January 16, 1996

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The fifth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of The College of Charleston convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16 in Room 100 of Maybank Hall, Speaker of the Faculty Robert Mignone presiding. Thirty-four Senators attended; Susan Morrison served as Parliamentarian. The Minutes of the previous meeting (November 28, 1995) were approved as circulated.

Speaker’s Report

Mr. Mignone asked that the meeting begin with a minute of silence in memory of Professors Jozef Modzelewski (German) and Ewa Wojcicka (Mathematics), whose untimely deaths during the holiday season had saddened their families, their colleagues, and everyone in the College of Charleston community.

New Business

The Speaker then asked to “suspend the rules” in order to permit filling a vacancy on a faculty committee. The suspension was approved on a voice vote. Beverly Diamond, for the Committee on Nominations and Elections, then put forward the name of Craig Plante (Biology) to replace Helen Nivison on the Honors Program Committee. With no further nominations, he was declared elected.

Lindsay Packer, for the Academic Standards Committee, then proposed to change the requirements for earning a minor at the College of Charleston by stipulating that:

At least 9 hours in the minor at the 200 level or above must be earned at the College of Charleston.

This language was to be inserted on p. 108 of the Undergraduate Bulletin, following the sentence, “Either program must include a minimum of six three-hour or four-hour courses selected from a formally designated group.”

During a brief discussion, Joe Benich, who was in favor of the motion, asked how the proposal differs from routine transfer credit. Mr. Packer said that the Committee had reasoned that if the College is to put its stamp on a “minor,” then a certain number of hours should be taken at the College. There were some inquiries as to how compliance would be verified; Frank Kinard thought that record-keeping on who was minoring in what was rather sparse. The motion passed, on a voice vote.
ART HISTORY

-- new course:

ARTH 265 The City as a Work of Art (3)

The only significant discussion was to clarify a question from Frank Kinard about the motion in Physics and Astronomy: it is not possible to major and minor in the same department. Joe Benich asked if the hours in Chemistry were being increased by the present changes; the answer was yes, but only to bring the program into line with accreditation standards. Trisha Folds-Bennett noted that there were a few very minor editorial changes to be made in the document circulated to the Senate. The original document (i.e., without changes) is attached to the Secretary’s copy of the Minutes.

Constituents' Concerns

James Carew asked whether there was ever going to be a report from the Faculty Welfare Committee on faculty salaries, as promised. William Moore, speaking for Susan Gurganus, the present chair of the Committee, said that he thought it really was “in the works” and had been seen by the Provost, Conrad Festa, at a meeting in December. With no further business, Marion Doig moved to adjourn at about 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Hunt,
Faculty Secretary
For the Curriculum Committee, Trisha Folds-Bennett put forward five motions, as previously circulated to the Senate. These were approved without change, and may be summarized as follows:

**PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY:**

-- a Minor in Astronomy

-- a Concentration in Astronomy for Physics majors

**CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**

-- course changes:

CHEM 441 (change in prerequisite)
CHEM 571 (change number to 371, amend description)

-- new course:

CHEM 512L Advanced Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory (1)

-- change in degree requirements:

CHEM 512L added to B.S. in Chemistry
CHEM 511 added to B.S. in Biochemistry

**PHYSICS**

-- new course:

PHYS 105 Introduction to Meteorology (3)

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS AND SPECIALIZATIONS**

-- course changes:

EDFS 455 (description, content)
EDFS 326 (title and description)