Highlights from Tuesday's Faculty Senate regular meeting (11/11/14)

REPORTS

Speaker McNerney reported on
- the status of the hiring of a Faculty Secretariat, for which the search committee has made a recommendation
- the most recent Board of Trustees meeting, including news on facilitates (renovations, expansions, capital projects) and the public launch of the Boundless campaign
- a plan for the College to conduct a traffic study, with the blessing of the city, on the flow of traffic on Coming and St. Philips Streets, prior to the city’s potential return of those streets to two-way traffic
- the soon-to-begin search for a new Vice President of Student Affairs
- the continuation of meetings between members of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and faculty, this time adding most of the Deans, and the need to continue these conversations
- the upcoming SACSCOC meeting in December, which he will attend
- the move to three spring commencement ceremonies in the Cistern Yard (Friday night, and two on Saturday)
- upcoming Dean and department chair evaluations and their importance

Interim Provost McGee (Presentation Slides - PPT) reported on
- the comprehensive fundraising campaign’s significance beyond the fundraising itself
- course and instructor evaluations' low return rate and the plan to administer evaluations in the classroom in the spring
- the creation of the School of Professional Studies, effective January 1, as a non-line school and guaranteed to remain so until at least 2017, with an 18-month lead-time for any change in that status to afford extensive and guaranteed consultation with faculty, allied with an open budget process
- the budget process in Academic Affairs this year, a memo on which is to be released shortly, the first hearings on budget proposals to begin in December
- faculty and administrator evaluations, noting the importance of roster faculty’s using the Faculty Activity System and the plan to require its use in 2015-16 for that year’s data, the need to include adjunct faculty in our evaluation of faculty and to document their evaluation for summative and
formative purposes, the annual evaluation of department chairs, and the anonymous evaluations of Deans in early spring.

OLD BUSINESS

After lengthy deliberation, including amendments to the original resolution, the Senate endorsed a resolution to encourage the Board of Trustees to add student representation. The resolution as endorsed is below.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education and Special Programs

The title of CSIS 631, Privacy and Security Issues was changed, the Master of Business Administration had new courses added, and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing was approved.

Faculty Curriculum Committee

The catalog statement on requirements for the Artium Bacchalaureatus degree was changed to account for language proficiency and to better align with statements on foreign language requirements.

Committee on By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual

A motion passed to change the Faculty/Administration Manual to remove requirements to distribute Senate meeting agendas in print form.

Also, the committee presented for discussion potential changes to the F/AM to more clearly define faculty responsibilities with regard to students with disabilities policies.

The Senate adjourned at around 7:30PM, leaving the following items of New Business for consideration as Old Business at the December 2 meeting:
Committee on By-Laws and Faculty/Administration Manual

- NOTICE OF INTENT: To Change Faculty Administrative Manual to More Clearly Define Faculty Obligations with Regard to Class Attendance Policy (PDF)

Resolutions Concerning Course-Instructor Evaluations
Iana Anguelova, Senator – School of Science and Mathematics

1. Resolution to Set the Deadline for Collecting Course-Instructor Evaluations at the End of Reading Day for Each Semester (Word I PDF)
2. Resolution that a Policy be Delineated in the Faculty/Administration Manual Concerning the Administering and Collecting of Course-Instructor Evaluations (Student Evaluations) (Word I PDF)

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Secretary

Resolution to Support Student Government Resolution
SR-10-2014 and Call upon the Board of Trustees to Publicly Support and Appeal for the SC Legislature to Create a Position within the Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2014, the Student Government Association unanimously passed SR-10-2014, calling for a position to be created within the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston to be held by the President of the Student Government Association;

WHEREAS, according to the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, “more than 70 percent of public institution boards include one or more students”;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of a representative of the student body as a part of the final authority and governance of the College of Charleston is a
logically tenable way to better satisfy the goals set forth by the respective governing documents of the Student Government Association and the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of a student representative as an official member of the Board would help ensure mutual respect between students and the Board of Trustees;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston supports student representation on the Board of Trustees, and calls upon the Board of Trustees to publicly support and if necessary, appeal for the Legislature of the State of South Carolina to create a position within the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston to be held by a student body representative. The position should include the same meeting attendance privileges that are afforded to all Board of Trustee members.

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