Over the summer, the Faculty Secretariat moved from Maybank to Randolph Hall 108. Now located in the basement of Randolph, we’ve got facilities for small committee meetings—up to seven or eight seats around a meeting table. Committee chairs should feel free to book this room for their meetings—just call Bertie Mack, our administrative assistant, at 3-5425.

Joe Kelly, Speaker of the Faculty, will be in this office on most Monday and Friday mornings, if you’d like to drop in to discuss any faculty business.

President Benson will be installed as the President of the College of Charleston on 5 October. Ceremonies begin 3pm on the afternoon of the 4th with a faculty panel on the theme “Gateways” and conclude with a reception on Friday following the installation ceremony. Faculty are encouraged to attend: please RSVP by Monday, 1 October, at this number: 3-5500. As of today, 80 faculty have committed to attend, which is not yet double the number of delegates from other universities. A highlight of the events will be the faculty panel on Thursday afternoon featuring Karen Chandler, Kelly Shaver, Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Cindi May, Simon Lewis, and Norman Levine.

**Inauguration**

**Thursday, October 4, 2007:**
- Faculty Panel
  - 3:00 p.m., Physicians Auditorium
- Dessert Extravaganza
  - 4:00 p.m., Physicians Promenade
- Meet George on George
  - 6:00 p.m., George Street in front of Porters Lodge

**Friday, October 5, 2007:**
- 2:30 p.m., Installation Ceremony
  - Sottile Theatre
- Reception immediately following ceremony on the Cistern yard.
Fall Meetings

Senate meetings this fall:

(All meetings are in the Wachovia Auditorium of the Beatty Center)

• October 9 (agenda items due September 27, 3:00 p.m.)

• November 13 (agenda items due November 1, 3:00 p.m.)

• December 4 (agenda items due November 22, 3:00 p.m.)

Special Senate meetings to consider the General Education Proposal:

• September 18
• September 25
• October 2
• October 23
• October 30
• November 6

Classroom Problems?

Don Burkard of Enrollment Management prepared a report for the administration outlining the main problems with classroom facilities; among the causes of these problems was the diffusion of responsibility, so Burkhard called for the creation of a Classroom Management Committee to directly advise the Provost and President on all matters concerning classrooms. Faculty on the committee include Kathy DeHaan, Bill Lindstrom, Lynne Ford, Joe Kelly, Susan Morrison, Michael Phillips. The committee has met a number of times under the leadership of Catherine Boyd, the Registrar, and has drafted for itself a mission statement, which includes these duties:

- Inventory of classroom spaces, features, equipment, technology
- Security of the classrooms
- Technology and media needs
- Maintenance of classrooms
- Furnishings
- Handicap accessibility
- Safety in classrooms and hallways
- Scheduling of classroom space
- Building and classroom signage
- Immediate assistance for faculty
- Determination of future development and prioritization of new and renovated classroom space
- Periodic review and assessment of classroom inventories, policies and procedures

To view materials for the Senate meetings, visit the Senate website

Faculty Governance

Last Spring, Larry Krasnoff in the Philosophy department publicly raised the issue of faculty governance. (You can view Dr. Krasnoff’s statement at www.cofc.edu/~krasnoff/statement.html)

In response to this statement, to my own perceptions of inadequacies in faculty governance, and to numerous anecdotal observations from others, especially committee chairs, I formed a special advisory group to help me devise a systematic way of reviewing and possibly reforming faculty governance. This group consists of Dr. Krasnoff, five previous Speakers of the Faculty (Bob Mignone, Jack Parson, George Pothering, Trisha Folds-Bennett, Hugh Wilder), and Bev Diamond, Associate
... faculty governance continued

Provost.

This group has met and will continue to meet this semester. Based on the advice of this brain trust, I will recommend that the Senate form an ad hoc committee to deal with faculty governance. The constitution and mission of this committee are still being drafted and will, of course, be subject to the Senate's approval and revision.

President Benson announced a new Strategic Planning initiative at the Fall Meeting of the Faculty. He asked me, as Speaker, to suggest candidates for a core committee that will direct the effort. In consultation with this “brain trust” and the Committee on Nominations and Elections, I forwarded to him a list of seventeen faculty from the six schools and the library. Taking into account these recommendations and the recommendations of the Provost, Dr. Benson will soon form a core committee to oversee the Strategic Plan.

Faculty Compensation

As most of you probably already know, President Benson wants to institute a new culture at the College regarding faculty raises. He’s assured the Speaker that no changes will be made precipitously. As he discussed in his address to the faculty on 10 September, Dr. Benson wants to increase the pool of money available for faculty raises while simultaneously changing the method by which raises are determined. The new method would combine considerations of merit with market values. The faculty, Dr. Benson said, will be highly influential in establishing methods of measuring merit.

The Senate’s Compensation Committee has met several times, and Hugh Wilder, the committee’s chair, met with President Benson to gather information about his ideas for this "merit/market" based system of annual salary increases. The Committee will be discussing this new system and will work with departments, deans and Academic Affairs in making recommendations about the new system.

General Education

The Senate is largely occupied with the proposal for a new general education curriculum. Part of this curriculum was passed by the 2006-2007 Senate, but most of it was left for this year’s session.

We have scheduled a series of special meetings to discuss the proposal page-by-page (see the meeting Fall meeting schedule on p. 2). The agendas for these meetings are published at the Senate website and at the end of this newsletter. The Proposal itself is also available on the web.

At its first special meeting, the Senate passed an amended version of Goal I.3 Foreign Language, and the first portion of Goal II.1: Mathematical Reasoning and Analysis. It began discussion of the second portion of Goal II.1, Scientific Reasoning and Analysis, and part of Goal III.1, Knowledge of the Natural World, which it resumed on 25 September in the Wachovia Auditorium of the Beatty Center. The debate is still unfinished, and will continue on 2 October.

The Speaker would like to compliment the faculty on its collegial conduct during these spirited debates.
Speaker of the Faculty

The newly elected Speaker of the Faculty is Joe Kelly, a professor in the Department of English.

His recent publications include an article on Henry Laurens, a President of the Continental Congress, in the South Carolina Historical Magazine, and the forthcoming second editions of his Seagull Readers series of textbooks, Poems, Stories, and Essays.

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Faculty Secretary

Terence Bowers starts his first term as Faculty Secretary. Dr. Bowers teaches courses on British and European literature and composition. His recent publications include “Conrad’s Aeneid: Heart of Darkness and the Classical Epic” in Conradiana, and “Robert Curzon, Orientalism, and the Ars Peregrinationes” in the Victorians Institute Journal.

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About the Senate...

The Faculty Senate is the main legislative body for the faculty of the College of Charleston, consisting of senators who represent each academic department and also senators elected to represent the College at large. Three Senate Committees and seventeen

College committees conduct most of the business of the faculty and report to the Senate.

Senate and College Committee Chairs:
Academic Planning, Paul Young
Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Aid, Larry Krasnoff
Advisory Committee to the President, Jason Coy
Assessment, Burton Callicott
Budget, Norris Preyer
By-Laws and Faculty Administration Manual, Brian McGee
Compensation, Hugh Wilder
Curriculum, Gerry Gonsalves
Faculty Welfare, Bethany Goodier
Graduate Education, Continuing Education, and Special Programs, Amanda Ruth
Grievance, Deborah Boyle
Hearing, Rick Heldrich
Honors, Zeff Bjerken
Library, Elijah Siegler
Nominations and Elections, Kathy DeHaan
Post-Tenure Review, Denis Keyes
Research and Development, Timothy Carens
Student Affairs and Athletics, Jocelyn Evans
Technology, Mark Hurd
Tenure and Promotion, Pamela Riggs-Gelasco
Faculty Senate
Meetings devoted to the General Education Proposal
5-7pm, Wachovia Auditorium

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October 2:
• completion of Goals II.1 and III.1, Scientific Reasoning/Knowledge of the Natural World Page 6
• Goal II.2, Social and Cultural Analysis Page 7
• Goal II.3, Interdisciplinary Analysis and Creative Problem Solving Page 8
• Goal III.1, Knowledge of Human History Page 9

October 23:
• Goal III.2, Artistic, Cultural, and Intellectual Achievement Page 10
• Goal III.3, Human Behavior and Social Interaction Page 11
• Goal III.4, Perspectives and Contributions of Academic Disciplines Page 12

October 30:
• Goal IV.1, Knowledge of International and Global Contexts Page 13
• Goal IV.2, Experience, Understanding and Using Multiple Cultural Perspectives Page 14
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• Goal VI, Advanced Knowledge and Skills in Major; Expression of Intent Page 16

November 6:
• Debate on the entire main motion: pages 4-18

November 20:
• Proposal for a General Education standing committee Pages 19-20