May 3, 1999

THE FACULTY MINUTES

The second regular meeting of the Faculty of the College of Charleston for the academic year 1998-99 convened at 5:04 on Monday, May 3, in Physicians Auditorium, Speaker of the Faculty Trisha Folds-Bennett presiding.

Speaker's Report

Ms. Folds-Bennett began her report by listing some of the work accomplished by the faculty during the 1998-99 academic year:

SERVICE

- Faculty Welfare Committee—reviewed and revised the Post-Tenure Review proposal and reviewed the College's patent policy, CHE-mandated questions about faculty availability and advising, and the GenEd proposal
- Tenure, Promotion, and Third Year Review Committee—reviewed and made recommendations on approximately thirty-five evaluation packets
- Curriculum Committee—reviewed many proposals for new courses and course changes and reviewed the GenEd proposal
- Assessment Committee—reviewed and summarized departmental assessment activity and reviewed the GenEd proposal
- Academic Standards Committee—considered many requests and appeals from students and made recommendations about course credit for foreign exchange courses and for degree requirements
- Budget Committee—worked with Academic Affairs in its review of the GenEd proposal
- President's Advisory Committee—worked with President Sanders on issues such as the evaluation of deans, campus safety, and salaries of administrative assistants
- Academic Planning Committee—brought together all other committee reports on the GenEd proposal and submitted a Revised Proposal for General Education
- Nominations and Elections Committee—held elections for all faculty offices and committees and worked with the By-Laws Committee to rectify some discrepancies regarding elections
- Research and Development Committee—awarded $47,376 in grants
• By-Laws Committee—made seven recommendations for By-Laws changes
• Library Committee—worked many hours with library staff and other interested faculty members on plans for the new library
• The Senate—met ten times, seven to vote on all of the motions generated by committees and three to debate the GenEd proposal
• Bob Mignone—worked tirelessly as our faculty representative to CHE, especially on performance funding matters
• an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and an Animal Care and Use Program were established
• a new Honors Center Director was appointed

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

• The College received over $2 million in external funding, considerably more than any other institution in our sector
• A new anthropology lab and a new wearable computer lab were established
• The School of the Arts presented six plays, twenty-eight Monday night concerts, eighteen student performances, five piano recitals in the International Piano Series, several jazz performances, and Pro Musica went on a concert tour of France and produced a CD

TEACHING

• We welcomed approximately fifty new full-time faculty members
• We taught over 11,000 students in nearly 3,000 sections
• CETL held 6 faculty development workshops, a reading circle discussion, 7 workshops for new faculty, and a meeting to inform faculty of the results from the 3rd International Mathematics and Science survey

The Speaker ended her report by noting that, despite having so many accomplishments about which to feel pride, we are not ending the year with a sense of satisfaction because of the faculty vote overturning the Senate decision in favor of the Revised Proposal for a General Education Curriculum. She emphasized that the process was fair, open, and rational and that those on both sides of the issue want to continue efforts to review general education. She encouraged anyone interested in determining the next step in that review to join her in working toward that end.
President's Report

Mr. Sanders praised the Speaker for her accomplishments and then presented the following awards:

- Distinguished Advising Award: Betsy Martin, Penny McKeever
- Distinguished Teaching Award: Clark Reynolds
- Distinguished Research Award: Clark Reynolds
- Distinguished Service Award: Marty Perlmutter

Following the presentation of the awards, Mr. Sanders directed his remarks to the defeat of the GenEd Proposal at the Special Meeting of the Faculty on April 28. He emphasized that none of us should see the vote as a rejection of our commitment to general education and that we should all be grateful to those who worked on the proposal for the challenge they put before us. Instead of the period of healing that some have called for, he proposed a period of learning. Convinced that all the hard work on the proposal has not been in vain and that conflicting interests can be accommodated, Mr. Sanders urged the faculty to respect and learn from each other as we continue our discussion of general education. He warned about the dangers of bitterness and resentment as he asked the faculty to come together to affirm our commitment to general education and to the classic model of the liberal arts college. He ended his report by suggesting that the College of Charleston might consider seeking designation apart from the other teaching institutions in our sector as the Liberal Arts College of South Carolina. The only mistake we can make now, he concluded, is to do nothing.

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Provost's Report: Approval of Degree Candidates

Conrad Festa requested and received by voice vote approval of undergraduate and graduate degree candidates pending completion of all degree requirements.
Election of Faculty Committees

Frank Kinard moved the slate of Standing Faculty Committees as circulated by the Committee on Nominations and Elections. With no further nominations from the floor, the committees were elected.

For the Good of the Order.

On behalf of the faculty, Jim Deavor commended the Faculty Secretary at the end of her three years of service, a commendation endorsed by the Speaker.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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