MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The fourth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston convened at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1 in Maybank 100, Speaker of the Faculty Trisha Folds-Bennett presiding. Thirty-eight senators attended. Minutes of the November 10 meeting were approved.

Reports

The Speaker reported on President Sanders' successful argument before CHE that there be a faculty representative on its Advisory Committee on Academic Planning. The Council of South Carolina University Chairs elected Bob Mignone to be that faculty representative. On behalf of the faculty, the Speaker congratulated Mr. Mignone.

New Business

- For the By-Laws Committee, Lynne Ford reported on the four motions sent to the Committee following the November 10 Senate meeting. The first three motions, which passed at the November 10 meeting, needed no changes in phrasing and are included below. The fourth motion, which had been remanded to the By-Laws Committee, passed.

Motion 1 to Amend the By-Laws

PART A. CHANGE: Article V, Section 2, A. (page 42): FROM: "A. Members of standing Senate committees are nominated by the Committee on Nominations and Elections by March 15 and are elected by the Senate by April 1."

TO: "A. Members of standing Senate committees are nominated by the Committee on Nominations at least 15 days prior to the April Senate meeting, and are elected by the Senate during the April Senate meeting."
PART B. CHANGE: Article V, Section 3, B, 1, c, (3) (page 44):
FROM: "(3) To present to Senators, in writing, its slate of candidates for standing Senate committees by April 15;"
TO: "(3) To present to Senators, in writing, its slate of candidates for standing Senate committees at least 15 days prior to the April Senate meeting;"

RATIONALE: The dates on pages 42 and 44 conflict with one another, and thus some change is required. It appears that the original authors of the by-laws intended that the election be held during the April Senate meeting. The proposed changes eliminate any ambiguity or conflicts that exist in the current by-laws and give Senators a minimum of 15 days to consider the nominees.

Motion 2 to Amend the By-Laws

CHANGE: Article V, Section 3, B, 1, c, (4), (page 44):
FROM: "(4) To present to members of the faculty, in writing, its slate of candidates for standing College committees by April 15;"
TO: "(4) To present to members of the faculty, in writing, its slate of candidates for standing College committees by March 15;"

RATIONALE: Article V, Section 3, B, 1, c, (4), (page 44) conflicts with Article V Section 3, A, which states: "Members of standing College committees are nominated by March 15 by the Committee on Nominations and Elections and are elected by members of the faculty (as defined in Article I Section 1) by April 1." The revision corrects the conflict.

Motion 3 to Correct the By-Laws

CHANGE: Article V, Section 3, B, 1, c, (10) (page 45):
FROM: "Faculty, Faculty Secretary, or committee membership may circulate such nomination(s) to the Elections Committee and to the Senate or faculty as appropriate in writing at least one week prior to the date of the election."
TO: Article V, Section 3, B, 1, d: "d. Additional Nominations: Faculty members deciding to make additional nominations(s) for Speaker of the Faculty, Faculty Secretary, or committee membership may circulate such nomination(s) to the Elections Committee and to the Senate or faculty as appropriate in writing at least one week prior to the date of the election."
RATIONALE: The underlined portion of Article V Section 3 B. 1. d was apparently inadvertently deleted during revision R8/96. The wording is taken directly from the manual pages written prior to revision R8/96. Note that reference to Article V, Section 3 B. 1. d is made on page 44. This correction will restore the correct wording.

Motion 4 to Amend the By-Laws

Prelude. There is considerable confusion concerning the status of alternate membership on committees. Should this service as an alternate be viewed as counting toward the three-year limit on membership, or should it be ignored when counting the three-year limit? The manual is unclear, and a clear statement concerning this matter should be made.

CHANGE: Article V, Section 1, B (page 41)
FROM: "Members of committees serve for a term of one year and may be reelected twice and then may serve again on the committee only after a lapse of three years. Terms begin on August 15."

TO: "Members of committees (including alternates) serve for a term of one year and may be reelected twice and then may serve again on the committee only after a lapse of three years. Terms begin on August 15."

RATIONALE:

1) The clear intent of the By-Laws is to prevent long-term service by a member of the faculty on any single committee.

2) The By-Laws make no mention of “alternate” service being in a different category from, or less important than, “regular” service on a committee.

3) The addition of the two underlined words will preclude an ambiguous interpretation of the By-Laws on this matter.

The issue affects three committees: the Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Third-Year Review, the Faculty Hearing Committee, and the Faculty Grievance Committee. Passing this motion will make it somewhat more difficult to fill these committees; and continuity, particularly on T&P, is probably desirable. On the other hand, more faculty will have a chance to serve on these important committees, and no one could become “entrenched,” even by accident. The By-Laws Committee believes that, on balance, the advantages of this amendment clearly outweigh the disadvantages, and therefore we recommend approval.
• For the Curriculum Committee, Dottie Marban moved the following courses, all of which passed.

BIOLOGY
• Course Change (prerequisite): BIOL 102 Elements of Biology: Add BIOL 101 as prerequisite
• Course Change (prerequisite): BIOL 112 Evolution, Ecology, and Biology of Organisms: Add BIOL 111 as prerequisite

ACCOUNTING AND LEGAL STUDIES
• Course Change (co-requisite): ACCT 431 Advanced and Not-for-Profit Accounting: Add ACCT 317 as a co-requisite
• Course Change (co-requisite): ACCT 409 Auditing Theory: Add ACCT 317 as a co-requisite

ART HISTORY
• New Course: ARTH 391 Contemporary Art (3)

LANGUAGES
• New Course: CHNS 313 Conversation and Composition I (3)
• New Course: CHNS 314 Conversation and Composition II (3)

ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION
• Change in Degree Requirements (Corporate Communication Track): For the one elective course in the track delete the following courses: MGMT 307, MGMT 320, MGMT 401, MGMT 405, MGMT 420, and MKTG425. Add the following courses: COMM 225, COMM 365, COMM 380, COMM 387, COMM 405, and COMM 495

Constituents’ Concerns

When the Speaker mentioned that Post-Tenure Review would be discussed in January, a number of senators urged that the entire faculty be involved in the discussion. Mary Beth Heston moved that the proposal be distributed in hard copy to the faculty before it is discussed in the Senate. The motion passed. Glenn Lesses noted that the proposal from the Faculty Welfare Committee would go from the Senate to the Administration and then back to the Senate. The Speaker pointed out that the Senate can vote the proposal up or down or can remand the proposal back to the Welfare Committee before sending it to the Administration. She added that our development of a Post-Tenure Review has been a
collaborative process involving faculty and administration and has been more careful and
deliberate than efforts at other institutions across the state.

Bob Mignone reminded senators that Post-Tenure Review is an administrative process
and that the process must be in place during the spring semester or our Performance
Funding will be reduced.

The proposal for Post-Tenure Review will be circulated to faculty as soon as the
document is ready along with a cover letter from the Speaker announcing when the
proposal will be voted on by the Senate and soliciting feedback from the faculty.

Von Bakanic raised a concern about the lag time between advising and registration and
asked the Speaker to look into the possibility of shortening the time.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Haney
Faculty Secretary