November 10, 1998

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The third regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston convened at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, in Maybank 100, Speaker of the Faculty Trisha Folds-Bennett presiding. Fifty-two senators attended. Minutes of the October 6 meeting were approved.

Reports

The Speaker reported that President Sanders successfully argued for Bob Mignone’s recommendation that faculty have a voice on the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs, which reports to CHE. She also reported on her recent meeting with Dr. Robert Shirley, the consultant for the long-range planning process. She believes that, as President Sanders and Provost Festa have said, the planning process will be an open one. The Long-range Planning Coordinating Committee is not, she stressed, a decision-making body. Its function is to gather information, and it will do so by consulting students, faculty, alumni, and others interested in the future of the College. That process will take fourteen months, after which the Committee’s results will be synthesized and forwarded to the Board of Trustees. She encouraged faculty to meet with Dr. Shirley when he is on campus and to discuss ideas with her.

New Business

* For the Curriculum Committee Chris Abate made the following motions, all of which passed.

MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING
* New Course: HTMT 352 Service Operations Management (3)

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
* New Course: ECON 316 Evolution of the United States Economy (3)

* Course Change (Catalog description): ECON 305 Money and Financial Institutions
* Course Change (Number): ECON 319 Introduction to Econometrics and Forecasting changed to ECON 419
• Course change (Title and number): ECON 404 Independent Study to ECON 420 Independent Studies
• Course Change (Title): FINC 315 Microcomputers in Finance changed to Intermediate Business Finance
• Course Change (Title and catalog description): FINC 385 Principles of Insurance changed to Principles of Risk Management Insurance

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

• Change in Degree Requirements: Add CHEM 351 (Biochemistry) to the degree requirements for a BS in Chemistry and delete the one three-hour elective

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

• New Course: PEHD 365 Identification and Treatment of Activity-Related Injury and Illness (3)
• New Course: PEHD 375 Clinical Education Experience in Athletic Training (1 per level)

The two PEHD courses prompted considerable discussion. Both Jim Smiley and Phil Dustan questioned whether a liberal arts college should be providing clinical education for athletic trainers. When Andy Lewis countered that we provide training in other programs such as nursing, Mr. Dustan pointed out that MUSC provides the clinical training for nursing students. Tom Langley added that the College does not have a 3-2 program in Physical Education similar to the Nursing program and that the courses in question make up just a small part of the liberal arts education.

Other concerns about the courses focused on the required hours for PEHD 375, 1000 clock hours of clinical experience during the five levels (one credit each) of the program. Reid Wiseman called the average of 250 hours required per one-credit course excessive. Mr. Lewis pointed out that to sit for national certification, students must meet competencies for each of the five levels and that internship models currently in place require 1500 hours with no credit. Mr. Langley compared the time commitment of this program to that of student teaching. When Mr. Smiley questioned hidden prerequisites, also adding to the hours, Mr. Lewis noted that all requirements, including prerequisites and the 20-hour natural science requirement, are clearly outlined for students who enroll in the program.

Chris Abate and Bob Mignone argued that the requirements should have been questioned when the program was first proposed. The Athletic Training Education Program has been passed by the Senate, approved by CHE, and is now in place. The two courses are designed to meet the guidelines for accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Bishop Hunt requested a written ballot for the two courses, and both were approved.
SPECIAL TOPICS COURSES—FOR INFORMATION

* GEOL 290 GeoTour of Extremadura, Spain (3)
* THTR 489 Dramaturgy (3)
* BIOL 453 Photobiology (1)

* For the Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education, Hugh Haynsworth made the following motions, all of which passed:

* New Course: EVSS 693 Independent Study (1-4)

* Course change (title): BIOL 601 (cross-listed EVSS 622) Population Biology and Ecology of Marine Organisms changed to Ecology of Marine Organisms

* Changes in Marine Biology Admissions requirements: New wording in the graduate catalog (admission requirement 5) will include a) a bachelor’s degree and b) twenty semester hours of upper division biological courses, including a course in cellular or molecular biology (or the equivalent) and a course in ecology (or the equivalent). Other requirements in Chemistry, Physics, and Calculus remain the same.

* For the Ad Hoc Committee to Review General Education, Lynne Ford moved the following:

  a) That upon the submission of the Proposal for General Education, the Senate debate and discuss the proposal by section. The proposal can most naturally be broken down into five sections: A) Introduction to the Liberal Arts and Sciences; B) Foundations; C) Intellectual Traditions in the Liberal Arts and Sciences; D) Integrated Liberal Learning; and E) the Committee, administrative and supporting structures.

  b) That all members of the Ad Hoc Committee be permitted floor privileges so that they may respond to questions from Senators.

  c) That the Senate vote on the proposal as a whole.
Kem Fronabarger asked if the full faculty will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal. Bob Mignone responded that the By-Laws provide for a special called meeting of the faculty by petition to the Speaker by fifty faculty members. At such a meeting, Senate actions may be amended or vetoed by a simple majority vote of those members of the regular College faculty at the meeting, provided there is a quorum present. When Glenn Lesses questioned the mechanism for the Senate to eliminate parts of the proposal, Ms. Ford pointed out that the motion provides for amending the proposal; after all sections have been amended, however, the motion calls for the entire proposal to be reconsidered and voted on.

Some discussion centered around whether parts of the proposal should be remanded to appropriate committees (Curriculum, Academic Planning, Welfare) for review before or after Senate discussion. Phil Jos and Mary Beth Heston argued that the Senate should see the document first to allow for another stage in oversight and to be able to give specific charges to committees when remanding.

Bob Mignone’s call for the question passed, and the main motion passed.

- Kem Fronabarger, chair of the 1997-98 Committee Nominations and Elections, made four motions to amend or correct the By-Laws. Motions 1 and 2 correct conflicting deadlines for nominations to standing committees, and Motion 3 restores wording inadvertently deleted in the most recent edition of the Faculty/Administration Manual. All three motions passed and will be sent to the By-Laws Committee for review.

Motion 4 addresses the status of alternate membership on committees and whether such membership should count toward the three-year limit on membership and proposes the following addition to the Manual: “Service as an alternate committee member counts the same as service as a regular committee member.” After brief discussion, John Newell moved amend the motion and remand the issue of alternate membership to the By-Laws Committee for study and recommendation to the Senate. Both the amendment and the main motion passed.
• For the Faculty Welfare Committee Glenn Lesses moved that the following question be added to the course evaluation forms:

How often during the semester did you make an appointment or go to the instructor’s office during posted office hours?

0
1-3
4-6
7-9
10 or more

In a brief discussion of the motion, some senators saw value in pairing this question with the CHE-mandated one about the availability of faculty to students outside the classroom, but others questioned whether the items would, in fact, be paired and the data analyzed. The motion failed.

Constituents’ Concerns

Frank Kinard announced that Diane Cudahy had been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Budget Committee.

The Speaker welcomed Reid Wiseman, who won the recent election for an at-large Senate seat.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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