

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
Held via Zoom  
President Grove Presiding

1. Call to order: 2:01 p.m.
  - a. President Grove welcomed everyone
  
2. Approval of minutes from 9/8/2020
  - a. President Grove asked if there were any questions about and/or corrections to the minutes from the last Senate meeting.
    - i. Hearing none, he asked for a motion of approval.
      - So moved and seconded.
      - All were in favor; no opposed.
  
3. Individual reports
  - a. Faculty Senate President
    - i. President Grove asked for the Senate to have a moment of silence for Dr. Deb Dowd.
    - ii. President Grove described recent action taken by the Faculty Steering Committee to make IDEA evaluations for Fall 2020 optional. Steering took this action on behalf of the faculty because the decision was time sensitive as an OAP semester was going to end.
    - iii. Senate was reminded that at the Dec meeting, the election of the Faculty Senate President for the 2021-22 academic year will take place. The term is from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. If anyone would like to be considered for the role, they should ask a Senator to nominate them at the next meeting.
    - iv. President Grove asked if there were any other questions and/or comments.
      - Hearing none, moved on to Committee Reports.
  
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Steering Committee: Motion 2020-11-01 Update to Postpone of RPT
    - i. There is a desire to formalize a university wide policy allowing Provost to make decision to postpone RTP decisions in years in which there are extenuating circumstances, for example, major hurricane, health disasters. Thus, we would avoid having to modify the policy each time something happened. The policy was discussed by Senate leadership.
    - ii. Provost Winebrake was asked if they had anything to add about the motion. The Provost thanked the committee for the consideration and for putting the motion forward.
    - iii. President Grove opened the floor for questions and/or comments on the motion.
      - Hearing none, moved forward to a vote on the motion through an anonymous Zoom poll.
      - Motion passed 73-1

b. Academic Standards Committee

i. Motion 202-11-02 Withdrawal Policy

- Dr. James DeVita discussed the motion. UNCW was out of compliance with UNC policy with respect to withdrawals but were not able to deal with it last year because of COVID-19. As the committee was reviewing the policy, they noticed other inconsistencies of language so they wanted to update language around timing in semester. The most substantive change is in the last sentence with respect to full-term withdrawals not counting toward the total number of withdrawal hours.
- President Grove opened the floor for questions and/or comments on the motion.
  - (a) Hearing none, moved forward to a vote on the motion through an anonymous Zoom poll. Dr. Grove reminded the participants that only senators can vote.
  - (b) Motion passed 77-1

ii. Motion 2020-11-03 Modify “walker” policy

- Dr. DeVita thanked the committee for their work on this motion. The policy was updated to “commencement participation” policy, and the language in the policy was changed to be inclusive of all participants. This motion had lots of edits from Deans and Associate Deans of Colleges and Schools. Goal was to allow students, who were one educational experience away from completing degree requirements, to participate in commencement ceremony. In some degrees, students complete an internship, for example, over their last summer, but the internship is more than 4 credit hours. Thus, the wording was changed to “completion of one education experience...or up to 12 credit hours of coursework”.
- President Grove opened the floor for questions and/or comments on the motion.
  - (a) Dr. Bolduc asked how the committee arrived at 12 hr, an increase from 4 hr.
    - (i) Dr. De Vita stated that number of hours was part of major discussion. 12 hr allows for a variety of applied experiences, especially in the Summer term, that can go up to 12 credits. They grappled with the number, but agreed that it accommodates students across the university
    - (ii) Dr. Townend added that it matches the single experience that occurs in summer. There was reluctance to go over 12 but having it below 12 hr would not be good.
  - (b) Dr. Posey asked if the motion needed the “12 credit hours” as wouldn’t the “one educational experience” cover it.
    - (i) Dr. Townend said that some experiences are spread across multiple courses so that is why it is 12 hr.
  - (c) Dr. Pabst said that as the motion is written a student could have four, 3-credit courses remaining – a full-time load – and be able to participate one semester early.
    - (i) Dr. Bolduc agreed and asked if any Deans wanted to address the issue of 12 hr because 12 hr for summer seems to be a full semester load.
      1. Dr. Townend said they were reluctant to speak for the deans of schools and colleges but they said that we have a lot of different situations that students have, especially in professional schools in which they have many kinds of experiences over several courses, etc. and individual

circumstances that merit this policy. The policy seems to apply mostly for Spring semester students who graduate in the summer, but do not want to wait for Dec ceremonies.

2. Dr. Housand – Associate Dean from Watson agreed with Dr. Townend.
- (d) Dr. Spaulding asked for clarification about which summer semester this applies to. Registrar Fleming said that there is only one summer academic term that ends in July.
  - (e) Dr. DeVita reminded the Senate that this is only a commencement participation policy and that students are not graduating until they complete all requirements. The proposed policy helps students be able to participate as we do not have a summer ceremony.
    - (i) Dr. Hudson suggested that the policy might be confusing and that some students might never finish degree because they completed commencement and might not realize/remember that they need more hours.
    - (ii) Dr. Lantz Associate Dean from CHHS. They advocated for 12 hr because some degrees have certification requirements up to many hours. This was piloted with the Transitions office and Paul Townend to see what impact it would have on graduation ceremonies and completion of degree. Students graduated. This policy allows them to participate in ceremony.
  - (f) Dean Ogle stated that this has been a conversation that has gone on for a long time. CAS has concerns expressed today about 12 hr limit, but CAS does not want to get in the way of other schools. Suggested that we try to reword it for certain kind of experiences, but understand difficulty of getting everyone in the right space
  - (g) Dr. Pabst stated that we all want to support students and allow them to participate, but as it is written now it is not specific enough for those kinds of experiences and could be written in a way that would be specific. That would be a good step
  - (h) Dr. Posey moved that we change the language to “with completion of one or more educational experiences up to 12 credit hours.”
    - (i) Motion was seconded.
    - (ii) Dr. Grove asked if there were questions but thought that the language does not quite work.
  - (i) Dr. Spaulding made a motion to send the motion back to the committee.
    - (i) Motion was seconded.
    - (ii) Floor was open to discussion.
      1. Dr. Glew opposed referring back to committee as the policy had been debated at length already.
      2. President Grove asked if there were any other questions.
        - a. Hearing none, moved forward to a vote on the motion through an anonymous Zoom poll.
        - b. Motion passed 58-19.

5. Old Business
  - a. None
6. New Business
  - a. Motion 2020-11-02 Resolution of Remembrance for Dr. Deb Dowd
    - i. Dr. Grove asked if someone from CHHS would someone like to speak to this motion.
    - ii. Dr. Elliott was recognized.
      - Dr. Elliott thanked Dr. Grove for the moment of silence at start of meeting They stated that the resolution was to memorialize Deb Dowd. She represented everything at UNCW that we hold dear. She put students first. She was concerned with student success before it was a buzzword. She worked as advisor in university college and asked if she could have more advisees in exercise science as she enjoyed working with students. She was always prepared and could solve almost anything. Everyone went to her with student problems. We will miss her laugh, her positivity, her let us put students first attitude. They wanted to put on record her accomplishments especially for her family. Thank you
    - iii. President Grove opened the floor for questions and/or comments on the motion.
      - Hearing none, moved forward to a vote on the motion through an anonymous Zoom poll. Dr. Grove reminded the participants that only senators can vote.
      - Motion passed 79-0.
7. For the Good of the Order
  - a. Dr. Dikkers asked the Academic Standards Committee why a motion for pass/fail option this semester was not put forward to the Senate.
    - Dr. DeVita said the committee received the motion from SGA and put together information from other UNC schools. There was little interest within the committee to move forward with the pass/fail option. The committee felt that given that we started the semester in the particular type of instruction (we didn't switch midway), CTE, eLearning, and faculty did so much work before the semester, and the faculty were flexible during the semester, that there was no need to have pass/fail option.
  - b. President Grove asked if there was anything else from the floor.
    - i. Hearing none, the regular Senate meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
    - ii. A 5-min break occurred and the special meeting of the Senate was to commence at 2:55 p.m.