

From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary
To: Faculty and Staff

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting held on 5 December 2017 at 5 PM in Wells Fargo Auditorium (Beatty Center 115). Full minutes to follow.

Speaker Liz Jurisich called the Senate to order at 5:05 PM and adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Reports

Director of Riley Center for Livable Communities, Kendra Stewart, gave the first report, Report on Nutrition and Housing Needs of CofC Students ([pdf](#)). Stewart introduced Dr. Robert Kahle, the principal researcher of a study conducted in spring 2017 on student nutrition and housing needs. Kahle reported that 30% of College of Charleston students report low food security and 30% reported housing insecurity. Some solutions offered by Kahle include creating food pantries and devising a system for students to opt in to receive surplus CofC event foods. The Riley Center plans to expand the study to the Charleston county population under 25 years old. More information may be found on the Center's website: <http://riley.cofc.edu/index.php>

Speaker of the Faculty Liz Jurisich did not give a report.

Provost Brian McGee spoke on the topics listed below.

- He thanked the Riley Center for their important work and suggested the issues are a timely reminder at holiday time.
- Congratulated all on the conclusion of the fall semester and wished everyone a restful holiday break.
- He attended the SACSCOC annual meeting at Dallas. The College's reaffirmation was confirmed, with no reports and no recommendations. The Provost's comment that it is the cleanest report in at least 40 years was met with applause. Provost McGee said SACSCOC is presently affirming new standards that are expected to be more rigorous.

- He reported there is current work being done on the LCWA Dean search this semester, to be continued in the spring and stated the Graduate School Dean search will begin in January 2018.
- He spoke of current work on recommendations received by students on the creation of an anti-bias response team, supported by President McConnell. He expects to implement this team by March 2018.
- He spoke of a Diversity module that students would be required to complete as Freshmen as a condition of entry. After being created either in-house or with the assistance of a vendor, the module will be brought before the appropriate Faculty Committees and Faculty Senate, although it is not tied to curriculum.
- McGee mentioned opportunities for collaborative projects for students with Trident Tech, MUSC, and the Citadel. One example is the 2 + 2 program for entrants to the Bachelor of Professional Studies program with Trident Tech and CofC.

The Provost accepted questions.

There was no **Old Business**.

New Business

Gayle Goudy, Co-Chair of the Faculty Curriculum Committee introduced the following proposals:

- **ARTS 430 Independent Study:** remove restriction that limits repeatability to 6 credit hours (Curriculog link: [ARTS 430](#)) ([pdf](#)).
- **SOCY 260 Development of Social Thought:** change description (Curriculog link: [SOCY 260](#)) ([pdf](#)).
- **Bachelor of General Studies:** create a new degree program (Curriculog link: [BGST](#)) ([pdf](#)) to allow students to earn a degree without completing a major and two new associated courses (Curriculog link: [BGST 101](#)) ([pdf](#)) and Curriculog link: [BGST 400](#)) ([pdf](#))

Speaker Jurisich invited discussion after each proposal. There was no discussion on the ARTS proposal, a small amount of discussion on the SOCY proposal, and significant and deep discussion on the Bachelor of General Studies proposal. All curriculum proposals were approved by majority vote.

Christine Finnan, Chair of the Committee on Graduate Education introduced three proposals:

- **MED-LALE Changes** ([Link](#)) ([pdf](#))
- **LALE 698: Independent Study** ([Link](#)) ([pdf](#))
- **LALE 695: Standards-Based Teaching Portfolio** ([Link](#)) ([pdf](#))

There was no discussion. All motions carried.

Constituent's general concerns

Richard Nunan, Senator (at-large, HSS) gave an informal report on the outcome of a recent public hearing. He reported that Dr. Oksana Ingle did not succeed in her case before the Hearing Committee and in appeal to President McConnell. Senator Nunan wished to thank Dr. Ingle formally before the Senate for her more than nine years of service to the College. Nunan said her case serves as confirmation that even long-term adjuncts have no recourse in the current system. Dr. Nunan appealed for all to think carefully about how we treat long-term adjuncts.

Annette Watson, Senator (Political Science) stated that she was concerned about the congressional tax plan and its impact on graduate education. The Provost offered brief comments.