January 13, 1998

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The fifth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston convened at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13 in ECTR 118, Speaker of the Faculty Robert Mignone presiding. Thirty-eight senators attended. Minutes of the December 2 meeting were approved as circulated.

Reports

The Speaker reported on the progress of the Architect Selection Committee for the New Library. Committee members include Judge Alex Sanders, The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Mr. Nathan Addlestone, Mr. Robert S. Small, Dr. Theodore Stern, Dr. Thomas Palmer, Dr. Conrad Festa, Dr. David Cohen, Dr. Robert Mignone, Mr. Frederick Daniels, Mr. Andrew Abrams, and Mr. James Shumate.] The committee has narrowed the candidates from forty to the following seven:

1. Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, Boston MA, and Evans & Schmidt, Charleston, SC
3. Enright Associates, Greenville and Charleston, SC
5. Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, New York, NY and Goff-D’Antonio, Charleston SC
6. GMK Associates/Stevens & Wilkinson, Columbia, SC
7. LS3P, Charleston, SC and Eugene E. Aubrey, FAIA, Anna Maria, FL

[South Carolina’s licensing policy requires that firms be registered in the state.]

Next, the selection committee and a faculty committee will meet with each firm to discuss design plans. When June McDaniel asked if the Senate would be shown preliminary plans, Mr. Mignone said he would pass along that suggestion. At this point, the Speaker said, he is the conduit for faculty suggestions.

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New Business

With final exams and the Christmas break following the December 2 meeting, no new business came from committees for Senate action.

Constituents’ Concerns

Frank Kinard asked why employees of schools in the Upstate get paid for “snow days” when College of Charleston employees do not get compensation for “hurricane days.”

Robert Russell wanted to know when a response would appear in the Post and Courier to Rep. Harry Stille’s letter printed in the December 30 issue and the ensuing editorial, both of which blamed high college tuition costs on the large number of full-time faculty who teach two classes or less per week. Mr. Mignone said that Rep. Stille’s letter had been published in The State and other South Carolina newspapers and that his remarks seemed to be aimed at Clemson and USC. Conrad Festa has sent a response to the Post and Courier, but his letter has not yet been published. Thinking that the response should come from the administration rather than the faculty, Mr. Mignone is waiting to see if the Provost’s letter appears before responding himself.

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Secretary