Minutes for CofC Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and Athletics (SAAC)
September 27, 2018
School of Language, Cultures, and World Affairs Conference Room
1 p.m.

Present: Allison Sterrett-Krause (Chair, Classics), Bonnie Devet (English), Jay Forsythe (Chemistry), Christy Kollath-Cattano (Health and Human Performance), Henry Xie (Management and Marketing): committee members
Present: Jeri Cabot (Dean of Students/Associate Vice President)–ex officio member
Present: Vince Benigni (from Athletic Oversight Committee)–ex officio member
Note: Matt Roberts (Director of Athletics) is an ex officio member. Not present but represented by Benigni.
Note: Although students are listed as members according to the FAM (1 female and 1 male resident; 1 non-resident), SGA has not yet appointed students to serve on this committee.

Welcome and Introductions
After all introduced themselves, Bonnie Devet volunteered to be the secretary.

Committee Duties Overview
Dr. Sterrett-Krause listed the duties of the SAAC, based on the Faculty Administrative Manual:
—Who’s Who: Although handled in the past, SAAC will not be doing the Who’s Who list because Who’s Who has suspended its work.
—Alexander Chambliss Connelly Award: SAAC will solicit nominations in March for this award presented to a graduating senior for service to and participation in the student body. In April the award will be presented at the Student Affairs Gala.
—Honor Code: Carried over from last year, the 2018-2019 SAAC is tasked with reviewing the code.

Honor Code Review—History
Dr. Cabot explained the problems for the current code. First, it is too restrictive. It was put in place in 2006, but pedagogy has changed, with on-line teaching and the use of different types of writing (such as low-stakes) now more common. The current code also does not take into account students who admit to honor code violations versus those who contest the charge. In effect, the code needs to be more flexible, especially in the class 2 infractions.

Dr. Sterrett-Krause explained the SAAC has looked at peer institutions for guidance, using the model from the University of South Carolina to revise the current CofC Honor Code.

What are the goals for the revised Honor Code?
A) present the code as less punitive and more instructive.
B) encourage more faculty to report so that the College avoids under-reporting.
C) offer a more readable chart in the Student Handbook.

Discussion of Proposed Changes to the Honor Code
— Dr. Xie wondered how the xx-grade affects a student’s GPA. Dr. Sterrett-Krause said the XX (a “status indicator) does not affect the GPA. The XX stays on the transcript for one year; then, the student must petition to remove it.
— For class 3, Dr. Forsythe suggested replacing the word minor with moderate while Dr. Sterrett-Krause suggested negligence. Dr. Devet suggested the word cautionary. The committee voted unanimously to change minor to cautionary.

— The committee voted unanimously to send the revised Honor Code to the Academic Standards Committee.

Vince Benigni (member of the Athletics Oversight Committee)
Dr. Benigni inquired how much SAAC does with issues facing athletes and requested that SAAC and the Athletics Oversight Committee (AOC) keep each other informed, perhaps by sharing minutes and informing the AOC when “athletics” is on the SAAC agenda.

Next meeting of SAAC Dr. Sterrett-Krause will send out a doodle poll to determine date and time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Devet