FACULTY COMMITTEE REPORTS
Fall Semester, 1987

Curriculum Committee: Norman Olsen, Jr., [English], Chair: The Committee has met at least once a month during the semester to consider proposals for curriculum changes and to present approved proposals to the faculty. A subcommittee is reviewing the status of minors and concentrations at the College. The Committee will consider the self study reports prepared by English and Physics early in the spring semester.

Library Committee: Lawrence J. Simms, [Languages], Chair: The Committee met twice during the Fall Semester. Various aspects of the library's operating procedures and policies were reviewed with the Director of the Libraries, including ACRL standards, interlibrary loan, space utilization, budgetary allocations, the current status of computerized automation in the library, and faculty borrowing privileges. With regard to the last item, the Director reported the initiation of a six-month recall policy for faculty members, and he indicated that other changes are under consideration but would be discussed with the Committee prior to implementation. The problem of steadily rising costs for professional and academic journals was raised and various methods of dealing with the problem were discussed. It was agreed that since the College community has not evaluated the Library in seven years, the time has come for another general survey. A subcommittee drafted a set of items to be included in the survey questionnaire. Pending review of those items by the library staff and final approval by the Committee, the survey should be ready for distribution in the Spring term... [Agenda items are welcome.]

Welfare Committee: Alexander W. Ritchie, [Geology], Chair: Perhaps our most significant activity was the selection of supplementary disability insurance which will be offered to all College employees in the Spring, as soon as a payroll deduction slot is made available. Other items addressed include requests from Dr. Festa to interpret the Faculty-Administration manual statement on the number of years of service necessary to be considered for sabbatical leave and to review proposed changes in the evaluation of tenured faculty. At the request of the College chapter of the AFT, the Committee expressed to President Lightsey its concern about the inadequate size of faculty raises in recent years. At our own initiation, the Committee requested clarification by the Administration of College policy on the termination of benefits for faculty who have resigned and expressed concern for the College policy and practices regarding adjunct faculty. Continuing topics include security practices on campus and problems with building maintenance and safety.

Ad Hoc Academic Affairs Organization Committee: David Cohen, [Library], Chair (report by David Mann): The Committee presented to Dr. Festa on December 8th a draft document recommending changes in the organization of Academic Affairs. The Committee has requested to meet with Dr. Festa to discuss the recommendations "and some of our reservations about the changes." Generally, the structural changes would "strengthen student support activities and ... expand ... graduate education" administration, relocating staff to those positions from other Academic Affairs areas. The draft recommendations "require no additional lines and little additional funding." Bear in mind that the documents are draft copies only. This Committee hopes to complete its charge soon... reports continue on p. 3

NEXT FACULTY MEETING:
MONDAY, JANUARY 18th
5:00 p.m.
Simons Fine Arts Recital Hall
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

--The Board of Trustees approved at its November meeting to name and dedicate the Street Building’s Auditorium, otherwise known as ECTR 118, as the Septima P. Clark Memorial Auditorium. At the time, it was hoped to serve as a living memorial to Mrs. Clark. At press time, dedication of the auditorium will be some time in February.

--The Board also voted not to discuss or take a position on the pre-filed bill by Sen. McConnell which would provide C of C with a separate Board of Trustees.

--Elderhostel, a program for senior citizens inspired by the premise that retirement can be a fulfilling and rewarding experience of liberal arts and travel, is holding a program sponsored by Continuing Education and coordinated by Jerry Huss. The dates are January 24-29 and January 31-February 5. Three courses—reported as filled with a waiting list by the Boston office of Elderhostel—are scheduled as being taught by C of C faculty: David Molleke-Hanson [History adjunct], "Charleston Preservation"; Wayne Jordan [History], "Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Fires: Charleston Disasters"; Jan Welborn [Fine Arts], "The Sketching of Charleston—Your Way."

--Maymester Pre-registration is taking place now, along with Spring Semester late registration and drop/add, so that those enrolling may be counted as part of Spring FTE for budgetary purposes. Those enrolling need not pay fees until April 27th.

--SPRING PRE-REGISTRATION UPDATE

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LRC PRODUCTION TEAM WINS ITS FIFTH AWARD

The television production staff of the Learning Resources Center won its fifth competitive award last month. The International Television Association awards the “Silver Reel of Merit” to the production judged to be an outstanding form of video communication. The winner must display effective creativity, innovation, production values, and design. The winning video was for a student recruitment tape on and for the Political Science Department. In the past three years, LRC has won three ITVA awards, one Carolina Association of Business Communicators award, and one CASE award. Congratulations go to Virginia Friedman, Joan Mack, Scott Ross, Mike Johnson, and Jill Conway. Any academic department wishing to fund a student recruitment video production should contact Ms. Virginia Friedman at LRC.

MORE OF 'FOR YOUR INFORMATION'

--Four bids were received for the proposed dorm on St. Philip and Calhoun. Bidders were invited to the College for consultation in December. Look for more news about this project in the near future.

--Those interested in helping to plan a renewal of the "applied physics seminar" (faculty-staff golf event) are urged to contact David Mann as soon as possible. To stimulate interest, the Speaker challenges all who read this to a graphite driver contest: who can hit the ball farthest out of bounds with a graphite driver compared to a standard driver wins.

--It was reported that College officials took part in discussions concerning a pending interest in housing a magnet high school within our physical plant. Such a planned school would assist with the local school board's overall desegregation plans. Those discussions, which took place, were fruitless. It was reported that the College could not guarantee space for magnet high school students given the C of C's current facilities.
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Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Assistance: Susan J. Morrison, [Biology], Chair:
"The forthcoming publication of the 1988-89, 1989-90 College Bulletin necessitated review of many sections of the Bulletin. In particular, statements clarifying the Admissions policy, for regular students, readmitted students, Continuing Education students and other categories, were reviewed, revised and approved. The standards for receiving honors at graduation were raised. Several additional catalog [bulletin] revisions were approved and brought to the faculty for approval or information. The academic calendar for 1988-1990 was reviewed. Among the changes suggested and adopted was one to distribute reading days throughout the final exam period rather than clustering all three of them [exam reading days] at the beginning.

"The appeals of 9 students whose scholarships were terminated were evaluated; of these, 3 were approved, 1 received conditional approval, and 6 were denied. The committee also reviewed petitions of 16 students; 11 were approved, 4 were denied and 1 was withdrawn. The committee is particularly concerned about the increasing number of students petitioning for exemption from the foreign language requirement based on a learning disability. The Learning Disability policy tops the list of agenda items for spring semester.

"A subcommittee on scholarships, chaired by Mike Katuna [Geology], and a subcommittee on the financial aid renewal policy, chaired by Tom Langley [P.E./Health], expect to bring items to the full committee in the near future."

Reports from the following committees were made during regular faculty meetings:

Student Affairs and Athletics, Research and Development, Curriculum, Welfare, and Academic Standards.

No other committee reports were received as of 1-2-88.

STILL MORE
"FOR YOUR INFORMATION"

--Dean Gordon D. Schaber of McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, wrote to prospective law students: "Learn to write... Far too many students do not perform as well as they might because they cannot express themselves clearly and correctly... Writing skills are gained by practice, of course, but also by reading good books and articles. ... You will probably find that the best writers are those who are simple and concise in their choice of language, yet well-organized, logical, and imaginative in their thinking."

--As published on 1-2-88 in the Charleston News and Courier/Evening Post, among phrases banished by The Unicorn Hunters are the cutting edge and political science. The latter is considered to be an oxymoron in this presidential election year; the former "had to be banished before someone is sliced to ribbons." Other phrases banished were safe sex, free gift, road car, alternate life style, living in poverty, and orientate. In this group, the latter is considered to be an "example of polysyllabificationing." I would add to the list: network used as a verb and analyzation.

--The cutting edge proposal is being dissected by the state legislature (no pun intended). In several articles written 12-28-87 in The State, some aspects of the proposal, including its all-important sources of funding, are being criticized by legislators who are in significant committee positions. This semi-oxymoronic political scientist predicts that some of the proposal will be funded, but not at recommended levels. "C of C will gain little. One hastens to add that nowhere in the cutting edge is there a proposal for increases in faculty base salary levels."

--The formula for funding the state colleges may increase from 88% of the Southeastern average of "full formula funding" to as much as 91%. Only if the formula increases may it be possible that additional salary increases will be forthcoming. The next edition of FN will discuss this issue with the detail it richly deserves.

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assistance is welcomed. The "mandated" publication of a weekly Meeting News has either assisted faculty awareness of what goes on or has generated a rather large set of circular file memos. The Speaker's Bulletin Board in Maybank's Faculty Lounge may be providing "little known facts little worth knowing." I have tried to remain accessible, both in my office during the day and around the campus--to be available, in other words--to receive your views. Suggestions on any of these matters are welcome.

Part of the Speaker's charge is to issue an update for the Faculty-Administration Manual (FAM). The update as of December 15th appears as a supplement to this edition. I have in addition suggested to Dr. Lightsey and Dr. Festa that a FAM revision of larger scope may be necessary for two reasons. First, FAM is outdated in many respects. Titles are printed for offices that no longer exist according to the most current organizational charts available; there is confusion about the rainbow of colored sheet sections distributed in the last two years; FAM is difficult to read. Second, FAM may be unnecessarily redundant and therefore too large a document to be very useful. As much of the dust from the past two years is settled, a "new and improved"--and hopefully shorter--FAM should emerge.

There is much left to do in the remaining semester. Best wishes and good luck to all for Spring '89.

"How to Swim with Sharks"--excerpt
(circulated anonymously a few years ago)

No one wants to swim with sharks. Learn that waters are shark infested before commencing to swim. Rules make it possible to survive.

1. Assume unidentified fish are sharks. Not all sharks look like sharks. Some fish which are not sharks sometimes act like sharks.

2. Do not bleed. Experience shows that bleeding prompts an even more aggressive attack. Those who cannot learn to control their bleeding should not attempt to swim with sharks. The control of bleeding has a positive protective element for the swimmer. The sharks will be confused. They begin questioning their own potency or believe the swimmer to have supernatural powers.

3. Counter any aggression promptly. Sharks rarely attack without warning. The appropriate countermove is a sharp blow to the nose. Some swimmers believe that an ingratiating attitude will dispel an attack. This is not correct.

4. Get out if someone is bleeding. The presence of blood will elicit aggressive behavior.

5. Use anticipatory retaliation. See rule #3. But remember that sharks bleed also. It may not be possible to distinguish renegade swimmers from sharks.

6. Disorganize an organized attack. Sharks may launch a coordinated attack. The proper strategy is diversion. Generate internal dissension or stimulate blind fury so that sharks fight among themselves. It is unethical to counter an attack by diverting sharks' attention to another swimmer.