1. CALL TO ORDER, CHAIR, John Mattox.
2. Chair’s Report. Senate budget has provided for a 14 seater van to travel to Chapel Hill to attend a meeting of the Faculty Assembly on Friday the 27th. Welcome any senators that are interested to come along. Chair, summarized our participation and introduced the current delegates.
3. Provost address, Dr. Jon Young, Provost summarized the current status of the budget. Outlined budget sheet of current online budget on the UNC System - Governor’s Budget. 3.2% we can determine on our own. 1.3% percent normally inflation dollars. 5.68 million dollars. We may lose approximately 29 faculty positions, this will limit our ability to hire adjunct faculty in the fall of 2009. We have frozen faculty searches, and the basic numbers again $4 million shortfall. To this end, the monies will first be absorbed through adjunct hires and then faculty searches. Student Credit Hours will be a factor in justifying faculty changes. Administration expressed concern over overextend course offerings on schedule. S. Martin, asked about rumors related to the retention of fixed term, non-tenure track faculty. P. Young, conversations should be taking place with Chairs regarding the retention of positions. Certainty of the budget may allow for more faculty positions in the fall. M. Mongkuo, asked about any suggested measures regarding student retention. P. Young, responded that faculty should be proactive and act in everyone’s best interest, that on April 13, when pre-registration begins, that faculty work to fill courses. The low enrollment of students in graduate programs is a detriment to student credit hours. Reiterated that it is not true, that only tenure/tenure-track faculty will have jobs next year, the number will be smaller. Chair asked Senators to call missing senators, as there is need yet to make a super-quorum (2/3 of senators.)
4. Call to approve the Agenda. Senate votes to approve the AGENDA
5. Approval of the Minutes for 2/19/09. Motion to approve by Dr. Heather Griffin. Second, Dr. Maurice Mongkuo. Senate votes to approve the Minutes.
6. Approval of the Charter. Chair, inquires from the Secretary regarding quorum. No super-quorum as of yet – three more senators needed. Chair provided a summary of the deliberation on the charter in the Governance Committee meeting regarding the role of Part-time faculty discussed in faculty governance. Decision was that part-time adjuncts may be included in discussion but not voting. Representation issues may take form in the by-laws. The new charter is available on the website. Language regarding both chair and vice-chair has been modified to have staggered terms to rectify a current situation. Mattox called on Dr. Radford-Curry to express a concern regarding Article 4 sec. 2, qualifications for the Chair, which states that the chair and vice-chair must hold permanent tenure, etc. Dr. Radford-Curry made a suggestion that the Charter be changed so that the chair must also be currently serving as a representing senator; limiting the Chair’s term to no more than two consecutive terms. The Senate went into a committee of the whole to draft the amendment. Parlimentarian, M. Mongkuo discussed the negative and positive issues of term limits; resulting in either a “dictatorship” or “a working leadership” that should remain in place. B. Radford-Curry: Motion that we take out the proposed Chair and Vice Chair descriptions and modify to say they must hold permanent tenure and be a senator as specified in Sec 2, 2. Chair, J. Mattox informed the body that this motion determines whether or not he can continue as Chair of the Senate, as he cannot continue to represent his department. The Chair then asked Parlimentarian, Maurice Mongkuo to facilitate the discussion from this time forward. Question of clarification by Michele Darnell, raised concern referencing Article 3 sec. 3.. Article 2 sec 2 read to the Senate and department representation. Dr. Radford-Curry suggested that this could be settled in the bylaws. Discussion continued on framing the inclusion. Michelle Darnell asked to restate a motion and satisfies the terms of office as stated in Article 3 sec. 3b. Parlimenatiran agreed with M. Darnell regarding the confusion as to where make the correction. M. Darnell proposed the language: And qualifies to be a senator and satisfies the terms of office as specified in Article 3 and sec. 3B.” M. Mongkuo asks the body for any further discussion on the amendment. Dr. Wu suggested taking out reference to Article 2, as redundant. Chester Dilday noted that we should have a second to a motion before it is discussed. Linda Wilson-Jones, seconded the motion. Secretary reported that super- quorum lacks one senator. J. Mattox said that we can vote on the amendment but not the Charter before having a super- quorum. C. Dilday, raised concerns over the intention and structure drawn into the new Charter. J. Mattox responded that faculty at large may not welcome the Chair being selected from only the Senate. Question about term limits was raised. Linda Wilson Jones, spoke about the need of senator experience in the Chair. Secretary shared some history about the ascendance of past Chairs and Vice Chairs disconnect. S. Martin, addressed the role of faculty assuming responsibility for their governance. M. Darnell moved to call the question (moved the
previous question). The existence of a super-quorum was announced by the Secretary, S. Hernandez-Hinek. Parlimentarian: Motion to call the question and stop the discussion. Ayes have it. Parlimentarian: Motion to amend the Charter Sec 2A charter stating that the Chair and Vice Chair be a senators and...... Those in favor. Hand vote: Ayes 14, Nay 10, present and not voting 11. J. Mattox announced: “the Chair resigns and Vice-Chair, Blanche Radford Curry, is now the acting Chair of the Senate.” Question regarding an existing quorum. Secretary S. Hernandez-Hinek confirms: Affirmative. Parlimenfarian, M. Mongkuo steps down from chairing the senate meeting. B. Radford-Curry, announces next item: S. Martin TASK force report on recent developments in presenting to the Faculty Evaluation and Development Committee. C. Dilday raises the question about the Charter. B. Radford-Curry returns back to addressing the ratification of the Charter. Discussion about the quorum and further amendments. Page 5 appears to address the revisions. B. Radford-Curry asks for clarification and if not are we ready for ratification of the Charter and the general faculty. Discussion raised regarding the quorum, B. Radford-Curry asks for a quick count. Secretary asks if this is a formal request to call quorum. H. Griffith clarified the action of “calling an official quorum.” Consensus from members is to refrain from calling a quorum. B. Radford-Curry replies lets go on. C Dilday, asks for clarification on the quorum, B. Radford-Curry calls on H. Griffith to state the rule on calling quorum providing a vehicle to move the meeting forward. B. Radford-Curry calls to vote. Motion to approve the Charter as amended. Ayes were the majority. Three voted Nay. The Charter was not approved as it did not receive the approval of 2/3 of all Senators as required to amend the Faculty Governance Document.

7. Governance Committee Report. Discussion of the process for obtaining faculty approval of the Charter. Discussion of the process for revising the Senate Bylaws. Announcement of General Faculty Meeting, 3/24/09, 2:00 pm.

8. Academic Affairs Committee Report 3:00– 3:30

   a) MATH 121/123 change
   b) Revise the Degree Program for BA in Sociology
   c) Add Sociology 150: The Global Society
   e) Add BUS XXX: Principles of Business
   f) Change the Structure of Electives of BS in Bus Admin/Marketing
   g) Change the Bus Admin/Entrepreneurship Electives
   h) Change the Finance Electives in the BS in Banking and Finance
   i) Add Minor in Accounting for BUS Majors
j) Add Minor in Legal Studies in Business for BUS Majors
k) Add MIS 450, MIS 451, and MIS 452
l) Add 6 credit hours Free Electives, Eliminate Restricted Elts/Bus Admin.
m) Intent to Plan online E-Learning Degree Completion for BS in Accounting
n) Change ENGL 110 and 120 to Variable Credit
o) Create SPAN 112
p) Create SPAN 122
q) Request to Establish MA in Public Administration

All proposals recommended by the Academic Affairs committee were approved by the senate.

9. Announcement of next meeting: April 16, 2009, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., LSA 120.

10. Meeting Adjourned.