The Senate met Tuesday, April 19th, for an hour and 45 minutes. Since it did not complete all the items on its agenda, a second session will be held on Tuesday, April 26th, at 5 p.m. in ECTR 116.

The Senate accomplished the following business (full minutes of these discussion will be distributed later).

--The Speaker reported briefly to the faculty, encouraging them to attend Commencement. He also invited Laura Lindroth (Health Educator from the Counseling and Substance Abuse Office) to assist him in reporting on the proposed Tobacco Control Policy that her office is helping the SGA to develop. She informed the Senate as to the results of a recent campus survey, in which faculty and staff indicated a general willingness to confine smoking to more limited areas and to enforce tobacco control more stringently. This policy would be offered to the Senate sometime next year, and would then be sent to the President, who would make the final decision on whether to implement it.

--The Committee on By-laws brought two proposals. The first, which would allow department chairs to serve as Senators regardless of their teaching load, was approved. The second proposal, on the duties and composition of the Faculty Educational Technology Committee was amended (changing the requirements for the makeup of the committee into recommendations) and then passed.

--The Committee on Academic Standards brought two proposals to the Senate. The first was a proposal to create a grade of XF to be used by the Honor Board when a student is convicted of certain Honor Board offenses. After much discussion, the Senate voted to remand the proposal to committee for further review. The second proposal, which clarified the College’s policy on probation and readmission for visiting Maymester and Summer Session students, was approved.

The Senate completed its April meeting on April 26th, meeting from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Here is a brief summary of the highlights, with full minutes to follow later:

--All proposals from the Curriculum Committee passed except the proposal for a self-designed major. After much discussion, the Senate voted to remand that proposal to next year’s Curriculum Committee for further consideration of the concerns that Senators had raised.

--All proposals from the Graduate Committee passed.

--Finally, the Senate approved a resolution brought by George Hopkins on implementation of the Labor Day Holiday. The Senate voted to charge the 2005-2006 Welfare Committee to study models of implementation at other schools, and to bring a report to the October Senate meeting.

Julia Eichelberger
Faculty Secretary
The Faculty Senate met March 29th for about an hour. Here is a brief summary of the meeting (full minutes will follow).

Provost Elise Jorgens, along with Kay Smith, Vice President for the Academic Experience, and Amy McCandless, Associate Provost, reported on a variety of efforts that are being implemented across campus to improve retention.

The Committee on Nominations presented slates of nominees for 2005-2006 Senate committees (Academic Planning, By-laws, and Budget). All these slates were elected by the Senate.

The Senate approved all the nominees proposed by the Committee for next year’s Committee on Nominations and Elections, and added three more names to fill out the committee. This slate will be voted on by the full faculty at the April 11th meeting:

Marion Doig, Chemistry & Biochemistry
Susan Farrell, English
Frank Morris, Classics, German, Italian, Japanese, and Russian
Michael Phillips, Library
Beverly Diamond, Mathematics
Annette Godow, Physical Education and Health
Karen Berg, Hispanic Studies

The Faculty Technology Committee presented a motion which was not voted on, but was sent to the By-Laws committee.

The Faculty Welfare Committee presented a draft motion on the College’s observance of the Labor Day holiday. It will bring a revised motion back to the Senate at a later meeting.

All the proposals presented by the Faculty Curriculum Committee passed.

Remaining Senate Meetings for Spring 2005:

April 19th (Agenda Deadline April 7th)
Spring 2005 Faculty Meeting:
April 11th (Agenda Deadline March 31st)
The Faculty Senate met this evening at 5 PM. Here is a brief summary, with full minutes to be distributed later:

--The Committee on Tenure and Promotion presented an amended version of the proposal they had introduced previously, instituting the possibility of a 4th-year review to be conducted if the Provost recommended against retention. After a discussion, the Senate voted not to approve this proposal.

--All proposals by the Committee on Graduate Education and the Curriculum Committee were approved by the Senate.

--The Faculty Welfare Committee proposed that the Senate endorse a resolution that the President and the Director of Human Resources form an Adjunct Welfare Committee. This resolution was endorsed by the Senate.

Julia Eichelberger
Faculty Secretary
Faculty Senate Meeting Highlights
November 30, 2004

The Senate met for an hour and a half on November 30th. Incredible as it may seem, they completed their entire agenda. Here is a brief summary (full minutes to follow).

--All proposals from the Curriculum Committee and the Committee on Graduate Education (for course changes, new courses, program changes, or new programs) passed.

--Two proposals from the Committee on Academic Standards were passed. One proposal was to change the policy that forbids a student to take 18 hours of coursework during Summer School. The policy, which cannot be enforced, and with the Senate’s approval, it will now take the form of a recommendation rather than a prohibition.

The other proposal was to make it impossible for students to withdraw from a course during the normal withdrawal period if they had been found guilty by the Honor Board of an Honor Code violation. If they were found guilty, they could not withdraw, but would receive the grade assigned to them by the professor.

--The Committee on Tenure and Promotion brought a proposal that would allow the Provost to request a fourth-year review for candidates who seemed marginal at the third year. After much discussion, the proposal was remanded to the committee.

Julia Eichelberger
Faculty Secretary
To: Faculty  
From: Julia Eichelberger, Faculty Secretary  
About: Highlights of Faculty Senate meeting  
6 October 2004

The Faculty Senate met Tuesday, October 5, 2004 for about an hour and a half. Here is a brief summary of what happened (full minutes to follow).

After a lengthy discussion of the proposed new major and minor in Discovery Informatics, the Senate approved the proposal as well as all the others offered by the Curriculum Committee.

The Senate voted to endorse George Hopkins’ resolution urging the College to observe the Labor Day as a holiday.

5 faculty were elected to serve on Ad Hoc General Education committee. These faculty are:
--Deborah Boyle (Philosophy & Religious Studies; School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
--Julia Eichelberger (English; School of Humanities and Social Sciences)
--Alex Kasman (Mathematics; School of Sciences and Mathematics)
--Susan Kattwinkel (Theater; School of the Arts)
--Allan Strand (Biology; School of Sciences and Mathematics)

N.B. For your convenience, all faculty election results are also posted at the address, below thanks to Deb Vaughn, the Faculty Senate Webmaster.
http://www.cofc.edu/~senate/electionreturns.html#ged

Remaining Fall 2004 Senate Meetings (Tuesdays at 5 PM)

**November 2;** agenda deadline October 21, 4 PM

**November 30;** agenda deadline November 18, 4 PM
To: Faculty  
From: Julia Eichelberger, Faculty Secretary  
About: September Senate meeting

**Highlights**

The Faculty Senate met on Tuesday, September 7, for an hour and a half. Here are the highlights (full minutes to follow):

--Susan Kattwinkel was elected Speaker Pro Tem for 2004-2005.

--Provost Elise Jorgens addressed the faculty regarding several initiatives now underway: changed requirements in the presentation of materials for tenure and promotion, a concerted effort to raise the College’s rate of retention, and a plan to re-examine the College’s general education requirements.

--Kristen Wing spoke to faculty about the College Bookstore, and announced that a survey on the bookstore’s practices had been developed by the Bookstore Advisory Committee and would be sent to faculty soon.

--Skip Godow reported to faculty on developments in the Lowcountry Graduate Center and on the increased resources that the LGC is now bringing to the College.

--The Speaker urged all faculty to attend the Fall Faculty on Monday, 13 September. Both the President and the Provost will address the faculty on important developments underway at the College.

--All proposals from the Curriculum Committee passed except for one, a proposal for BIOL 414/614 Environmental Immunology. This proposed course was to be cross-listed at both the graduate and the undergraduate level and requires the approval of the Graduate Committee before the Senate can vote on it, so it was remanded to this committee.

--The Committee on Nominations and Elections held two elections, with these results:

Elected to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on the First Year Experience:
- Susan Kattwinkel, Theatre
- Chris Korey, Biology
- Melanie Kyer, German
- Jack Parson, Political Science
- Phillip Powell, Library
- RoxAnn Stalvey, Computer Science
- Trish Ward, English

Elected to serve on the Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education:
- Rohn England, Mathematics.