September 1, 1998

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The first regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston convened at 5:04 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, in Maybank 100, Speaker of the Faculty Trisha Folds-Bennett presiding. Fifty senators attended. Minutes of the April 7 and April 21 meetings were approved with a correction to the April 21 minutes. [File copies of the minutes will correctly list the members of the 1998-99 Committee on Nominations and Elections, and the correct list is included at the end of these minutes.]

Reports

The Speaker

Ms. Folds-Bennett reminded the Senate that this year will be a very busy one. She sees her role as an advocate for the faculty and will attend as many meetings as she thinks necessary to assure that the voice of the faculty is heard. The role of senators, she added, is to represent constituents. To do this, senators must be prepared to commit the time required to read carefully and discuss with colleagues the major proposals that will come before the Senate this year, especially the general education proposal, post-tenure review, and peer evaluation of teaching. She said that the Senate will not deal with more than one major proposal at a time and that some proposals may be divided. To allow for full discussion, she will clear the agenda as much as possible when these proposals reach the Senate.

Another large part of Senate deliberations will be course proposals. The Speaker is working with Chris Abate, chair of the Curriculum Committee, to develop a one-page committee report to accompany each proposal. All supporting documents will be on file in the Faculty Secretariat Office but will not be duplicated for each senator’s packet. Ms. Folds-Bennett plans to pilot the new form at the October meeting.

The Speaker announced a Senate web page under construction, on which she plans a pictorial directory of senators. She also asked for assistance from senators in departments that had not yet submitted information for the Faculty Newsletter.
committee requests a willingness to serve on any committee if preferences cannot be honored. He and the Speaker agreed that service other than on committees should be considered in tenure and promotion decisions, especially as the faculty continues to grow but the number of committee positions remains fixed.

Bill Moore asked about changes in the International Studies minor appearing in the 1998-99 catalog that he does not recall being approved by the Curriculum Committee or the Senate.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Secretary

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (1998-99)
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