

Catawba College  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 7, 2006

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

Dr. Freeze convened the Faculty Senate to order at 11:00 AM in the Rendleman Conference Room.

The first item that the Senate considered was the procedure that Dean should follow when selecting endowed professors. After some discussion about the motion that was sent via email prior to the meeting the resulting motion was:

*The following is the procedure that the Faculty Senate recommends that the Dean follow when selecting endowed professors:*

- 1. The Dean will first solicit recommendations from relevant academic department chairs and the faculty for the various endowed positions.*
- 2. The Dean will then forward these recommendations along with any other recommendations that the Dean would like to make to the full Faculty Senate.*
- 3. The full Faculty Senate will then meet separate from the Dean to consider the recommendations. The full Faculty Senate will then make recommendations and send them to the Dean.*
- 4. Based on all of this information the Dean will make the final decisions about who will be awarded the endowed professorships.*

The Senate then considered if we should ask for rationale from the Dean if no recommendation is made from the Dean to the Senate for a particular professorship. After some discussion the Senate decided to take no action on this matter today.

There was then some discussion on the issue that Dr. Slate had introduced at a previous meeting about what happens if no one is awarded a particular professorship. Dr. Freeze will check on the corpi for the endowed professorships and report back to the Senate.

A vote was then taken and the motion above passed unanimously.

The next issue that the Faculty Senate considered was the unendowed professorships. Dr. Silverburg made a recommendation that these be awarded again. Dr. Roberts made the following motion:

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1. *The Faculty Senate accepts the unendowed professorships at face value based on information taken from old catalogs and other records.*
2. *The procedure for awarding unendowed professorships should be the same as it is for endowed professorships.*
3. *The unendowed professorships will be held for two years.*
4. *The unendowed professorships should be awarded again starting in the Fall 2007 semester.*
5. *The Faculty Senate should continue to try to find as much information as possible about these professorships.*

The motion was seconded.

Discussion followed. One suggestion that was made was to look at the minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting from 4/26/95 for more information about these unendowed professorships.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Freeze then reported on a number of things.

1. An election will be held in January to find a new senator to replace Dr. Slate who resigned.
2. Dr. Knott has passed the Faculty Leave Program on to Dean Hetrick.
3. The administration is working on the Sexual Harassment Policy.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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