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5:00, Wachovia Auditorium
- September 14 (agenda items due Sept. 2)
- October 5 (agenda items due Sept. 23)
- November 2 (agenda items due Oct. 26)
- December 7 (agenda items due Nov. 23)
- January 18 (agenda items due Jan. 7)
- February 8 (agenda items due Jan. 27)
- March 1 (agenda items due Feb. 17)
- April 5 (agenda items due March 24)
- April 12 (if needed)

2010-2011 Senate Dates

It is appropriate to begin my first newsletter with a special thank you to Joe Kelly and Terry Bowers for their years of leadership and service as Speaker of the Faculty and Faculty Secretary. Both gave generously of their time over the past three years, and everyone on the faculty has benefited from their work.

The electronic edition of the newsletter has proven to be an efficient and cost effective way to communicate with the faculty. In addition, the electronic archive of past newsletters is a handy resource. I plan to continue publishing these electronic bulletins, and you can plan on hearing from me periodically with updated news and information that is of interest to the faculty.

As a new feature, I hope to include in the newsletter short announcements of special achievements of faculty members. For this to be successful, your help is needed. Please send me information about awards, recognitions, and extraordinary achievements that you, your colleagues, or your programs have recently earned. It is important that we take the time to recognize the accomplishments of our faculty colleagues, and by learning about the activities of others, we may all be inspired to take on new challenges ourselves.

This issue of the newsletter recognizes the recipients of the college-wide awards. Please send me new items to include in the next newsletter.

The Faculty Senate website is continuing to be developed (http://facultysenate.cofc.edu/). The site not only hosts current information about the Senate and faculty committees, but is increasingly being used to archive records and reports. Thank you to committee chairs who submitted reports at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. A number of committees have already elected their chairs for the upcoming year. Those that have not yet selected a new chair will need to do so before the fall semester gets underway.

If there are any issues that you would like to discuss, please don’t hesitate to contact me. My office is located in the Classics Department, 306A Randolph Hall. I can be reached by phone (953-8205) or e-mail (phillipsd@cofc.edu).

I hope your summer months are both restful and productive.

- Darryl Phillips, Speaker of the Faculty

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendars for two important events at the start of the fall semester to welcome to campus new students and our new faculty colleagues. As we no longer hold full meetings of the faculty at the start of the fall, I especially encourage you to attend the new faculty reception to meet our new colleagues from across the College.

New Student Convocation
(Monday, August 23, 4:00 P.M., Carolina First Arena)

New Faculty Reception
(Friday, August 27, 4:30 P.M., Addlestone Library)
Emeritus Faculty

If you missed the chance to attend the Celebration of Faculty Event on April 26, here are the retirees who were honored. Together this year’s retirees represent more than three centuries of service to the College. They will be missed!

Paul Allen
1974-2010
English

Clarence M. Condon
1980-2010
Economics & Finance

Linda C. Edwards
1981-2010
Teacher Education

Linda H. Fitzharris
1994-2010
Teacher Education

Christine A. Hope
1984-2009
Sociology/Anthropology

Thomas D. Langley
1984-2010
Health & Human Performance

David S. Mann
1977-2010
Political Science

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Notes from the June 7 Board of Trustees Meeting

At its June meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an increase in tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year. For undergraduate students, both the in-state and out-of-state tuition rate will increase by $1,326. For graduate students, the increase is $1,460. For all students, this amounts to an increase of a little more than $100 per month over the course of a year. The new revenue generated will help to offset, although it does not fully restore, the cuts in state support that have totaled almost $16 million over the past 2½ years.

The budget approved for 2010-2011 will allow us to begin moving forward on implementing the strategic plan. The largest single new expenditure will be an additional $3 million in student financial aid – this represents an increase of approximately 25% to the financial aid budget of the College. Seven new faculty lines and twelve new staff lines will be funded. In addition, some funds have been earmarked for merit salary increases for faculty. In the months ahead, we will learn more about the allocation of these new resources. The decision to raise tuition in these challenging economic times was a difficult one, and it demonstrates the commitment of the Trustees to implementing the strategic plan. I encourage you to read the Op-Ed piece written by President Benson and Board of Trustees Chairwoman Marie Land that discusses the tuition increase and the need to move ahead with new initiatives (http://news.cofc.edu/2010/06/president-and-bot-chair-comments-on-college-tuition/).

In other business, the Board approved a resolution to terminate the Masters Program in Bilingual Interpreting in Spanish. The decision was based on a variety of factors, including lower than expected enrollments and recommendations from an external review of the program. Students currently enrolled in the program will be able to complete their coursework, but no new students will be admitted.

- Darryl Phillips
Faculty Award Winners

Distinguished Teaching Award:
Narayanan Kuthirummal, Physics
The recipients of this award demonstrate high standards and commitment to teaching excellence imparted throughout their careers. Dr. NK is no exception; as he currently teaches both upper level applied physics courses and introductory level physics, he also finds time to be active in K-12 educational outreach activities. He has supervised 17 senior research projects and published 38 refereed papers. Beloved by his students, Dr. NK is also active in creating new courses as well as a new concentration in Energy Production.

Distinguished Service Award:
Lynne Ford, Political Science
This award recognizes the contributions of a colleague who, beyond his or her required duties, has a sustained career of serving the college community. Dr. Ford joined the College in 1991 and served as chair of her department from 2000 until 2008. During her time here, she has been involved in and led a number of campus-wide initiatives including: a major review of General Education, a Faculty Compensation study, the Identity of the College, First Year Experience, and The College Reads. She serves on the editorial board of two political science journals and has served in a variety of leadership capacities with the American Political Science Association and the Southern Political Science Association.

Distinguished Research Award:
P. Chris Fragile, Physics
This award recognizes those who have distinguished themselves by a career of significant research. Dr. Fragile has published over 30 articles in refereed journals, given more than 20 invited or contributed talks at national and international meetings, and won more than half a million dollars in research grants. His current research interests are in the areas of high energy astrophysics (X- and gamma-ray astronomy) and compact objects (white dwarfs, neutron stars, and black holes).

Emeritus Faculty (continued from page 2)

J. Franklin Morris
1978-2010
Classics

Mary W. Rivers
2000-2009
Mathematics

Hugh T. Wilder
1981-2010
Philosophy

* One faculty member wishes to remain unlisted
As the College moves forward with the Battery Project, functions of CougarTrail and SIS are being moved over to the MyCharleston system. On June 10 the new “Faculty” tab became available. The “Faculty” tab brings to the MyCharleston system the functions that faculty previously accessed on CougarTrail and also consolidates information for faculty from other sources. The next time you log on to MyCharleston, be sure to spend a few minutes exploring the new “Faculty” tab. You’ll have access to your fall semester class rolls, links to faculty forms and policies, as well as new quick links to faculty governance information. Tutorials and instructions to help you work with the Banner system can be found in the “Help & Training” tab.

Faculty Club

The Faculty Club on 20 Glebe is open from 8 am until 5 pm throughout the summer. Please drop by for coffee or a cold drink. Bi-monthly events will start again mid-August. Visit the faculty club website for more details.

Faculty Award Winners (continued from page 3)

Distinguished Advising Award:

This award is given to faculty/staff who have demonstrated a dedication to students in the advising area.

Gorka Sancho, Biology
Since 2005, Dr. Sancho has been the Marine Biology Advisor working with those majors. In addition to his regular advisees, he “collects” unofficial advisees. His students vary from prospective students on a campus visit to graduate students, with many seeking him out for advising long after they have left the College.

Catherine Thomas, English
Dr. Thomas, a member of the English faculty since 2005 and Director of the British Studies Program, officially advises English majors, British Studies minors, and all students who are considering study abroad in the U.K. or Ireland. Unofficially, she advises many more. She excels at encouraging her students to do undergraduate research, study abroad, and present at conferences, and she works hard to prepare her students for anything from graduate school to study abroad.

William V. Moore Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Award

Christopher Korey, Biology

This award honors colleagues who exemplify the teacher-scholar model and whose scholarship and teaching have enriched the intellectual lives of their students. Dr. Korey is honored for the quality, quantity, and range of his mentoring. He works with students at all levels, mentoring them in a variety of contexts. His research projects have yielded a dozen regional and national presentations with student co-authors, and so far he has peer-reviewed publications with nearly half of the 22 students he has mentored.

-Heather Alexander

A special thank-you to Susan Morrison, who contributed so much to these bios.