February 6, 1996

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The sixth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of The College of Charleston convened at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6 in Room 100 of Maybank Hall, Speaker of the Faculty Robert Mignone presiding. (This meeting began half an hour later than usual because of a memorial service for Laura Griffin, Director of the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention/Education, whose untimely death following an apparent hit-and-run accident had saddened and perplexed the entire College community.) Forty-four Senators attended; Susan Morrison served as Parliamentarian. The Minutes of the previous meeting (January 16) were approved as circulated.

[Appended to the Minutes of this meeting: election results for at-large Senate seats and Faculty Officers, and TWO CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS, approved by majority faculty vote, on a written ballot. This information became available on February 15, and is included here for convenience.]

Speaker's Report

Mr. Mignone requested permission to circulate a petition begun by the Student Government Association calling for stiffening the laws that apply to hit-and-run accidents, making the offense comparable to "DUI" cases; Susan Morrison explained briefly that the penalty for hit-and-run accidents in South Carolina seems far too light at the moment, and ought to be revised. Without objection, the petition was circulated. The Speaker then mentioned that the issue of abolishing tenure appears to have been removed, at least for the moment, from the current legislative menu. The Joint Legislative Commission on Higher Education was scheduled to give a report on this very day, and details should become available shortly.

New Business

Hugh Haynsworth reported that the SACS report was completed and had actually been put in the mail that afternoon. He asked for faculty reactions, either orally or in writing, and noted that SACS consultants would be visiting the College for several days, starting with the evening of March 12; the exact schedule would be circulated, and he hoped that many faculty members would take the time to participate in the discussions that would take place. Caroline Hunt added that the report would soon be available "on line," a step that should help to conserve the forests of the world; e-mail instructions for accessing this document via "gopher" and the College's "Home Page" would be sent out next week.
Beverly Diamond, for the Committee on Nominations and Elections, then introduced for information a **PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE BY-LAWS**, having to do with procedures for replacing at-large Senators who do not complete their term of office:

**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.

This reason for this proposal was that full-scale elections by circulated ballot are costly and take a good deal of time to set up and administer. If the time remaining in a Senator’s term is less than a year, it would seem sensible to find a more efficient way of providing a replacement. The selection of needed replacements on faculty committees is now handled by the Senate; the proposed change would continue to allow for faculty input and an actual election, while simplifying and speeding up the process.

The Speaker said that this proposal would be duly referred to the Senate By-Laws Committee for their recommendation, and action at the next meeting.

**Constituents’ Concerns**

David Kowal recalled that at the March 14, 1995 meeting, the Senate had unanimously directed the Academic Planning Committee to devise an instrument for evaluating Administrators; where was it? Mr. Mignone promised to look into the matter, and to issue a progress report. Susan Morrison noted that the Committee had last met, during the summer, on the question of accelerated degrees, but the chairman had not called a meeting since, and therefore no progress had been made. James Carew was not enamored of this failure, as he saw it, and urged the Speaker to ask the chairman of the Committee to resign. Beverly Diamond thought it would be better simply to remind the Committee. Often, she said, there was some lack of continuity between outgoing and incoming faculty committees, especially with regard to matters raised toward the end of an academic year.

Hugh Wilder spoke about honorary degrees awarded by the College: there was no longer any consultation with faculty about who gets them. The President’s Advisory Committee is supposed to consult with, and advise the President on, who does. If the Faculty sees fit, we could specify a procedure requiring faculty input; after all, the Faculty is responsible, at least nominally, for conferring degrees. Perhaps we should ask for a specific report on the subject of honorary degrees from the Advisory Committee, and move eventually in the direction of some kind of By-Laws change. Roger Daniels (on the Committee) said they had not looked at this issue yet. Frank Kinard said that selecting honorary degree recipients has become solely the province of the President of the...
College; some time ago, when the faculty had asked to have some input, we had been told to mind
our own business. Caroline Hunt recalled that there used to be an Honorary Degree Committee,
appointed by the President. They could be counted on to obey, too; one year, either late in the
Collins or early in the Lightsey regime, the College had awarded something like thirty-eight
honorary degrees, all rubber-stamped by the faculty committee. In other words, Deborah Miller
commented, it behaved just like other faculty committees. Joe Benich asked what colleges
elsewhere do: for example, Clemson or USC. Mr. Kinard said that awards are given for the good
of those institutions, and there is always a problem getting adequate faculty input. Mr. Mignone
recalled that an honorary degree had recently been awarded to the President of the Ukraine, but that
it had been thought prudent to check him out beforehand, to make sure he was not “the Butcher of
Minsk” or some other catastrophic embarrassment to the institution.

Mr. Carew commented on the Senate in general. It seemed to him that our operations were
just like those of the old faculty system of governance, only writ small. Why not, if we have a
senate, behave like a senate? Why not hold hearings on issues that the Administration responds to
unsatisfactorily? Why not summon administrators to testify? According to the By-Laws approved
by the Trustees, some representatives of the Administration are supposed to attend Senate meetings
now -- but they seem not to have been much in evidence lately.

Mr. Benich moved to adjourn, at about 6 o’clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Hunt,
Faculty Secretary

APPENDIX

ELECTION RESULTS

(Elected by faculty vote, on a written ballot)

Elected to two-year terms as at-large Senators, beginning Fall 1996:

Julia Eichelberger (English)
Trisha Folds-Bennett (Psychology)
Lynne Ford (Political Science)
Bishop Hunt (English)
Susan Morrison (Biology)
William Olezniczak (History)
Dinesh Sarvate (Mathematics)
Elected to a one-year replacement position as at-large Senator:

Deborah Miller (Physical Education & Health)

**Faculty Officers for 1996-97:**

Speaker of the Faculty: Robert Mignone (Mathematics)

Faculty Secretary: Kathy Haney (English)

**CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS**

(Passed by Majority Faculty Vote, on a written ballot, as of Feb. 15, 1996)

1. Proposed at the April 18, 1995 meeting, and approved by the Senate on October 3, 1995:

   *Add to Article IV, Section 2 A:*

   Faculty members on leave are not eligible to serve as Faculty Senators.

2. Proposed October 3, 1995, and approved by the Senate November 7, 1995:

   *Add to Article IV, Section 2C:*

   2C6: A candidate for the position of Speaker cannot be a candidate for an at-large senate seat in the same election. In the event that a candidate for Speaker is in the middle of a term as an at-large senator and wins the election for Speaker, of those unsuccessful in the election for at-large seats, the person obtaining the most votes will complete the second year of the Speaker-elect's term.
MEMORANDUM

TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: Bob Mignone
RE Senate Meeting to begin at 5:30 p.m. on February 6
DATE: February 1, 1996

The memorial service for Laura Griffin will begin at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6. A request was made that the Senate meeting begin later so as to reduce the likelihood of a conflict for those who plan to attend the memorial service and the Senate meeting. There is little business to attend to at the February 6 meeting so this change in starting time should not extend us past a normal adjournment time. Let's plan to begin the Senate meeting at 5:30 p.m. for this February meeting. I hope this does not inconvenience anyone.
Memorandum

To: All Faculty Senators  
From: Committee on Nominations and Elections  
Re: Proposed By-Laws change  
Date: January 26, 1996

The Committee on Nominations and Elections recommends the following change in the By-Laws:

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.

Rationale- Elections are somewhat costly and take some time to set in place. If the time remaining in a term is less than a year, it seems reasonable to look at a more efficient way of providing a replacement. The selection of replacements for committee members is also done through the Senate. The proposed selection process continues to allow for faculty input and an actual election.
ELECTION BALLOT
for
AT LARGE SENATE SEATS
SPEAKER OF THE FACULTY
FACULTY SECRETARY

At-large Senate Seats (vote for no more than 7):

____Phillip Dustan (Biology)       ____Julia Eichelberger (Eng. & Comm.)
____Talaat Elshazly (Acc. & Leg.St.) ____William Finley (Library)
____Trisha Folds-Bennett (Psychology) ____Lynne Ford (Political Science)
____Kem Fronabarger (Geology)       ____Myrtle Glascoe (Ed. Found. & Sp.)
____Tom Heeney (Eng. & Comm.)       ____Rick Heldrich (Chemistry)
____Bishop Hunt (English)           ____Robert Johnson (Biology)
____David Kowal (Art History)       ____Jorge Marban (Spanish)
____Deanna McBroom (Music)          ____Susan Morrison (Biology)
____William Olezniczak (History)    ____Clifton Peacock (Studio Art)
____Peter Rowe (Psychology)         ____Dinesh Sarvate (Mathematics)
____Jim Smiley (Biology)

One year replacement (vote for no more than 1):

_____Kathy Johnston-Thom (Math.)     ____Deborah Miller (Phys. Ed. & Health)

Secretary of the Faculty (vote for no more than 1):

_____Kathy Haney (Eng. & Comm.)      _____Frank Petrusak (Political Science)

Speaker of the Faculty (vote for no more than 1):

_____Robert Mignone (Mathematics)

BY-LAWS AMENDMENT RATIFICATION BALLOT

Amendment 1-- (Article IV, Section 2A., ) add:
Faculty members on leave are not eligible to serve as Faculty Senators.

___Approve     ___Disapprove

Amendment 2-- (Article IV, Section 2C., ) add:
2C.6. A candidate for the position of Speaker cannot be a candidate for an at-large
senate seat in the same election. In the event that a candidate for Speaker is in the
middle of a term as an at-large senator and wins the election for Speaker, of those
unsuccessful in the election for at-large seats, the person obtaining the most votes will
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Ballots must be received by Beverly Diamond, Dept. of Mathematics, no later than
Thursday, Feb. 15, 1996.
February 2, 1996

Memorandum
To: All regular faculty
From: Committee on Nominations and Elections
Re: Elections for at-large Senators, Speaker of the Faculty, and Faculty Secretary; By-Laws amendments ratification

Enclosed is a ballot and ballot envelope for at-large Senate seats, Speaker of the Faculty, Faculty Secretary, and two By-Laws amendments approved by the Senate in the fall of 1995.

Please fill out your ballot, place it unsigned inside the blank ballot envelope, and return the ballot envelope (to Beverly Diamond) inside the preaddressed campus mail envelopes. Upon receipt, the ballot envelopes will be removed and set aside to be counted after the election period ends on February 15th. The return addresses on the outer envelopes will be used only for the purpose of marking each faculty member's name off a master list as having voted. Since the ballot envelope and outer envelope will be separated, the anonymity of the individual voters will be preserved.

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January 23, 1996

MEMORANDUM
TO: All Regular Faculty
FROM: Committee on Nominations and Elections
Re: Elections for at-large Senators, Speaker of the Faculty, & Secretary of the Faculty

The Committee on Nominations and Elections is placing the following names in nomination for the indicated positions. Nominations or self-nominations are in order until noon, February 2, and can be made by communicating with Beverly Diamond in the Mathematics Department (Committee Chair). The Committee will be distributing mail ballots to all regular faculty immediately following the close of nominations.

At-large Senate Seats (7 open):

- Julia Eichelberger (English & Comm.)
- William Finley (Library)
- Lynne Ford (Political Science)
- Myrtle Glascoe (Educ. Found. & Spec.)
- Rick Heldrich (Chemistry)
- Robert Johnson (Biology)
- Jorge Marban (Spanish)
- Susan Morrison (Biology)
- Peter Rowe (Psychology)
- Jim Smiley (Biology)
- Talaat Elshazly (Account. & Legal St.)
- Trisha Folds-Bennett (Psychology)
- Kem Fronabarger (Geology)
- Tom Heeney (English & Comm.)
- Bishop Hunt (English)
- David Kowal (Art History)
- Deanna McBroom (Music)
- William Olezniczak (History)
- Dinesh Sarvate (Mathematics)

One year replacement (1):

- Kathy Johnston-Thom (Mathematics)
- Deborah Miller (Phys. Ed. & Health)

Normally senators serve for two years and are eligible to serve consecutively for two full terms. For your information, continuing at-large Senators are James Carew (Geology), Kathy Haney (English & Comm.), Hugh Haysworth (Mathematics), Caroline Hunt (English & Comm.), Amy McCandless (History), William Moore (Political Science), and Hugh Wilder (Philosophy).

Secretary of the Faculty:

- Kathy Haney (English & Comm.)
- Frank Petrusak (Political Science)

The Secretary serves for one year, has a one-course reduction in teaching load per semester, and is eligible to serve 3 consecutive terms.

Speaker of the Faculty:

- Robert Mignone (Mathematics)

The Speaker serves for one year, has a half-time reduction in teaching load per semester, plus a salary supplement, and is eligible to serve 3 consecutive terms.
ELECTION BALLOT
for
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SPEAKER OF THE FACULTY
FACULTY SECRETARY

At-large Senate Seats (vote for no more than 7):

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At-large Senate Seats (vote for no more than 7):

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- Talaat Elshazly: 4 + 4 + 4 + 5 + 4 + 8 + 15 / 44
- Julia Eichelberger: 5 + 8 + 6 + 14 + 6 + 25 / 70
- William Finley: 4 + 1 + 3 + 2 + 5 + 4 + 9 / 27
- Trisha Folds-Bennett: 8 + 11 + 14 + 15 + 12 + 14 + 18 / 92
- Lynne Ford: 11 + 10 + 8 + 18 + 13 + 8 + 26 / 94
- Kem Fronabarger: 3 + 5 + 4 + 6 + 0 + 8 + 6 / 34
- Myrtle Glascoe: 3 + 6 + 2 + 6 + 5 + 3 + 6 / 31
- Tom Heeney: 4 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 5 + 6 + 12 / 35
- Rick Heldrich: 3 + 8 + 10 + 7 + 3 + 15 + 12 / 58
- Bishop Hunt: 11 + 14 + 18 + 15 + 11 + 19 + 35 / 123
- Robert Johnson: 3 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 6 + 6 / 21
- David Kowal: 5 + 4 + 4 + 6 + 6 + 5 + 17 / 57
- Jorge Marban: 9 + 8 + 3 + 11 + 8 + 7 + 17 / 63
- Deanna McBroom: 4 + 5 + 1 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 11 / 33
- Susan Morrison: 9 + 12 + 15 + 17 + 11 + 21 + 26 / 111
- William Olezniczak: 5 + 8 + 6 + 7 + 11 + 10 + 20 / 67
- Clifton Peacock: 4 + 1 + 3 + 2 + 6 + 0 + 7 / 23
- Peter Rowe: 3 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 5 + 8 / 39
- Dinesh Sarvate: 10 + 6 + 10 + 9 + 7 + 9 + 21 / 72
- Jim Smiley: 4 + 6 + 9 + 6 + 2 + 12 + 17 / 56

One year replacement (vote for no more than 1):

- Kathy Johnston-Thom: 11 + 8 + 16 + 4 + 8 + 14 + 35 / 86
- Deborah Miller: 8 + 14 + 8 + 16 + 13 + 14 + 34 / 97

Secretary of the Faculty (vote for no more than 1):

- Kathy Haney: 11 + 22 + 13 + 16 + 34 + 17 + 39 / 142
- Frank Petrusak: 8 + 5 + 7 + 8 + 7 + 11 + 20 / 66
The following have been elected to two year at-large terms in the Senate, beginning Fall 1996:

Julia Eichelberger  
Trisha Folds-Bennett  
Lynne Ford  
Bishop Hunt  
Susan Morrison  
William Olezniczak  
Dinesh Sarvate  

Debbie Miller has been elected to a one year replacement position as at-large Senator.

Kathy Haney has been elected Faculty Secretary, and our current speaker continues.

Both By_laws amendments were overwhelmingly approved.

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Please congratulate Julia, Kathy, and the above!