March 11, 1997

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The seventh regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston convened at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 in Room 100 of Maybank Hall, Speaker of the Faculty Robert Mignone presiding. Thirty-eight senators attended. Minutes of the February 4 meeting were approved.

Reports

Mr. Mignone noted that a draft copy of Policy #11 of the Academic Affairs General Policy Manual had been included in the senators’ packets for review. This policy is intended to clarify the reporting lines, responsibilities, and evaluation of Academic Program Directors. [A copy of the policy is attached to the Secretary’s minutes.]

Turning to Performance Funding, Mr. Mignone praised CHE’s decision to abandon all work on weights done by the four sector committees when it became clear that the committees had developed four very different philosophies. What will eventually emerge, he thinks, will be a fair approach to base funding that will use national and not regional standards. The benchmarks recommended by the sector committees are being reviewed.

New Business

* Lee Lindner introduced nine motions from the Curriculum Committee. All nine motions passed.

ACCOUNTING AND LEGAL STUDIES

• Change to major: BADM 315 (Microcomputers in Finance) and BADM 429 (Commercial Law) to serve as an Accounting Elective for the Accounting major

BIOLOGY

• Course changes (prerequisites): BIOL (501 Biology of the Crustacea), BIOL 502 (Special Topics in Marine Biology), and BIOL 503 (Special Topics in Ecology) will all have the following prerequisite: Open to students with junior or senior standing who have completed at least 15 semester hours in Biology and have a GPA of at least a 3.0 in all biology courses. Students not meeting these requirements may enroll with permission of the instructor and department chair.
GEOLOGY
- New course: GEOL 107 Introduction to Coastal and Marine Geology (3)
- Course change (prerequisites and catalog description) for GEOL 207: Add GEOL 102 and GEOL 102L to GEOL 101 and GEOL 101L as prerequisites. Add following statement to course description: "This course is intended for geology majors. Non-majors should enroll in GEOL 107 (Introduction to Coastal and Marine Geology). A student may not receive credit for both GEOL 107 and GEOL 207."

MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING
- Course change (number): Change BADM 440 Seminar in Entrepreneurship to BADM 445.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
- New course: PHYS 203 Physics and Medicine (3)
- New course: PHYS 457 Satellite Meteorology (3)

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
- For Information: Special Topics Courses

* The Committee on Nominations and Elections recommended Marcie DesRochers (Psychology) for the Sexual Harassment Education Steering Committee.

Constituents’ Concerns

Rob Dillon described the current system under which instructors are promoted to senior instructor as inflexible and hasty. He asked that the By-Laws Committee consider removing the “up or out” component of the evaluation. Bishop Hunt said that the change would be a policy change, not a phrasing change, so the issue should be sent to the Promotion and Tenure Committee. The Speaker will refer the matter to the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Martin Jones asked that the By-Laws Committee provide clearer phrasing in the Faculty/Administration Manual about how faculty members on sabbatical leave or leave of absence can participate in promotion and tenure decisions. That, too, Mr. Hunt said, is a policy matter, and the Speaker referred the issue to the Promotion and Tenure Committee. To Phil Dustan’s question about how much control the faculty has over the Faculty/Administration Manual, Mr. Hunt answered that the faculty can only recommend changes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Haney, Faculty Secretary