These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate Regular Meeting, Tuesday 10 and Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 5 PM in Wells Fargo Auditorium (Beatty Center 115). Full minutes to follow.

**Speaker Jurisich** called the Senate to Order, 10 April, 2018 5:05 PM, and the meeting concluded at 7:30 PM. The meeting continued on 17 April, 2018 at 5:05 PM, and adjourned at 6:20 PM.

The minutes of the 13 March 2018 minutes were approved with minor corrections accepted by unanimous consent.

**Reports**

**Speaker of the Faculty Elizabeth Jurisich** reminded the Senate

- the 2018-2019 Faculty Senate meeting dates have been posted,
- the Celebration of the Faculty on April 24 in the Stern Center Ballroom,
- Committee chairs please send end of year reports to Megan Gould.


Speaker Jurisich thanked Senators, Committee Chairs and Committee members for their participation in shared governance. She thanked Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary; Megan Gould, Faculty Secretariat; and George Pothering, Parliamentarian.

Speaker Jurisich thanked President Glenn McConnell for his service and his heartfelt devotion to the College.

**President Glenn McConnell** delivered a final address to Faculty Senate. His remarks included highlights and challenges of the past four years, including

- appreciation for the many people he has worked with, “exceptional coworkers” like Provost Brian McGee, Deans, Chairs, academic leaders, staff, and faculty colleagues;
- a commitment to academic freedom, and a desire to preserve our excellence in undergraduate teaching, and a need to develop academic programs that align with student demand;
- ranking on many lists in national and international publication;
- student-athletes competing at the highest levels;
- donors investing in our bright and boundless future;
- securing recurring monies from the state for our education and general expense account;
- more scholarship money for our students;
- institutional advancement achievements, including corporate partnerships with businesses such as Google and Boeing;
• many new degree programs or concentrations and important initiatives.

Speaker Jurisich again thanked President McConnell and he enjoyed a round of applause.

**Provost Brian McGee** gave his personal thanks for President McConnell's four years of service.

The Provost spoke of:

- Tenure & Promotion, Post-Tenure Review, and Third Year Review;
- Course scheduling policies;
- the Universities Studying Slavery, a consortium organized under the leadership of the University of Virginia. [http://slavery.virginia.edu/universities-studying-slavery/](http://slavery.virginia.edu/universities-studying-slavery/);
- the Celebration of Faculty, April 24 at 4:00 in Stern Center Ballroom.

The Resolution on Degree Recipients was passed.

**William Veal, Chair, Senate Budget Committee** gave a report describing actions the Committee took this past year and made suggestions for more transparency and involvement of the Budget Committee in the future.

**Irina Gigova, Committee member, and Jen Wright, Committee member, Ad hoc Committee on Institutional Identity and Vision** ([pdf](#)) reported on the process of gathering College Community feedback, the data collected, how to read the data, and areas of strong agreement and disagreement.

**Old Business**

**Richard Nunan, Chair, Committee on the By-Laws and the Faculty/Administration Manual.** Cover Memo for the seven motion proposals ([pdf](#))

Motions 1, 2, 3 were approved by Faculty Senate at the March 13 2018 Faculty Senate meeting.

Motions 4, 5, 6, and 7 were passed with thorough discussion at the April 10 Faculty Senate meeting.

**New Business**

**Tom Kunkle, Chair, Committee on Nominations and Elections** introduced the slates for the 2018-2019 Senate Committees, which were voted on and approved. The slate was closed for the Committee on Nominations and Elections. The Speaker will call for election to this committee by electronic ballot in MyCharleston.

**Lisa Covert, Chair, Committee on General Education.** All curriculum items passed.

**Christine Finnan, Chair, Committee on Graduate Education.** All curriculum items passed, with some discussion.
Chad Galuska, Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee. All curriculum items passed, with significant discussion on Honors, Neuroscience, and Professional Studies.

Constituent’s general concerns

Provost McGee reminded faculty that there is a contract with Barnes and Noble for school textbooks, and using Barnes and Noble generates funds that go into student scholarships.

Godfrey Gibbison urged faculty members to examine how higher education is changing across the United States, and next year, perhaps form a task force to study these changes, in order for the College of Charleston to be ready to meet those changes.