

Wake Forest University Senate 2007-2008
Minutes

March 26, 2008

The University Senate held its fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the 2007-2008 academic year in deTamble Lecture Theatre, Tribble Hall on the Reynolda campus. The following members were present:

Administration: Deborah Best, Nancy Suttentfield, Kenneth Zick

College: Jane Albrecht, Carole Browne, David Coates, William Conner, Andrew Ettin, Brad Jones, Dilip Kondepudi, James Kuzmanovich, Barry Maine, Kathy Smith

Graduate School: Suzy Torti

School of Medicine: Edward Haponik, Mark Miller, Michelle Naughton

School of Law: Tim Davis, Wendy Parker, Simone Rose

Calloway School of Business and Accountancy: Umit Akinc

Babcock School of Management: Derrick Boone, Brooke Saladin

Divinity School: Neal Walls

Director of Libraries: Lynn Sutton

Staff: Gary Alwine, Randy Cockerham, Julie Groves

Guests: Campus Police Chief Lawson

Apologies for absence: Provost Tiefenthaler

The meeting was called to order by Senate President David Coates at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2008 were approved

Matters arising from the Minutes of February 13:

Purview of the Senior University Appointments Committee. Uncertainty continues as to whether the scope of this committee should include the medical school. The Senate believes it is important for this committee to be as inclusive as possible. However, there are differences in governance structure between the medical school and the remaining components of the University that may complicate review of senior appointments at the

medical school by this committee. This matter will be continued next year under the leadership of Simone Rose, chair-elect of the SUA committee.

Senate-initiated addresses by senior administrators. Dates and times of these addresses have been finalized. Provost Jill Tiefenthaler will address the Reynolda Campus faculty on Monday March 31, 3:30-4:45 in Pugh Auditorium. President Nathan Hatch will address faculty and staff from all campuses on April 9, 4:00-5:00 in Wait Chapel. Senior Vice-President for Finance Nancy Suttentfield will address Reynolda campus faculty and staff on April 22 4:00-5:30 in Pugh Auditorium.

Consultative role of the Senate. President David Coates narrated the role of the Senate in the controversy over faculty apartments. He noted that President Hatch and senior administrators had consulted with the Senate Executive committee during formulation of a settlement which was eventually accepted by the tenants. It was suggested that the Senate might have contributed more had it been called in earlier, and that regular confidential meetings between senior administrators and the Senate Executive might be helpful in averting future controversies.

New Business

Report from the Fringe Benefits Committee on Daycare was provided by Carole Browne. At the last meeting of the Senate, two options for childcare on Reynolda campus had been discussed: onsite, and childcare network. The Senate had voted support of the onsite model, with the recommendation that faculty be consulted. Dr. Browne reported that faculty of all schools had subsequently been consulted on this matter. The College (the largest constituency), Divinity, and Law schools had all voted overwhelmingly in support of onsite daycare. Calloway was not supportive, based on concerns about resource allocation and extent of utilization of such a resource. Babcock had not yet had an opportunity for discussion. After further discussion, a motion from the floor was put forward and seconded:

Motion: That the Senate bring a recommendation forward for onsite daycare.

Vote: Approved. 22 in favor. 2 opposed.

Report from crisis management team. Vice President for Student Life Kenneth Zick gave an update on activities of the crisis management team. A major goal is prevention, i.e. the identification of troubled students and avoidance of workplace violence. Frequent sharing of information, as well as education and training of RA's and staff are some of the mechanisms being implemented to aid in the identification of troubled individuals. Improvements have been made in communication with emergency personnel in Winston Salem, and a cell phone notification system has been implemented. An outside voice system has been identified as a priority, and is expected to be in place by end of summer.

Chief Lawson then gave a powerpoint presentation on emergency preparedness. A goal is to make the information in this presentation broadly available to the Wake Forest community. Chief Lawson is eager to present this information to individual units. She can be contacted at Lawsonrg@wfu.edu.

Senate officers and dates of meeting for the next academic year were distributed and are shown below.

Dates of meeting 2008-9:

| <i>Committees</i> | <i>Executive</i> | <i>SENATE</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| September 10 | September 17 | September 24 |
| October 8 | October 15 | October 22 |
| November 5 | November 12 | November 19 |
| January 21,2009 | January 28 | February 4 |
| March 4 | March 18 | March 25 |
| April 15 | April 22 | April 29 |

New Executive

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| President | Derrick Boone |
| Vice-President | Michelle Naughton |
| Past President | David Coates |
| Secretaries | Jane Albrecht & Kathy Smith |

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| Chair, Resources Committee | Umit Akinc |
| Chair, Fringe Benefits... | Carole Browne & Gary Alwine |
| Chair, University Integration... | Neal Walls |
| Chair, Senior University App... | Simone Rose |

President Coates thanked the Senators whose terms are ending this year. He personally acknowledged Jim Kuzmanovich and Suzy Torti for their efforts as Senate Secretaries, and Dilip Kondepudi for his efforts on the Resources Committee.

The Senate then moved into closed session for discussion of the Resources Committee report. This detailed document had received input from departments and administrators, and represented a comprehensive look at the University from a resource perspective. It represents a key first step in involving the Senate more deeply in issues relevant to the University as a whole.

Three additional nominees for honorary degrees were put forward by the Senior University Appointments committee. The Senate voted approval of these nominees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzy V. Torti,
Senate Secretary