MEMORANDUM

To: The Faculty
From: Bishop Hunt,
Faculty Secretary
About: Highlights of sixth Faculty Senate meeting

The Faculty Senate met for about half an hour on Tuesday, February 6, following a memorial service for Laura Griffin. Highlights:

--A petition was circulated calling for increased penalties in "hit-and-run" accidents.

--The Speaker reported that the Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education no longer appeared to be calling for the abolition of "tenure" in South Carolina colleges and universities.

--Hugh Haynsworth reported that the Self-Study report compiled for SACS is now done and in the mail, and he asked for reactions to it from the faculty, either orally or in writing. Caroline Hunt said the document would also be available "on line," in the interest of preserving the forests of the world.

--Beverly Diamond, for the Committee on Nominations and Elections, introduced a PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE BY-LAWS having to do with the procedure for replacing At-Large Senators who do not complete their term:

_APPEND to Article IV, Section 2F:

In the event that an at-large Senator needs to be replaced and the time remaining in the Senator's term is less than one academic year, the replacement is selected as follows. The Committee on Nominations provides a slate of at least two candidates to the faculty, allowing for further nominations from the faculty. The Senate then elects the replacement by written ballot.

--There was some discussion at the end of the meeting about why the Academic Planning Committee had not met since last summer and had apparently failed to produce an instrument to evaluate administrators, as the Senate had explicitly directed them to do at the March, 1995 meeting. There was also a suggestion that the Administration should consult with the Faculty about awarding Honorary Degrees, since these awards are conferred, at least nominally, by the Faculty.

Remaining Scheduled Meetings for the Spring Term, 1996

Faculty Senate: Tuesday, March 12, April 2 (Maybank 100)

Full Faculty: Monday, April 22 (Recital Hall, Simons Center for the Arts)