Facility Senate, Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 5:00 PM
Wells Fargo Auditorium (Beatty Center 115)

Voting results appear in red.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

2. The January 14, 2020, minutes were approved.

3. Announcements and Information: The deadline for attendance verification is noon on Feb. 5. The nominations deadline for Faculty Speaker, Secretary, and Senate positions is also Feb. 5.

4. Reports

   a. Speaker of the Faculty Simon Lewis updated the Senate on ongoing searches for Provost, CFO, and various Dean positions. The recent Board of Trustees meeting went well from Speaker Lewis’s perspective. The Board was appropriately disappointed by the results of the ModernThink survey of faculty and staff and were determined to address the problems the survey exposed. In the meantime, the Speaker has asked the Faculty Compensation Committee to revisit the 2013 compensation study and see if they can suggest specific ways to reward effort and achievement. He is also encouraging “regularizing” faculty involvement in future evaluation of Deans and senior leadership.

   Speaker Lewis reported on CofC Day the previous week. The selection of Founders’ Medal honorees was a clear expression of the College’s values. Fundraising around CofC Day exceeded expectations. He expressed his appreciation to President Hsu as a leader who is committed to shared governance and to open dialogue with faculty.

   b. President Andrew Hsu began by reiterating that commitment to shared governance. He offered an update on the Strategic Planning process. The steering committee has identified six focus areas --- student experience, employee success, national reputation, innovation, diversity, and engagement --- but the plan is still very fluid. The hope is to have a draft by the end of March, with April being devoted to feedback from faculty and staff, before taking the plan to the Board of Trustees.

   The 250th anniversary and C of C day were very successful. President Hsu thanked Julia Eichelberger, Harlan Greene, and Ron Menchaca for chairing the committee that got the new historical marker placed on George St. He was ecstatic over the fundraising effort that resulted in over five million dollars from 1326 donors, which eclipsed the goal of raising one million.

   The previous Saturday began the College’s celebration of Black History Month, with the theme of “History Makers and Trailblazers.”
Turning to enrollment, President Hsu outlined a plan to increase first-year enrollment from 2000 to 2300, rather than raising tuition. He expects that increased revenue resulting from higher enrollment would lead to raises for faculty. We have been trying to increase our applicant pool so that we can improve the quality of our students while also increasing enrollment, and we are cautiously optimistic at this point, he said. The College is getting more applications (30% over the five-year average); now it is a question of increasing our yield.

Senator Tom Carroll (EHHP) asked if the College has given any consideration to incorporating the Charleston School of Law. President Hsu replied that we would love to, but the Charleston School of Law apparently would lose their license if they were to merge with us. He noted that the Charleston School of Law’s tuition is $43,000 per year, and their bar passage rate is only 46%, which is a problem that affiliating with a state institution could help solve. But we are not currently in a position to make it happen.

Senator Jen Wright (HSS) asked if we are able to track which/how many applicants are using the common app as opposed to seeking out a CofC application specifically. President Hsu replied that about 80% out-of-state and 30-40% in-state are using the common app, but that’s not necessarily an indication that those applicants are less serious in their interest.

c. John A. Sare, Associate Director, Academic Advising and Planning Center, informed the Senate about the new Advising Consortium. The event will take place over two days, tentatively April 30 and May 1. Departments and programs will inform and update the academic advising staff and “pitch” features of their programs so that advisors can pitch those programs to students.

5. New Business

a. Curriculum Committee (Andrew Przeworski, Chair)

Please note: All College of Charleston faculty may view curricular proposals in Curriculog. PDF copies of individual proposals are available to non-faculty guests upon request (peepless@cofc.edu).

Prof. Przeworski introduced each proposal, explaining its intent.

1) AFST - Change minor: AFST
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2209/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

2) ANTH - New courses: ANTH 110, 115, 347; Course changes: ANTH 201, 345, 492; Program change: ANTH
3) SOCY - New course: SOCY 323

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

4) BIOL - Course changes: BIOL 221, 222
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:121/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

5) CITA - Course changes: CITA 395, 495; Program changes: CITA Core, CITA-CIAR, CITA-CIDM
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:111/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

6) CLAS - Course change: CLAS 401; Program change: CLAS
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:112/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

7) CSCI - Course changes: CSCI 221, 345, 370; New course; CSCI 221L
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:120/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

8) Education - Course changes: EDEE 425, EDFS 410, EDFS 422, TEDU 325; Program changes: EDEL, Secondary Education Cognate; New course: EDFS 451
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:122/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

9) FREN - Program changes: EDFF, FRFS
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:113/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

10) HEAL - New courses: HEAL 345, 493; Course changes: HEAL 320, 325, 460
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:125/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:114/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

12) INFM - Course change: INFM 220 (currently DSCI 320)
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:1810/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

13) INTL - New course: INTL 200; Course changes: INTL 350, 495; Program change: INTL
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:115/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

14) ITST - Change minor: ITST
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2122/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

15) JWST - New courses: JWST 201, 250, 345, 350; Course change: JWST 225 (currently JWST 200)
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:116/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

16) LING - New courses: LING 210, 240, 320; Course change: LING 290
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:126/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

17) Management and Marketing - Course changes: MGMT 325, MKTG 326
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:117/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

18) MATH - Course changes: MATH 101, 103, 104, 105, 111, 120, 250
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:119/form

Senator Linda Jones (SSM) asked, if a student has passed a course numbered above 101, is that an indication that they can do algebra? Professor Elizabeth Jurisich (Guest, Chair of Mathematics) clarified that “above 101” doesn’t necessarily mean a higher level than 101 because the courses as numbered are not always sequential. She
indicated that generally, a student who has passed Calculus 1 would have a firm grasp of algebra, although there is no guarantee that students won’t have some gaps in their knowledge of algebra.

Senator Todd Grantham (HSS) asked for clarification as to how the placement information is communicated to students. Prof. Jurisich responded students can read a placement table on the departmental website, and they can ask the Mathematics Department if they have questions.

Senator David Desplaces (Management and Marketing) suggested that advisors be provided with a tool or resources to make the new placement system and its results clearer to students. Prof. Jurisich replied that advisors can explain to students where their placement scores stand and refer to the table provided by the department.

Interim Dean Sebastian van Delden (SSM) explained the need to replace the ALEKS placement test, which was not a reliable indicator. He said that the intention is to integrate the new system into DegreeWorks so that placement criteria will be clear to students registering for classes.

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

19) MUSC - Course change: MUSC 382
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2210/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

20) PSYC - Course change: PSYC 316 (currently PSYC 372)
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2128/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

21) SCIM - New course: SCIM 344; Course change: SCIM 233 (currently SCIM 333)
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:123/form

Senator Grantham (HSS) asked if students would be permitted to take both the 300- and 400-level internship courses. Professor Przeworski and Professor Giaconda Quesada (Guest, Chair of Supply Chain and Information Management) explained that they could, and that the 400-level internship course is different and more complex than the 300-level course.

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

22) SPAN - Course change: SPAN 494
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2271/form
The proposal was approved by voice vote.

23) THTR - New course: THTR 389;  
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2117/form
Program change: THTR-THST
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2233/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

b. Committee on Graduate Education (Sandra Slater, Chair):

Professor Jon Hakkila, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, represented the committee in Professor Slater's absence. He explained the intent of each proposal.

1) Child Life, MS

CHLI 650 International Experiences in Child Life and Pediatric Psychosocial Care  
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:1852/form

COMM 580 from Requirement to Elective  
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:1880/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

2) Early Childhood Education, M.A.T. - MAT-EDEC

Dropping Required Credits from 48+ to 45+  

This proposal was withdrawn from the Senate agenda by the committee.

3) Teacher Education

EDFS - 510 - Characteristics of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Course Title Change  
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2099/form

EDFS - 522 - Educational Procedures for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities  
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2100/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

4) Computer Science and Information Science


The proposal was approved by voice vote.

5) Public Administration

PUBA 600 Foundations of Public Sector Management and Leadership (Course Title Change) https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2154/form

Public Administration, M.P.A. Admission Requirements Changes https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposals?filter=task

The proposal was approved by voice vote.

c. Committee on General Education (Susan Kattwinkel, Chair):

1) SOST175 – Religions in the U. S. South (Humanities) https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2113/form

The proposal was approved by voice vote.


This proposal was withdrawn from the Senate agenda by the committee.


The proposal was approved by voice vote.

6. Constituents’ General Concerns

CIO Mark Staples announced that the new version of the Google browser is “breaking things,” so if you have trouble with it, just try another browser for now.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:11.