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**MINUTES FOR THE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 2024, FACULTY SENATE
MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. IN UC COUNCIL ROOM**

Present: Almquist, Allen, Benedict, Castro, Cieminski, de la Torre, DeKrey, Dietz, Doerner, Elkins, Fischer, Garrett, Greene, Iannacchione, Kang, Kyle, Landry, Leatherman, Luanris, Leonard, Newman, Parker, Paytoe Gbayee, Schuttler, Shafie, Senbet, Walder

Zoom: Muller, Schaberl, Wieben

Absent: Feinstein, Fleming, Larson, Lee, Lovewell, Mondy, Trask

1. Call to Order: 4:00pm
2. Approval of the September 16th, 2024, Agenda: approved without objection
3. Approval of the September 3rd, 2024, Faculty Senate Minutes (see below): approved with the removal of the highlighted portion in item 10

Chair's Report (Kyle) – Tonight, will be the Faculty Senate reception. The first fireside chat will be tomorrow. Kyle will be reaching out to the committee chairs for updates to include in the Faculty Senate Newsletter. The newsletter will be featuring a faculty spotlight, if anyone would like to be featured, reach out to Kyle. Schuttler volunteers to be featured. Two faculty members are needed for the search committee for both the VP Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer. Email Kyle if you are interested or know of anyone interested. Deans will be discussing a 3-year bachelor's degree. Debbie Farris and Deanna Herbert will be presenting at next Faculty Senate meeting.

Discussion on 3-year degrees that a few colleges across the country have implemented

- There will likely be implications for both undergraduate and graduate students.
 - The faculty will need to be informed and will have a large say in this topic, if UNC is to consider offering these types of degrees
- Many (and perhaps all) programs may not be suitable for a 3-year degree.
 - Students may not be ready for the job market within three years
- The discussion is in its early stages, and there are no clear plans from the president or provost, though accrediting bodies are beginning to have these conversations.
- It was suggested that it may be useful to reach out to Faculty Senates at other colleges to see how they are approaching this.
- The overarching question is: What does a UNC degree signify?

4. Administrative Reports

President (Feinstein) –President Feinstein is looking forward to the Faculty Senate reception tonight. The first fireside chat will be tomorrow, September 17th addressing the topic of community engaged research at 10am in Centennial Hall. Save the date for the State of the University Address on 10/15, Kyle will represent Faculty Senate.

Provost (Fleming) – No report

Dean's Representative (Doerner) – Deans discussed micro-credentials and are in favor of the policy that will go to provost's office then to the Academic Policies Committee.

Board of Trustees (Fischer) – No report

5. Staff Council Reports:

Classified Staff Council (Mondy) – No report

Professional Administrative Staff Council (Castro) – No report

6. Standing Committee Reports:

Academic Policies (Newman) – The Academic Policies Committee discussed the informal statement of the 4-day finals week. The Registrar will create a draft of the Fall 2025 final schedule then Lauryn Benedict will meet with relevant offices to discuss and receive feedback about the 4-day finals week. The committee is also reviewing curriculum standards such as the thresholds for minors. They will be working with the Undergraduate Council and begin drafting policies for these curriculum standards.

Codification (Schuttler) – Codification reviewed several Senate Actions. A request for board, council, and committee bylaws have been sent to see if they align with Faculty Senate bylaws.

Elections (Newman) – The faculty voting list has been received and we are determining vacancies. A call for nominations will be sent soon.

Faculty Welfare (DeKrey) – Faculty Welfare met last week to discuss the evaluation process and address concerns regarding annual, biennial, and triennial reviews. The committee has decided to delegate some work to the Faculty Research and Publication Board.

Salary Equity (Senbet) – No report

7. Student Government Association Report (Walder) – Elections for student senators opened today on Bear Connect. The Student Government Association has been tabling to encourage and help students register to vote. The first senator training will be on 9/30.

8. Special Orders

9. Special Reports

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- Changes to Faculty Senate Bylaws (DeKrey) – Second reading
 - i. It clarifies that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will announce summer meeting and post the announcements on the Faculty Senate website
 - ii. Discussion: No discussion
 - iii. Motion: Motion to approve the changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws.
 - iv. Vote: approved unanimously – motion passes and update will be made to the Bylaws

12. Comments to the Good of the Order –

Adjournment – 4:32pm