FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 9, 2004 (approved as amended and appended)
At 3:27 p.m. on February 9, 2004, Chair Gates convened the Faculty Senate meeting in the University Conference Room (224 I. G. Greer Hall).

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Chair Gates welcomed visitors and asked that they introduce themselves.
(See voting sheet for visitors’ names.)

B. Rescheduling of Chancellor Advisory Committee meeting – Feb. 16, 2004, 3:00 p.m.
Gates noted that the Chancellor Advisory Committee meeting had to be rescheduled from Feb. 2nd until the 16th. Gates also announced that the new chancellor would be introduced to campus at 1:30 p.m. via a live video, closed-circuit feed in the Grandfather Mountain Ballroom directly from the Board of Governor’s meeting in Chapel Hill. Gates mentioned that Faculty Senate Elections would be taking place soon and that e-mail would be sent out to faculty listing vacancies that are voted on by the faculty at-large. Gates encouraged senators whose terms are expiring yet who remain eligible to serve a second term, to seriously consider running again. He also asked senators to urge faculty members who had not previously served on the Faculty Senate to run for election and urge faculty to serve and participate in academic governance. There were no visitor announcements.

II. MINUTES – January 12, 2004
Senator Anderson pointed out that, under VI. Budget Committee Report, the first sentence needed the name, “Senator Koch” to be replaced by the name, “Senator Staub” and that the word, “that” needed to be inserted between the words “ positions have”. Senator Weiss noted that since she did not attend the January meeting, her vote listed on the vote sheet was a typo and needed to be deleted.
Chair Gates moved and Senator Simon seconded to approve December 8, 2003 minutes as amended.

VOTE 1. Motion approve the January 12, 2004 Minutes (as amended).
18 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN
The motion passed.

III. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS STATUS – Gates noted the motions and resolutions were up-to-date and available online.

IV. PROVOST’S BUDGET AND RESOLUTION STATUS REPORTS
Provost Peacock passed out various charts pertaining to discussions he had had at a system-wide provosts’ meeting. The Resident Tuition and General Fees in the UNC system sheet shows that Appalachian’s ranking in the system does not improve, even with the proposed new fees, which
might actually lower our comparative standings in tuition and fees charged. Overall we are 15th in the system in education and technology fees, which is a problem for us. Something that we probably can’t do anything about it now but it’s something that we need to look at. Peacock expressed concern at the wide range of technology fees charged across the system, and at the number of proposed special fees. Among the latter are proposals to charge off the mandated Banner accounting system to student fees at four universities. Peacock noted that Appalachian had already paid up front for its Banner system—$532,000—and he opposed some other schools using fees for this. Associate Vice-chancellor Burwell explained the comparative results of Appalachian’s tuition in the State of Washington study. Burwell explained that in a comparison of comprehensive universities tuition in UNC ranks 37th out of 46 states in tuition, and 8th out of 46 states for out-of-state. There followed a wide-ranging discussion of fees, the proposed tuition hikes made by campuses, the politics of the university system, and the need to revise the comparable institutions for Appalachian, because the present ones do not allow us to measure up against actual peers, thus – in terms of faculty salaries - we look “too good” by comparison to where we want to be.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Academic Policy Committee (LAMBERT, McCaughey, Keasler, Weitz, Yaukey)
Senator McCaughey reported that she is representing the Senate on ITAC, and that she would like to offer a faculty response should ITAC consider a computer use privacy policy for employees that might say that no employee can expect privacy in the Appalachian network. McCaughey asked senators to contact her with any concerns or ideas about computer privacy, and that she hoped her committee would make a fuller report at the March meeting.

B. Welfare & Morale Committee (MARKING, Arnold, Olson, Cramer)
-Report
No Report

C. Welfare of Students Committee (MUIR, McKinney, Weiss)
Senator Muir reported that he and Senator Arnold had met with Student Government last week to address questions about office hours. There were many, and Muir and Arnold concluded that some students seemed misinformed and concluded essentially that if faculty were going to ask for raises from tuition students preferred that faculty do their job and be in their office at least 10 hours a week.

D. Ad-hoc Committee on DPC Reform (KOCH)
1.) Report-
2.) FS03-04/02-01- Motion on DPC Reform-
DPC Reform Recommendations
Recommendation for: Considered & Recommended by:
Granting Tenure A departmental recommendation for granting tenure will be determined by a vote of all tenured faculty in the department. An affirmative recommendation must be supported
by a vote of at least 75% of the committee membership. Promotion to Associate Professor A departmental recommendation for promotion to Associate Professor will be determined by a vote of all Professors and Associate Professors in the department. An affirmative recommendation must be supported by a vote of at least 75% of the committee membership.

Promotion to Professor A departmental recommendation for promotion to Professor will be determined by a vote of all Professors in the department. In cases of fewer than 4 Professors in the department, other member(s) will be solicited from related disciplines to serve on a standing “Committee for Promotion to Professor” for the respective department. Professors from outside the department will be appointed by the dean in consultation with the department chair. An affirmative recommendation must be supported by a vote of at least 75% of the committee membership.

Tenure-track Appointments Searches for tenure-track positions will be carried out by a search committee, with the size and composition of the committee determined by the department. All tenured and tenure-track faculty will be eligible to serve. The search committee will meet with the department chair and formulate a short list of candidates to be considered for interviews. Following interviews, the search committee will make a recommendation to the departmental faculty regarding the appointment. Recommendations for appointments will be made by a majority vote of the department’s tenured and tenure-track faculty.

Temporary Appointments Temporary appointments will be made by the department chair in consultation with a “Temporary and Probationary Faculty Appointment Committee” consisting of at least 4 tenured or tenure-track faculty. Departments may establish more rigorous search and appointment procedures for significant temporary hires as they deem appropriate.

Contract Renewal for Tenure-track faculty A recommendation for contract renewal for tenure-track faculty will be made by the “Temporary and Probationary Faculty Appointment Committee.” An affirmative recommendation must be supported by a vote of at least 75% of the committee membership.

Graduate Faculty Membership Recommendations for Graduate Faculty membership will be made by the department faculty with Graduate Faculty status. Senator Koch introduced the committee’s report and took questions. After a very long discussion of various department’s procedures Senator Moore moved to table the report and Senator Keasler seconded.

VOTE 2. Motion to table the motion on DPC reform.
The motion passed.

Senator Koch asked for an informal straw poll of senators whether to continue with DPC reform proposals. The result was 14 YES 5 NO 1 ABSTAIN.

Due to a lack of quorum the meeting was disbanded.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Moore, Secretary
VOTE 1: Motion approve the January 12, 2004 Minutes (as amended)
VOTE 2: Motion to table the motion on DPC reform.
VOTE 3*: Vote to adjourn (as appended at the March 15, 2004 Meeting) *see March Minutes
VISITORS: Dr. Tim Burwell, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Harry Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity; Dr. Peter Petschauer, Hubbard Center

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