To: Faculty
From: Susan Farrell, Faculty Secretary
About: April 11, 2006 Senate Meeting

Highlights

The Faculty Senate met on Tuesday, April 11, for two hours. Here are the highlights (full minutes to follow later):

--The Provost reported that she has asked Julia Eichelberger to take over as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on General Education. In addition, she announced a re-organization of the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Various people and responsibilities are being shuffled to form a new Office of Undergraduate Academic Services, which will be headed by Lynn Cherry. Current Dean of Undergraduate Studies Sandy Powers will become an Associate Vice President and academic liaison to CHE.

--Speaker of the Faculty Bob Mignone publicly recognized President Lee Higdon for the job he's done while at the College of Charleston. Mr. Mignone said that President Higdon has had a transforming effect on this campus, especially in relation to facilities, faculty salaries, new hires, and student-focused initiatives. He added that President Higdon will be missed when he leaves, and that his effects on campus will be felt long after he's gone. Mr. Mignone also announced that he will be a member of the search committee charged with finding a new president.

--Julia Eichelberger, of the Ad-Hoc Committee on General Education, announced that her committee has been working to provide defining characteristics for the general education goals the Senate approved in January. The next step in the process will be to identify what kinds of curriculum and other activities the College currently has in place to meet these goals, and where there are holes. She hopes that her committee will have at least one stage of a concrete proposal ready to bring to the Senate in the fall.

--Susan Kattwinkel, Melanie Kyer, and Kay Smith, of the Committee on the First Year Experience, reported that the new SACS evaluation process requires the College to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that outlines future steps to improve the College. A proposal concerning the First Year Experience will be that QEP for us. Right now, committees are being put together to examine curricular, student support, and assessment elements of the First Year Experience. Curricular elements will involve both first year seminars and learning communities.

--The Senate voted to approve a resolution supporting the identity of the College of Charleston as a public liberal arts and sciences institution.

--After a presentation from the Coca-Cola Corporation, a rebuttal by students from the College's chapter of Amnesty International, and a discussion among faculty senators, the Senate voted to approve a resolution asking the Administration not to renew the College's exclusive vending contract with the Coca-Cola Corporation.
--The Senate approved a motion from the Committee on Nominations and Elections to increase Honor Board membership to a total of 16 members.

--The Senate took nominations from the floor for next year's Committee on Nominations and Elections. Tom Kunkle (Mathematics) and Kathy DeHaan (Communication) were nominated. They will join the slate of candidates already put forward by the Nominations Committee: Marion Doig (Chemistry), Lynne Ford (Political Science), Annette Godow (Physical Education & Health), Frank Morris (Classics/German/Italian/Japanese/Russian), and Michael Phillips (Library).

--The Senate approved the slates for Faculty Senate Committees (Academic Planning, Budget, and By-Laws) put forth by the Nominations Committee.

--Because of time and room constraints, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 without finishing all items of business on the agenda. The meeting will continue on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Beatty Center 115.