April 2, 1996 (First Session)

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The first session of the eighth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of The College of Charleston convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, in Room 100 of Maybank Hall, Speaker of the Faculty Robert Mignone presiding. Forty-seven Senators attended; Susan Morrison served as Parliamentarian. The Minutes of the previous meeting (March 12, 1996) were approved, after a clarification and two corrections. David Cohen said that his statement in the second paragraph on p. 1 of the March Minutes, which reported that the “suggestions” of the SACS accreditation team “included more rigorous evaluation of graduate programs,” should be clarified to more accurately reflect the words of the SACS team, who recommend “frequent systematic evaluations of graduate curricular offering and program requirements.” On p. 5, items 3 and 4 of the Curriculum Committee report, having to do with changes in the Business and Economics curriculum, should be corrected to read: “3. Change math requirement for business and economics majors from MATH 231, to MATH 104 or 106,” and “4. Add BADM 302 as prerequisite to BADM 330” (corrections are in italics).

Speaker’s Report

Mr. Mignone reported that on April 4, the Mathematics Department would hold a reception at the Faculty House in honor of Professor Emeritus James P. Anderson, whose portrait will reside henceforth in the living room of that facility. Secondly, he called attention to a draft of the “New Program Policy” from the Office of Academic Affairs, which, according to a cover-letter from the Associate Provost, dated February 16, “gives faculty developing new curricular programs a sense of the internal and external calendar requirements that need to be met to assure appropriate approvals.” No action was required from the Senate, since the policy had already been approved by the Deans and Directors in Academic Affairs, but apparently the Deans thought it might be a good idea to show it to the Senate anyway. Mr. Mignone asked that any comments or questions about the policy be forwarded to him; a draft was included in the Senate packet for the April 2 meeting, and would be attached to the Secretary’s copy of the Minutes. The Speaker concluded by noting that an additional meeting would be needed to take care of remaining business, and called for a recess rather than an adjournment at the end of the day. The Senate agreed to “suspend the rules” in order to allow additional items to be added to the agenda for the second session.

New Business

Beverley Diamond, for the Committee on Nominations, proposed a slate of ten faculty for the new ad hoc committee on general education. The slate was displayed on the overhead projector and approved, as follows:
The three Standing Committees of the Senate were then elected, with no changes from the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee:

**ACADEMIC PLANNING**
7 faculty members, the majority of whom must be faculty senators

- Cherry, Lynn
- Courson, Frances (S)
- Grantham, Todd
- Jones, Martin (S)
- Kaiser, Charles (S)
- McBroom, Deanna
- Morrison, Susan (S)

English & Communications
Educational Foundations & Specializations
Philosophy
Mathematics
Psychology
Music
Biology

**BUDGET**
7 faculty members, the majority of whom must be faculty senators

- Donato, Henry
- Friedman, Doug (S)
- Leclerc, Anthony
- Livingston, Tom
- Olejniczak, Bill (S)
- Sarvate, Dinesh (S)
- Wilder, Hugh (S)

Chemistry
Political Science
Computer Science
Economics
History
Mathematics
Philosophy

**BY-LAWS**
3 faculty members, the majority of whom must be faculty senators

- Doig, Marion (S)
- Hunt, Bishop (S)
- Parson, Jack

Chemistry
English & Communications
Political Science
Nine persons were then nominated from the floor for next year's Faculty Committee on Nominations & Elections: John Newell, Deanna Caveny, Glenn Lesses, Caroline Hunt, Kem Fronabarger, Patricia Ward, Von Bakanic, Frank Kinard, Roger Daniels. Further nominations were in order. [Secretary's note: in the event, further nominations were forthcoming, and the composition of this committee was finally determined by written ballot at the April 22 meeting of the Faculty. For the sake of clarity, those results are given here, as follows:]

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
7 faculty members (as defined in Article I, Section 1) with at least 3 years of service completed

Caveny, Deanna
Fronabarger, Kem
Hunt, Caroline
Lesses, Glenn
Newell, John
Steuer, Faye
Ward, Patricia

Mathematics
Geology
English & Communication
Philosophy/Religious Studies
History
Psychology
English & Communication

Three proposals concerning the Graduate School were then introduced.

1. New Program: Master of Education in Science and Mathematics

Two friendly amendments were suggested and accepted. First, the program must in some way include a substantial component of Evolutionary Biology. Second, in Category C on p.26 ("Capstone Experiences"), the description of SMFT 700 was shortened, and now reads simply, "Thesis," without further definition or qualification. After some discussion, this proposal passed as amended.

2. A list of "Graduate Student Candidates for Graduation -- Spring, 1996," dated March 22, 1996, was approved, pending completion of all requirements.

3. New Graduate Courses

BIOLOGY

BIOL 503 Special Topics in Ecology (3-4hrs.)
BIOL 645 Systematic Biology (3)

ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION

ENGL 557 Creative Writing--Poetry (New Title and Description)
ENGL 563 Creative Writing--Fiction (3) (New Course)
BIOLOGY

EVSS 628 Plant Ecology (4)
EVSS 629 Conservation Biology (3)
EVSS 681 Capstone Seminar (2), for the Masters in Environmental Studies (MES)

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PUBA 650 The Essential Elements of Non-Profit Administration (3)

These courses were approved, on a voice vote.

Lindsay Packer, for the Faculty Committee on Academic Standards, then introduced a motion about credit for course work taken as part of an external pre-approved program, requiring that:

All course work taken as part of an external pre-approved program (specifically the International Student Exchange Program, the National Student Exchange Program, and the Bilateral Exchange Program) be considered for credit and academic enrollment status the same as if it were completed at the College of Charleston. The Senior Year Residency requirement is not altered in any way by this policy.

This policy is to be included in the Policy and Procedures Manual of Student Records. Stephanie Mignone commented that this policy would not apparently affect our current procedures for giving transfer credit. Frank Kinard asked if these three “Programs” were the only ones affected by the proposal; the answer was yes. The motion passed.

Trisha Folds-Bennett then introduced six motions from the Curriculum Committee. These passed as circulated, and may be summarized as follows:

1. ART HISTORY

   Minor in Historic Preservation and Community Planning
   Course change (ARTH 410)

2. PHYSICS

   Inclusion of HIST 251 (“The Cosmos in History”) among electives for the Minor in, and Concentration in, Astronomy
Proposal # 2: Representatives of The College of Charleston who have necessary authority should meet with City of Charleston officials to develop strategies to improve bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular safety in and around campus. These should include but are not limited to:

a. establishing designated bicycle lanes on streets bounding and intersecting the campus;
b. adding a crosswalk on St. Philip Street at Liberty Street;
c. slowing traffic during peak school hours on Calhoun, Coming, St. Philip, and Wentworth;
d. closing George Street (between St. Philip and Coming) between 7:30 and 4:30.

President Alexander M. Sanders, Jr. added that "No bikes on bricks" ought to be "the law of the land."

Mr. Moore concluded his committee report by saying that data on faculty salaries had been obtained and put together by the Welfare Committee, and were now on file at the Library.

**Constituents' Concerns**

The Speaker said that a reception would be given in honor of Peter Yaun, Professor of Education, who was retiring at the end of the year. Frank Kinard raised the issue of using money generated by the undergraduate FTE funding formula to pay for graduate programs. This, he said, was a "basically dishonest" procedure, and ought to be stopped. President Sanders said a total cost/benefit analysis would suggest otherwise: paying for college and university operations is a complex matter. Mr. Kinard objected that the faculty never get to see the real numbers involved. Mr. Sanders replied that the dollar is what he as President has to look at, and keep in mind at all times.

The Speaker recessed the meeting at about 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Hunt,
Faculty Secretary