

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

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting held on 10 October 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 6:46 PM.

Reports

Speaker Jurisich reported that Nominations and Elections is finishing forming the ad hoc committee on the College's identity. If interested in participating on the ad hoc committee, please speak to Nominations and Election (Tom Kunkle, Chair). The Speaker said the Faculty and Board of Trustees shadowing program is ongoing, needs one or two more faculty members, and do not have anyone from the lab sciences. Please visit this link for more information:

<http://trustees.cofc.edu/increasing-board-engagement/index.php>

Speaker Jurisich also mentioned she will be attending the upcoming Board of Trustees meetings October 19 and 20, asked Senators to let her know if they had any concerns, and reminded everyone that all faculty are welcome at Board of Trustee meetings.

President Glenn McConnell spoke on the following issues:

- The student body class of 2021, and stated that he thinks we have a strong freshman class.
- National news headlines that have generated interest on campus and reiterated that the safety of our campus is top priority.
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) Program, a small number of College of Charleston students are affected by the loss of protection of DACA, but said that he supports congressional action that will provide legal status to those once covered by DACA.
- Detailed progress in each area of Vision 250: Mind, Body, and Spirit.
- Accolades for the College from *Travel and Leisure* magazine, the Princeton Review, *US News & World Report*, and others.
- Many employees moved from long-term temporary positions into permanent positions, an on-going effort.

The President accepted questions, which will appear in the minutes.

Provost Brian McGee repeated that the College administration is committed to the safety of the College community, while also respecting the Constitution, and the rule of law. The Provost also addressed:

- Curriculum and multiple projects, including an increase in distance education courses, the development of Bachelor of General Studies, Masters in English as a Second Language,
- Any new **program** has to be approved by December 2017 to go in the Catalog for Fall 2018.
- Enrollment for Fall 2017 and five-year trend data, available from <http://irp.cofc.edu/>. He also reported figures for African-American and minority students.
- Undergraduate Grade Redemption Policy, mentioning that it has been worked on for three years, and had the support of three student body presidents.

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There was no Old Business.

New Business

Quinn Burke, Chair of Academic Standards Committee brought a **Motion to adopt the Policy, [Proposed Undergraduate Grade Redemption](#)**. After significant discussion, the motion was voted on. The motion carried.

Constituent's General Concerns

Iana Anguelova, Senator (at-large, SSM) asked about the anti-virus program Kasperksy and the many problems associated with it. Mark Staples, CIO (Information Technology) was present to answer concerns.

Student Government Association (SGA) President Alexandra Helfgott brought forward a request on behalf of students and the College community for covered bus stops, free transcripts, and transportation to Grice Marine Laboratory. The Provost addressed her concerns.