

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

Speaker of the Faculty Hugh Wilder called the meeting to order on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Fifty-five senators attended. The October minutes were approved, with one correction.

### **Reports**

#### **Master Planners**

The Speaker immediately called on Kevin King to address the Senate on the Master Planning process that is underway for the campus. Mr. King reported that the College has engaged his Baltimore firm, Ayers Saint Gross, to conduct a detailed study of the campus's existing facilities and the ways in which all members of the College community make use of them. Mr. King informed the Senate that the firm has begun the first phase, consisting of data collection and interviews with the many different groups that make up the College. As the firm and its specialized consultants develop plans for the facilities, they will present them publicly and will give formal opportunities for feedback from members of the College community. Noting that the final plans should be developed during this summer, Mr. King stressed the firm's desire for input from faculty, staff, and student groups. Plans will be posted on the web and publicized in newspaper inserts, in addition to being presented to important supporters of the College such as the S.C. Legislature and major private donors.

Mr. King offered an example of the way the firm had worked on other campuses: at Emory University, a parking lot occupied significant space next to the university chapel, and after the firm consulted with the faculty who were parking there, these faculty endorsed an alternative landscaping plan that created a much more attractive approach to this symbolically important building. (Mr. King noted that he understood that this willing sacrifice of one's parking space might seem unbelievable to us at the College; still, the firm's goal was to achieve this same level of endorsement for whatever plans it proposes for our campus.) The firm hopes to address a variety of space and facilities issues, such as the amount of time it takes a student to walk from one classroom building to another. One senator asked Mr. King how many of the firm's previous client campuses contained historic buildings. Mr. King said that they had worked with many such campuses, including Notre Dame, UNC-Chapel Hill, and MUSC, but that the College and its environs were particularly historic in character. He closed by noting that he hoped faculty would respond in the coming months whenever asked for input on facilities planning.

#### **The Speaker**

Mr. Wilder announced the tentative schedule for Spring Senate meetings, inviting faculty to let him know if they foresaw any problems with these dates (1/21, 2/11, 3/11, 4/1, 4/15 if necessary; 4/21 for the full Faculty meeting). He also updated faculty on Commencement plans for Spring 2003. The ceremony at the Cistern will remain the same as in the past, but there will be more graduates, and students have agreed to forego one of their allotted tickets in order to continue the ceremony in this confined space. The Senate made no objections when the Speaker asked if they would be willing to forego their access to a faculty guest ticket the ceremony as well.

The Speaker then pointed out to the Senate that the Drop-Add period this year is longer than it has been in past years. Officially, the period has been 1 week long, but this semester the period lasted 8 days, meaning students could miss more than a week of classes before adding. The Registrar's Office said they didn't know how the period had grown to 8 days in length, but that in the future it will not exceed the prescribed 7 days. They are also willing to institute whatever rules the faculty would like to make regarding the drop-add period. Mr. Wilder noted that we might consider making the "Drop" period longer but the "Add" period shorter, for example. Norris Preyer wondered if such a change could be made for the Spring semester. Mr. Wilder said he would attempt to make this happen, but doubted the Registrar would be willing to change a deadline that has already been published.

Turning to the state of the College budget, the Speaker said that we could expect cuts to follow the elections being held that day. The College has planned to cut operating expenses by 5%. Although state budget cuts will probably go deeper, the College has reserve funds to offset them. These cuts will not affect personnel costs or research funding (including sabbaticals), and since budgets for academic departments are mostly personnel, faculty will not be strongly affected. Deans will cut 2.5% of their School's total operating costs and will work with the departments in their schools to determine what cuts an individual department can sustain. One Senator asked the Speaker why the College was spending money on a planning consultant when we face these budget shortfalls, and the Speaker replied that he believed that the idea is for the money we spend on facilities to be invested as wisely as possible.

He concluded by asking Senators if they had experienced any problems viewing parts of the packet on the Senate website, and no one raised any objections to this new paperless method.

## **New Business**

### **Student Affairs and Athletics Committee**

On behalf of the Committee, Godwin Uwah presented a proposal governing the use of campus bulletin boards. The proposal, which follows, was accompanied by letters of support from the Office of Student Affairs, the Physical Plant, and the Student Government Association. The motion passed.

### **College of Charleston Campus Bulletin Board Policy**

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the College of Charleston move that the senate approve the following recommendations on the College of Charleston bulletin board notices.

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee has been asked to assist with our new president's goal of improving the academic climate of the campus. Specifically, we have been asked to address on-campus advertising and bulletin board notices. In keeping with

the spirit of the College of Charleston as a center of free expression and intellectual exploration, our primary goal is to focus upon the regulation of placement, rather than the content, of campus advertising.

Our proposal consists of the following points:

- I. Academic and Administrative departments will control, manage, and maintain their own bulletin boards.
- II. All other campus bulletin boards will be deemed for use by either (A) off-campus activities or (B) on-campus activities.
  - A. Off-Campus Activities
    1. Advertisements for legal off-campus activities will be limited to postings on three out-of-doors bulletin boards locations: the breezeway of the Stern Student Center, outside of the West entrance of Maybank Hall, and the kiosk in front of 10 Greenway. These boards will be clearly marked as "Off-Campus Activities".
    2. The College of Charleston Physical Plant will be responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the Off-Campus Activities boards. Every Monday these boards will be cleared of all advertisements.
  - B. On-Campus Activities  
The Office of Student Affairs will manage and maintain all non-departmental bulletin boards on campus

### **Curriculum Committee**

Norris Preyer presented a number of Curriculum changes. All but one passed: HIST 343, which the Committee included in a list of History courses for deletion, was not deleted, at the request of Rich Bodek (History) who noted that the department now had a faculty member who wished to begin teaching this course again. Mr. Preyer then withdrew this change from Senate consideration.

The complete list of approved Curriculum changes appears below:

1. F02-01 CHNS 390 ST - Information only
2. F02-02 CSCI 220 Computer Programming I - Course Change
3. F02-03 CSCI 221 Computer Programming II - Course Change
4. F02-04 CSCI 222 Computer Programming I Lab - Course Change
5. F02-05 CSCI 410 Automata and Formal Languages - Course Change
6. F02-06 Computer Science/Computer Science - Proposal to Change Minor Requirements
7. F02-07 Computer Science/Information Systems - Proposal to Change Minor Requirements
8. F02-08 SPAN 382 Speaking Strategies - New Course

9. F02-09 ENGL 201 Major British Writers - Course Change
10. F02-10 ENGL 202 Major British Writers - Course Change
11. F02-10a ENGL 207 Survey of American Lit. to World War II - Course Change
12. F02-12 HIST 292 Disease and Medicine in World History - New Course
13. F02-13 HIST 233 ST in European History before 1715 - Course Deletion
14. F02-14 HIST 236 Minoan Civilization - Course Deletion
15. F02-15 HIST 240 ST in European History since 1715 - Course Deletion
16. F02-16 HIST 243 Germany from 1618 to 1866 - Course Deletion
17. F02-17 HIST 251 The Cosmos in History - Course Deletion
18. F02-18 HIST 260 ST in Asia, Africa or Latin America - Course Deletion
19. F02-19 HIST 313 Strategic History of the United States - Course Deletion
20. F02-20 HIST 315 American Jazz Culture - Course Deletion
21. F02-21 HIST 330 ST in European History before 1715 - Course Deletion
22. F02-22 HIST 340 ST in European History since 1715 - Course Deletion
23. F02-23 HIST 342 Europe 1870-1939 - Course Deletion
24. F02-24 HIST 343 Europe since 1939 - Course Deletion  
(N.B.: This course was NOT deleted.)
25. F02-25 HIST 351 Women in the Western World - Course Deletion
26. F02-26 HIST 360 ST in Asia, Africa and Latin America - Course Deletion
27. F02-27 HIST 363 Japan: Court Ladies and Samurai - Course Deletion
28. F02-28 HIST 430 Research Seminar in European History before 1715 - Course Deletion
29. F02-29 HIST 440 Research Seminar in European History since 1715 - Course Deletion
30. F02-30 HIST 460 Research Seminar in Modern Asia, Africa and Latin America - Course Deletion
31. F02-31 HIST 366 Comparative Slavery in the Americas - New Course

### **Constituents' Concerns**

Alex Kasman, Chair of the Committee on Academic Planning, announced that his committee is planning a course to replace the existing Freshman Seminar course. The Committee envisions this course being required of all first-year students. The Committee hopes to bring a course proposal to the Senate by the end of the year, and Mr. Kasman told Senators that their input would be welcome.

Susan Morrison requested that future Senate meetings not be scheduled on an Election Day.

Glenn Brown, of the College Alumni Association, noted that Parents Weekend and Alumni Weekend were coming up. Mr. Brown thanked the faculty for our past and future participation in such events.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Eichelberger  
Faculty Secretary

**Final Senate Meeting of Fall 2002:  
Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 P.M., ECTR 116**

**Spring 2002 Senate Meetings (5:00 PM, 116 ECTR):**  
**Tuesday, January 21; agenda deadline Friday, Jan. 10, 12 noon.**  
**Tuesday, February 11; agenda deadline Thursday, Jan. 30, 3:00 PM.**  
**Tuesday, March 11; agenda deadline Thursday, Feb. 27, 3:00 PM.**  
**Tuesday, April 1 (continued Tuesday, April 15, if necessary); agenda  
deadline Thursday, March 20, 3:00 PM.**  
**Faculty Meeting (5:00 PM, Physicians Auditorium):**  
**Monday, April 21; agenda deadline Wednesday, April 9, 3:00 PM.**