

The Senator

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University Senate Gains Representation on Board of Trustees Committees

Leon Corbett provided an update to the University Senate regarding senate representation on the committees of the Trustees. Each Trustee committee may meet in a general session, with a faculty representative present, and in a closed executive session. Each committee will have a different way of selecting a single faculty member for a two year term.

- The senior senators from the professional and graduate schools will elect the representative for the Professional and Graduate Schools Committee.
- For the College committee, the representative will be one of the following: the Chair of Academic Planning, the Callaway School representative or the Chair of the Student Life Committee. (Later changed so that the Callaway School representative will participate in the Professional and Graduate Schools Committee.)
- For Athletics, the representative will be the Chair of the Athletics Committee of the faculty.
- The Senate Executive Committee will choose the representative to the, Business Operations Committee, and the Advancement and Communications Committee.
- There will be no faculty representation on the Internal Trustees Committees that deal with Trustee business.
- It was pointed out that the Health Affairs representatives were not elected by faculty. Health Affairs already has a plan in place for representation of faculty which does not involve elections.

Provostal Search

The Senior University Appointments Committee will be involved in the search for a new Provost, meeting with the finalists and commenting to the Search Committee and to President Hearn. Ed Wilson, who chairs the Search Committee, mentioned that 30-40 applications had been received to date and that the review will begin after the deadline in January, 2001.

Honorary Degree Nominations

Bernadine Barnes notified the University Senate that the candidates for honorary degrees this spring are Martin Isepp and Dr. Francis Collins. The Senate voted unanimously to accept these candidates as well as two alternates. In the spring there will be a call for names of honorary degree candidates for 2002.

WFDD Update

Sam Gladding provided a review of the status of the station since July and introduced Jay Banks, interim station manager. The position has been readvertised and the Search Committee will reconvene in January to screen candidates for station manager, as the last search was unsuccessful. Gladding also discussed the "Sunshine Principle" and said that it was understood and observed at WFDD, but that it had not been made official because of the need for any policy to apply across all staff at Wake Forest. There were several expressions of support for a formal Sunshine Principle policy, and Sam Gladding agreed to discuss the matter with the Director of Human Resources.

Capital Planning

Mark Leary described a new building project for Health and Exercise Science for various cardiac rehabilitation and other grant funded activities. These were housed in the former ATT building which has just been rented in its entirety. The putative location is across Polo Road, and the building would be a one story concrete block structure on a slab, sized at 20,000 sq. feet. Leary agreed that the building was needed, but mentioned some concerns: this idea popped up quickly, did not go through normal channels, came late to the Capital Planning Committee and seemed to leapfrog over the garage and day care centers. The funding is to come from the Dean's office over a five-year period. There was also concern that this building might be "ugly," too small, and a stopgap measure. The project has been delayed. The other projects mentioned are also on hold for funding. Dean Escott gave as his understanding that nothing in the HES project had been approved. He strongly supported the building project, saying that the lack of space should not destroy an academic program which is strong and successful. Other discussion centered around the compression of HES space caused by the expansion of Athletics, and the possibility of short-term alternative locations for the programs. John Anderson is looking for temporary solutions to the problem.