

Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate
18 January 2011 Meeting Minutes
3:30 pm
Rm 217 University Center Annex

Present: Beverly Justice, Sherry Edwards, Elizabeth Denny, Martin Farley, Therese Rizzo, Betty Brown, Mary Ann Jacobs, Meki Graham, Marian Wooten, Jack Spillan

Absent: Ollie Bishop

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 16 November 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Unfinished Business

- a. Communication between Senate and ad hoc committees/task forces appointed by Administration
 - i. It was agreed to request that AA (division) publish and post the composition and work of those committees appointed by UNCP administration, as well as ask for the Senate's support in asking that the UNCP administration follow the NC Open Meetings Law for announcing meetings and publishing committee work.
- b. Absences from Senate and committee/subcommittee meetings
 - i. The committee discussed the current handbook's absence policy for Senators and committee/subcommittee members (see attachment #1).
 - ii. Sherry Edwards made a motion to discuss changes in the absence policy wording for Senators and committee/subcommittee members (see attachment #1). Betty Brown seconded this motion. The motion proposed that the committee strike the word "consecutive" and add the words "in an academic year" in UNCP Faculty Constitution Article III, Section 8.C. The motion also proposed that the committee add the words "in an academic year and unexcused by the committee chairperson" in By-laws Article VI, Section 5.C.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion passed (6-2-2).
 - iv. The committee tabled further discussion of the Senator Absence policy in the By-laws Article 1, Section 4 (see attachment #1) until interested committee members can draft an alternate statement or change of wording.
- c. Status of Faculty Research Advisory Board
 - i. The committee discussed the existence of the above named board. Beverly reported that Linda Little had expressed interest in having the

board reinstated, as most universities have a similar group. The committee agreed to ask Ms. Little to advise us about the board's history, current work, and/or existence. The discussion was tabled until more information could be gathered. Beverly suggested talking with Dr. Carter regarding his view of the value/need for this group. The committee agreed and Beverly said she would contact him.

V. New Business

- a. Beverly informed the committee that we might have to discuss policies concerning how the Senate should word and record a possible "Resolution Log" for the Chancellor's office.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Rizzo, Secretary

Attachment #1

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UNCP Faculty Constitution Article III

Section 8. The position of an elected Senator whose term is unexpired shall be considered vacant upon:

- A. Notification by the Senator to the Chair of (1) his/her resignation, or (2) a leave-of-absence;
- B. The Senator's becoming ineligible through change in professorial status, either at this University or elsewhere;
- C. The Senator's failure to attend two ~~consecutive~~ regular meetings of the Senate **in an academic year**, if unexcused by the Senate.

Such vacancy shall be filled by special ballot in accordance with Article V, Section 2, A, 3 of the By-Laws for the Faculty Senate. Senators so elected shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 9. Senators shall take office at the adjournment of the first General Faculty meeting of the academic year.

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By-laws Article I

Section 4. Absences from Meetings. When a Senator cannot be present at a regular meeting and requests to be excused, such request must be addressed to the Chair of the Senate, preferably in writing.

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By-laws Article VI Section 5

C. Absences from Meetings

When a member of either a Committee or Subcommittee cannot be present for a meeting, the member will notify the Chair of the Committee or Subcommittee.

When a member of a Committee or Subcommittee misses more than two regular meetings **in an academic year that are unexcused by the committee chairperson**, that member will be dismissed from the committee. A replacement will be chosen in accordance with Article VI, Section 3. A of the Faculty Constitution (for a subcommittee member) and Article VI, Section 4 (for a committee member).