Catawba College Faculty Senate Minutes April 5, 2007

Senators Present: Barnes, Freeze, Hayes, Homan, Horner, Hunt, Osterhus, Roberts, Silverburg, Zerger and Zink.

The Catawba College Faculty Senate met on Thursday, March 15, 2007, in the Rendleman Conference Room. Dr. Freeze called the meeting to order and presided.

The minutes from the previous Senate meeting were approved.

The first item that the Senate considered was the Swink Prize. A motion was made and seconded to award the prize to Dr. Mark Sabo. The motion was approved unanimously. The Senate then discussed if the new process had worked well. The only question was about whether a list of previous recipients should have been distributed. The Senate felt that since this is not a factor in deciding the current winner that we would not do this in the future.

The next item that the Senate considered was the Trustee Award. One nominee had been sent before the meeting. Other nominations were made at the meeting and after a closed vote the Senate elected to give the Trustee Award to Carol Gamble, Marsha Safrit, and Lisa Hillard.

A motion was made and seconded to put all three names on the plaque in the same order as above. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Freeze then reported that he, Julia Hayes and Karen Horner will be deciding among three nominees for the Barbara Hill Scholarship. Dr. Freeze said that he would recuse himself from the final vote because he is involved with two of the students.

Next, the Senate went into Executive Session to discuss requests for exemptions from committee service for the upcoming school year.

After coming out of Executive Session the Senate considered a request to allow the members of GEAR (the General Education Assessment Response Committee) to not serve on governance committees next year. After discussion, the Senate voted to not allow this exemption. Dr. Freeze and next years Senate Chair will meet with Dr. McCartney to discuss this group.

The Senate then considered if the unfunded chairs should still be awarded this fall given the past history of these chairs. The Senate decided that they should still be awarded this fall.

The next issue was the Faculty Handbook and what role Dr. Hetrick should play in revising it. The Senate decided that this should be discussed at our next meeting with the new Senators. Dr. Freeze will ask Dr. Knott about Dr. Hetrick's status (in regards to the Handbook) and about what he wants to see in the new Faculty Handbook.

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With no time remaining the meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday April 12, 2007 at 11:00 am in the Rendleman Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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