knott, he will forward it to the College's attorney. A suggestion was made that the Sexual Harassment Policy draft also be sent to the attorney. Zink will check on its status.

Roberts and Zink reported on their attendance of the meetings of the Academic Affairs Committee and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Knott had shared the highlights of the Board meeting at the Community Meeting on October 17. Discussion ensued about Dr. McCartney's list of priorities, described as a need "to fill the classrooms," i.e., hire faculty to fill positions that remained unfilled last year before addressing administrative positions.

Senators returned to the issue of the removal of equipment money from departmental budgets. Zink shared information about the budget that was approved by the Board. Faculty's lack of awareness about budget matters that affect them was raised as a concern. A motion was made and seconded (Roberts, Hayes) to ask Dr. McCartney and Chuck Williams to meet with Unit Heads to share information and answer questions about academic budgets. The motion passed, and Zink will request the administrators' presence at the unit heads meeting.

The Senate considered a draft of the 2009-2010 calendar. A motion was made and seconded (Freeze, Hood) to approve the calendar. Discussion ensued about the desirability of adding a January term, with some of the courses providing opportunities for study abroad. An amendment was made to the motion (Roberts) that the start of second semester (Spring 2010) as well as graduation be delayed two weeks so that a J-term can be inserted. The motion, as amended, passed.

Old business included Hayes' report on the procedure for granting emeritus status, which according to the Faculty Handbook, is recommended to the Board by the Dean for tenured faculty members upon their retirement. It remains unclear how an untenured, part-time faculty member was granted emeritus status. The Senate is satisfied with the procedure as it appears in the Faculty Handbook.

A second item of old business, which will be the first agenda item for the November 1 meeting, is the committee membership rotation issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Hayes
Faculty Senate Secretary