

Catawba College Faculty Senate Minutes
March 20, 2008

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

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 11:00 in the Rendleman Conference Room. Vice-Chair Robin Roberts called the meeting to order at 11:02 and presided.

The Senate approved the minutes of the February 21, 2008, meeting.

Next the Senate briefly discussed the Swink award nomination process and the letters received. A motion was made (Hayes) and seconded (Chamberlain) to approve Prof. Zink's moving forward with the process. The motion passed unanimously.

Senators moved on to discuss Dr. Hood's proposal to make the current *ad hoc* GEAR committee a sixth standing governance committee. Long discussion ensued about the duties and role of the Committee and how they could vary and change over the next few years. Discussion also included overlap between GEAR's and APA's responsibilities. The point was made that Catawba's new provost will need to help us design and develop coherent, cohesive assessment methods. However, until then, and in the event of changes in the administration, the GEAR committee can provide consistency in our general education goals and assessments. Dr. Roberts suggested removal of several items in the list of responsibilities for GEAR, and Dr. Hood plans to revise the document before it is taken before the faculty. A motion was made (Eastis) and seconded (Hood) to forward the proposal, as amended, to the faculty for consideration at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Senate then returned to consideration of the revised Sexual Harassment Policy and the revised Intellectual Properties Policy. Motions were made (Freeze) and seconded (Eastis) to forward both of these revised policies to the faculty and have them in place even as we await the opinion of the College attorney on the Sexual Harassment Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, senators discussed the need to hold elections for next year's senators. Prof. Zink and Dr. Roberts will arrange the process and inform the faculty before the next faculty meeting.

Under New Business, Senate considered a revision to the Committee Rotation Cycle, prepared by Dr. Roberts in consultation with Dr. Hunt. That issue needs to be on the agenda for the next senate meeting so that it may go back to the faculty for approval. Other new business included the need to evaluate governance committee members and chairs, an item which will also appear on the agenda for the next senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Faculty Senate Secretary