The January 12 Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chair Neufeld, 3:22 PM in the University Conference Room.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. VISITORS.

Neufeld welcomed visitors and asked that they introduce themselves. (See voting sheet for visitors' names.)

B. RECOGNITION OF HOWARD DORGAN-NOMINEE FOR THE O. MAX GARDNER AWARD.

Neufeld noted that Howard Dorgan has been recommended by the External Awards Committee as a nominee of the O. Max Gardner Award. The winner of the award will be announced in April. Neufeld also noted that Dorgan was undergoing back surgery and would be out for a few weeks.

II. MINUTES

Anderson noted an inclusion for the December minutes regarding Vote 2 and the continuation of the discussion. The amendment should state, "Senators noted that there were some inconsistencies in the numbers, and questioned why the resolution was coming before the Faculty Senate instead of the Council of Chairs. Dobson pointed out that Faculty Senate was not being asked to do anything about the situation, just recommend that the decision makers look seriously at the problem. Wallace said that the students he surveyed preferred Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday classes and suggested that Student Development conduct a larger survey. Senators noted that no data were presented to support the contention that this was a student-driven initiative, and that class scheduling decisions should acknowledge pedagogic concerns." Moore moved to approve the December minutes which will be amended and Parks seconded.

VOTE 1  yes 21  no 0  abstain 1  The motion passed.

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

STEVE BREINER - COMPUTER TRAINING FOR FACULTY.

Breiner reported to the Senate that he will be coordinating a computer project for the next year and a half. Goals of the project include: (1) Define appropriate models for using computers in classrooms at Appalachian. Answer questions such as how much usage is appropriate, should every student have a computer in the classroom, etc.; (2) Develop a group of faculty who are
departmental experts on the use of computers in education, and who are willing to help their colleagues; (3) Coordinate and act as a liaison between departmental multimedia experts so they share their expertise with one another. Part of this goal is setting up some grant opportunities to give people an incentive to share their knowledge. Breiner noted that the goals of the project are not firmly set just yet. There are around 40 faculty involved so far. Breiner hopes that as a result of this project, faculty may not need some of the support that ACS currently provides because each department will have its own experts. This will enable ACS to provide other forms of support; exactly what is yet to be decided.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FACULTY CONCERNS

Faculty lounge/dining room. This concern, which has been before the Senate in the past, was given to the Welfare and Morale Committee. Perry noted that he still has the results of a survey done a couple of years ago regarding a faculty lounge.

B. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE NEW FUNDING FORMULA FROM THE GA.

Durham noted that the proposed funding formula is changing constantly but would probably be developed by next month. Neufeld moved the resolution and Moore seconded.

VOTE 2 yes 20 no 1 abstain 1 The motion passed.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE NEW FUNDING FORMULA FROM THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Faculty Senate is gravely concerned that proposed changes in the formula by which UNC institutions are funded will severely harm institutions whose primary mission is undergraduate teaching, and that adverse consequences will include higher student-faculty ratios, larger class sizes, and a reduction in the quality of education that undergraduate students receive, and

WHEREAS, Appalachian and several other undergraduate institutions have historically been underfunded relative to other UNC system institutions, and

WHEREAS, implementation of this funding formula will erase the positive gains realized through the new equity funding formula,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate strongly urges the Board of Governors to delay action on this proposal, allowing time for further study so that its impact can be fully known and alternatives fully explored by the faculties and administrators of the University of North Carolina system.

C. RESOLUTION REGARDING DOC WATSON.
Winsor noted that the resolution came from the Campus Planning Committee. Dr. Clinton Parker noted, as a music professor, that he thought that it was inappropriate for the Faculty Senate to get involved in hiring of faculty outside the DPC terms. According to the Faculty Handbook, the Chancellor cannot make an appointment to faculty without a recommendation from the DPC. Discussion followed. Winsor withdrew the motion. It was in agreement that the Senate hopes the School of Music would consider Doc Watson's appointment.

**D. FACULTY HANDBOOK CHANGES.**

1. **Include the number of staff positions on university committees.** This motion from the Committee on Committees was voted on.
   
   VOTE 3  yes 22  no 0  abstain 0  The motion passed.

**FACULTY HANDBOOK CHANGE TO INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF STAFF POSITIONS ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:** Since staff are to serve on some university committees, the listing in the Faculty Handbook of staff positions for those committees should be included. Therefore, the following sections of the Faculty Handbook should be amended as follows:

   p. 47, Section 4.A.5.a (Library Services Committee) add "3 staff;"

   p. 47, Section 4.A.6.a (Patent and Copyright Committee) add "1 staff;"

   p. 47, Section 4.A.7.a (Performing Arts and Forum Series Committee) add "2 staff."

2. **Elections' procedures.** Discussion followed and amendments were made. The changes were voted on as amended.

   VOTE 4  yes 22  no 0  abstain 0  The motion passed.

**FACULTY HANDBOOK CHANGE REGARDING ELECTIONS' PROCEDURES:**

**CURRENT FACULTY HANDBOOK:**

**ARTICLE IV, Section 6. Procedures for electing the members of the Senate:**

   a. The procedure for electing Senators from each college shall be:
      
      (1) Prior to August 15, the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate shall name an Elections Chairperson for each college for the entire academic year.

      (2) The Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate, who is the Senate Elections Officer, shall request that the dean of each college call a meeting of the college faculty to nominate a candidate or candidates for the Faculty Senate. The Elections Chairperson shall preside at the respective meetings.

**PROPOSED CHANGE AS AMENDED:**

**ARTICLE IV, Section 6.a**
(1) By August 15, the Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate, who is the Senate Elections Officer, shall name an elections chairperson for each college, school and Library for the entire academic year.

(2) The Senate Elections Officer shall request that the elections chairperson of each college, school and Library provide a mechanism for the nomination of candidates for the college elections.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION ON GENDER EQUITY FOR COACHES SALARIES AT APPALACHIAN.

After some discussion, Neufeld withdrew the motion until the February meeting.

The Senate took a break at 4:35 and reconvened at 4:45.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Letter to the Board of Governors Regarding Section 4.6.1 of the Faculty Handbook. A copy of the revised letter will be posted on the Faculty Senate listserve so that it will be voted on at February's meeting.

B. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

No report.

C. WELFARE OF STUDENTS COMMITTEE

Academic Integrity Ad-hoc Committee. Parks reported that the ad-hoc committee met on a weekly basis last semester and broke itself down into sub-committees: 1) student; 2) faculty; 3) public relations; and 4) assessment. The ad-hoc committee will report back to the Senate with its proposed changes.

D. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Faculty Grievance Assistance Committee. Domermuth reported that he has received four names so far to serve on the newly formed Faculty Grievance Assistance Committee. At February's meeting, procedures will be brought forth to the Senate on what the Committee membership should be.

E. COMPUTER COMMITTEE
Resolution Regarding Faculty Senate voting via e-mail. Dobson noted that the Committee was trying to solve the problem on debating and voting issues via e-mail. Discussion followed. Petschauer noted that due to the nature of the Faculty Senate meetings, which are open and public meetings, it would be illegal to vote secretly via e-mail. The motion was withdrawn. Wallace asked that the Committee look into the Computer Usage Policy and report back to the Senate any implications it may have on faculty.

F. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Faculty raises for promotion and tenure. The Committee proposed its recommendation as to what the amounts faculty should receive for achieving tenure or promotion. Discussion followed. It was decided to postpone the motion and that Neufeld would work with the Committee and Drs. Durham and Sharp to determine what the impact of these suggested amounts would have been last year on salary equity. He will report back in February.

G. WELFARE AND MORALE COMMITTEE

No report.

H. CHANCELLOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Volunteers were gathered for the February 19 meeting.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT.

Petschauer reported that he attended a Board of Governors meeting on Friday. It seems as though the Administrative structure of the General Administration is being reorganized. Instead of eight vice presidents there will be six. Petschauer noted that Ms. Broad talked about affirmative action.

Winkler moved to adjourn the meeting and Dobson seconded.

VOTE 5 yes 19 no 0 abstain 0 The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Submitted by Dee Parks