The Speaker called the Senate to order on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 5:07 PM, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM. The meeting continued on Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 5:05 PM and adjourned at 5:56 PM.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as posted.

Reports

Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney gave a brief report in order to complete the full agenda.

He thanked the Ad hoc Committee on Hearing Procedures for their work, including Chair Roger Daniels, and committee members Claire Curtis, Susan Farrell, John Huddlestun, Deanna Caveny-Noecker, Conrad Festa, Carl Wise, and Angela Mulholland.

President Glenn McConnell delivered prepared remarks (the full minutes will include a transcript, as delivered). The President

- expressed appreciation for all the hard work done by faculty and staff for the College.
- gave an update on accreditation, thanking those who worked on the reaccreditation document, reviewing the timeline, reporting that the onsite visit went well and that the SACSCOC Team had no recommendations. He said the ten-year accreditation will be approved in December.
- spoke of the QEP implementation and remarked that our students will face sustainability problems in their lifetime. The College will infuse sustainability in curriculum and in all college activities, including building projects.
- spoke of state appropriations and the budget. The College and all state institutions submitted budget requests and proposals earlier this year. President McConnell spoke of upcoming challenges to the College budget, and the good news of a higher education bond bill that will help with facility repairs and renovations. If the bill is passed and signed into law, some building projects will be started in 2017 or 2018. Construction continues at Rita Hollings Science center.
- shared his vision for the future, and spoke of the 2009 strategic plan and the idea of “greatness.” He voiced definition for the College, shared with the Board of Trustees, as “The College of Charleston is a national, pre-eminent, comprehensive public university deeply rooted in the liberal arts and sciences tradition offering leading edge programs in business, technology, education, and languages and dedicated to its public mission of advancing the region’s economy, culture, and future. The College empowers students, both
undergraduate and graduate, to be engaged, ethical citizens and leaders in a
global society.

- asserted the need to put students needs first; by prioritizing the student
  experience, our quality improves.
- focused on three overarching themes: the mind, the body, and the spirit.
- said that over next 4 years, the College will invest in the mind by investing in
  more innovative academic programming and course work, incorporating
  sustainability literacy, with a focus on digital and tech knowledge literacy
  across disciplines.
- said that investing in the body, the student body, will be improved in quality
  and inclusion in key areas of increasing enrollment of undergraduates and
  graduates, expanding the School of Professional Studies to attract more adult
  learners, raising SAT and ACT scores, increasing the percentage and number
  of underrepresented student populations, with special emphasis on African –
  American and International students, improving retention rates, boosting four
  year graduation rates.
- said that the theme spirit shows values, and what kind of graduates College
  produces. The College will foster spirit by emphasizing core values.
- emphasized that mind, body, spirit will significantly elevate the student
  experience.
- stated that the College is well-positioned to accomplish a Golden Age as the
  250th anniversary is approached in 2020.

The President responded to several questions.

Provost Brian McGee (pdf)

- thanked Speaker Todd McNerney for three years of work. The Speaker
  enjoyed well-earned applause.
- reflected on the good work of the students, the impressive work of faculty and
  staff, and gave a report on tenure and promotion. He thanked all the
  colleagues who worked on panel letters and advisory review.
- noted that getting a report back from SACSCOC with no recommendations is
  the best report in last 30 years.
- spoke of Trump presidency plans to deregulate may affect policy
  development.
• shared that there will soon be a draft report produced by the ad hoc committee on the graduate school’s organization and thanked the members and Chair of the committee Dean Fran Welch for their work.

• revisions produced by Bylaws and FAM Committee will be incorporated and will appear in the 2019/2020 FAM.

Lynn Cherry, Associate Provost for Curriculum and Institutional Resources introduced Curriculog, the new electronic curriculum process (PPT). She stated that there are many advantages to the system, including less paper and a more transparent process. All can see where the curriculum proposals are in the approval process.

Chris Fragile, Post-Tenure Review (PTR) gave a Committee report on recommended changes to the FAM concerning the PTR process (pdf). He expressed areas that the committee felt needed clarification are in the area of faculty requesting deferrals and when is a faculty member eligible for a superior rating? The recommendation from the committee is that faculty can go for superior rating at their convenience, within existing time frames. They also recommended that it be stated in the FAM very clearly that faculty have some sort of review every six years. There were several questions.

Roger Daniels, Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Hearing Procedures, suggested changes to the FAM (pdf). Daniels offered a summary of the committee’s recommendations that include a statement on conflict of interest, authorizing the Hearing Committee to determine if there is a conflict of interest, stating numbers of years to serve on the Hearing Committee, tightening up the timeframe, and asking for open dialog if there is a decision contrary to the recommendations of the Hearing Committee. There was discussion. The ad hoc committee’s recommendations will go to the Committee on Bylaws and the FAM.

At this point, the Speaker yielded the floor to Speaker Pro Tempore Larry Krasnoff.

Quinn Burke, Chair, Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Aid Committee presented a Motion: The Faculty Senate charges the Faculty Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions & Financial Aid (FCAS) to present a final Grade Redemption Policy for the Senate’s consideration and vote at the September 2017 Faculty Senate meeting. (doc) Burke wanted to ensure that the next committee works on this issue. The motion carried.

Jason Vance, Chair, Committee on Bylaws and the FAM brought a report (doc) and a motion (doc) on a Proposed Motion to Change the Order of Senate Business. Vance reported that there are already provisions in the Bylaws that allow the Speaker of the Faculty to modify the order of the agenda, and any Senator can call for a change in agenda order, if there is a concern that important business be addressed in the first part of the Senate meeting. There was discussion on the motion. The Speaker Pro Tempore called for a vote and the motion did not pass.

Lynne Ford, Associate Vice President for the Academic Experience elaborated on Gen Ed and Catalog Year Policy (doc). Ford offered the following clarifications for the Senate’s
approval. Three types of changes may be made to the GenEd curriculum: courses may be added, deleted and requirements may be changed. For clarity, Ford offered a summary of how the changes affect the catalog years.

- Any courses approved for addition to the list of approved GE courses will apply to CY 2015 and all subsequent catalog years.
- Any courses approved for deletion to the list of approved GE courses will apply to the next catalog year (e.g. 2017-18) and all subsequent catalog years, but not retroactively to previous CY years.
- Any change to a GE requirement will apply to the next catalog year (e.g. 2017-18) and all subsequent catalog years, but not retroactively to previous CY years.

After discussion, Speaker Pro Tempore Larry Krasnoff asked for unanimous consent to endorse the clarification. That motion passed.

There was a motion to move unfinished business to April 18 at 5:00. That motion passed.

Items Discussed and Actions Taken on 18 April 2017

**Speaker McNerney** called to order the continued Senate meeting and reminded Senators of the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, and stated he will share the report and formal request on participating in evaluations of President and Provost. Speaker McNerney reminded everyone that Board of Trustee meetings are open to public and he encouraged Senators and interested others to attend.

A report traditionally given by the Faculty Compensation Committee at the final Faculty Senate meeting will be shared by Speaker McNerney via email.

Provost McGee asked for unanimous consent to amend the agenda to include a resolution to allow candidates to graduate. The agenda was amended, the resolution was introduced, and a vote was taken. The resolution to award degrees passed.

**New Business**

**Tom Kunkle, Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Elections** introduced the Slates and Election for the 2017-2018 Standing Senate Committees (doc), which were voted on and approved. The Speaker will make call to campus for members of Nomination and Elections.

**Shawn Morrison, Chair of the Committee on General Education** introduced Mathematics/Logic Alternative Coursework for General Education (doc). The Senate voted in favor.
Speaker McNerney introduced items on behalf of the Faculty Curriculum Committee. Chair Gayle Goudy was absent due to a family matter.

Each item was introduced, open for discussion, then voted on. All courses listed below were passed unanimously.

i. Asian Studies (Jin): create an independent study course in Hindi. (ASST)

ii. Archaeology (Newhard): change one of the options for its capstone experience. (ARCH)

iii. Biology (Byrum, Pritchard): BIOL 381 internship has revised SLOs and is now graded rather than P/F. They have submitted it to AA for reconsideration. (BIOL)

iv. Classics (Newhard): create 5 new courses, deactivate CLAS 221 and 222, change the title and/or description of 7 courses, while also restructuring the major and minor. (CLAS)

v. Communication (Kopfman): convert COMM 380 from a "Studies in" to a "Special Topics" course (COMM)

vi. Computer Science (Mountrouidou): create two new courses in computer security. (CSCI)

vii. Elementary Education (Perkins): Reactivate EDEE 374 to allow the Elementary Education department to teach out existing students who require that course (correct an oversight from last year). (EDEE 327)

viii. Middle Grades Education (Veal): Delete EDEE 327 from their Middle Grades Program major. (EDEE 374)

ix. English (Seaman): convert ten "Studies In" courses to "Special Topics" courses: ENGL 350, ENGL 360-366, ENGL 370, and ENGL 390 (ENGL)

x. Environmental and Sustainability Studies (Welch): add more electives to the program. (ENSS)

xi. Film Studies (Bruns): add several recently created courses to the list of options in their minor. (FMST)

xii. Geography (Long): create two new courses (GEOG 206 cross-listed with POLI 206 and GEOG 290) and add them to the minor. (GEOG)

xiii. Historic Preservation and Community Planning (Stiefel): change HPCP 290 a variable credit course (HPCP 290)

xiv. Historic Preservation and Community Planning (Gilmore): change description and renumber HPCP 280 to HPCP 306, create two new courses (HPCP 285 and HPCP 350, both formerly Special Topics), add more capstone courses to major, and add ARTH electives to HPCP major and minor. (HPCP major)

xv. Irish and Irish American Studies (Kelly): remove a restriction that students can count only six hours of IIAS 304 toward the minor. (IIAS)
xvi. Latin American and Caribbean Studies (Colomina-Garrigós): add seven courses (FYSE 125, LING 260, MUSC 234, HONS 381, SPAN 400, SPAN 401, SPAN 491) to their major and minor. (LACS)

xvii. Political Science (Curtis): create three new courses (one cross-listed with GEOG), rename POLI 310, renumber POLI 368, make corresponding changes to their major, and lastly add one of the new courses to the newly approved PLCY concentration (POLI)

xviii. Hispanic Studies (Del Mastro, Moreira, Moreira): New Portuguese Minor with three new courses, one deactivation, catalog description changes on six courses, and prerequisites changes on six courses. (PORT)

xix. Public Health (Sundstrom): revisions to the ethics courses in B.A. program. (PBHL BA)

xx. Public Health (Balinsky): create a new course (HEAL 470) and add it to their B.S. (PBHL BS)

xxi. Philosophy (Grantham): PHIL wants to reword the catalog description of the BA. They also want to restructure the minor to emphasize depth rather than breadth. (PHIL)

xxii. Psychology (Galuska): create new course (PSYCH 198) to formalize volunteer lab work experiences, create a new course (PSYC 330) and add to the BA, BS, and minor, and deactivate PSYC 355. (PSYC)

xxiii. Sociology (Burkett): change the description of SOCY 260. They also want to restructure their minor: making the core smaller (a choice of one of three 200-level classes, instead of requiring two specific 200-level classes), and making the elective portion broader (adding a requirement that the courses come from two different areas within Sociology). (SOCY)

xxiv. Supply Chain and Information Management (Shockley): add INFM 390 to the electives in their major (SCIM)

xxv. Theater (Appler): create a new concentration within their major, focused on academic study of theater, rather than performance and design. They also propose a new course that will be required within the concentration. (THTR)

xxvi. Urban Studies (Keenan): add a new category in their minor, for sustainable urbanism (URST)

xxvii. Women and Gender Studies (TBD): change major and minor: add LACS 310 as elective, and add WGST 400 as an alternative to WGST 401. (WGST)

Christine Finnan, Chair of the Committee on Graduate Education introduced the following course changes and proposals. Each item was introduced, open for discussion, then voted on. All course matters passed.

i. MED Languages - remove EDFS 704 from ESOL emphasis
- **LALE - REMOVE COURSE**

ii. MAT Performing Arts - remove 1 hour of 2 hours of MUSE 601 from degree requirements for Choral concentration
  - **EDPA - CHANGE TO DEGREE REQS**

iii. MS Marine Biology - remove requirement for organismal elective course
  - **MBIO - REMOVE REQ IN ELECTIVES**

iv. MFA Creative Writing - add ENGL courses to electives - *this proposal has 3 bookmarked sections*
  - **MFA - ADD ELECTIVES**

v. MPA - delete PUBA 614, 615; new course PUBA 514 - *this proposal has 3 bookmarked sections*
  - **MPA - DELETE COURSES, NEW COURSE**

vi. Urban and Regional Planning Certificate - changes to certificate organization; add EVSS 549 and EVSS 605/PUBA634 to certificate - *this proposal has 2 bookmarked sections*
  - **URBP CERT - ORG CHANGE, ADD COURSES**

vii. MS Environmental Studies - delete EVSS 646; new course EVSS 611; change program to add and delete - *this proposal has 3 bookmarked sections*
  - **EVSS - NEW COURSE, DELETE COURSE**

viii. MPA and MS Environmental Studies - new course PUBA 651/EVSS 651; permission to cross-list; add PUBA 651 to MPA - *this proposal has 5 bookmarked sections*
  - **MPA&EVSS - NEW COURSE, CROSS-LIST, ADD COURSE**

ix. MPA and MS Environmental Studies Concurrent Program - delete EVSS 646 from degree requirements; add EVSS 611 and PUBA 651/EVSS 651 to degree requirements
  - **CONCUR.EVSS-MPA - ADD & DELETE COURSES**

x. MAT Elementary Education - remove co-req for EDEE 690 and 695; change course titles for EDEE 614, 665, 695; change course descriptions for EDEE 665 and 695 - *this proposal has 4 bookmarked sections*
  - **EDEL - TITLE, CO-REQ, DESCRIP. CHANGES**

xi. Teacher Education - new course TEDU 536
  - **TEDU - NEW COURSE**

xii. MAT programs and MED Languages - add TEDU 536 to technology course options for all MAT programs and MED Languages - *this proposal has 6 bookmarked sections*
  - **MAT&LALE - ADD COURSE TO TECH REQS**
MED Teaching, Learning, and Advocacy - add EDFS 685 to all concentrations; add MTLA 706 to Curriculum & Instruction concentration; remove MTLA 711 as required course in Diverse Learners concentration; remove MTLA 605 and 678 as required courses for New Literacies concentration; remove registration restrictions on EDFS 730, 731, 740, 741, 750, 751; remove EDFS 762, 763, 764, and MTLA 667 from New Literacies concentration; add MTLA 671 and 672 to New Literacies concentration - this proposal has 7 bookmarked sections

MTLA - CONCENTRATION CHANGES

Constituent’s general concerns
There were none expressed.

Speaker McNerney gave concluding remarks, and
  • encouraged everyone to attend Faculty Appreciation celebration.
  • spoke of his years of service as being continual learning and thanked everyone for giving him the chance.
  • offered statements on shared governance and its importance and fragility.

The Speaker enjoyed well-deserved applause.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannette Finch,
Faculty Secretary
These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 14 March 2017. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:05 PM and adjourned at 7:34 PM. The minutes of the February regular meeting were approved as posted.

Reports

Speaker Todd McNerney reported on:

- The report given by the Ad hoc Committee of Grievance Process and thanked the members of that committee.
- Faculty Senate Budget Committee will be having an open meeting with the division heads of Academic Affairs, on April 10, 2-4:30, Location TBD (William Veal is Chair).
- His work gathering information on faculty participation at our peer institutions in evaluations of their Presidents and Provosts. The responses he received to his inquiry to date here: http:// facultysenate.cofc.edu/archives/2016-2017/march-2017/FacultyPart_Evalsof_Leadership.pdf
- He plans to share his report with the Board of Trustees, and recommend the President and Provost adopt a process, collaboratively determined.

Provost Brian McGee declined to give a report (memo regarding the absence of a report), in consideration of the filled meeting agenda, but accepted and answered questions.

Divya Bhati, Office for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning reminded the Senate of the SACSCOC onsite visit and thanked everyone for their time and support.

Simon Lewis spoke on behalf of the Ad hoc Committee on Grievance Process (doc). He praised Amy Rogers for chairing the Committee. He summed up the recommendation made by the Committee into two main points: the creation of a Faculty Assistance Pool, and the suggestion that member of the Faculty Grievance Committee and Faculty Hearing Committee receive mediation training. Several points were raised that the Committee will take into consideration. The recommendations will be moved to the Committee on Bylaws and the FAM.

Old Business

Jason Vance, Chair of the Committee on Bylaws and the FAM introduced two motions:

- Motion to Split the Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education, and Special Programs into Two Committees: The Committee on Graduate Education and the Committee on Continuing Education (doc)
- Motion to Form a New Standing Senate Committee: Adjunct Oversight Committee (doc)
Both motions were thoroughly discussed and after each discussion, a vote was called. Both motions passed with majority vote and will be posted for ratification by all faculty.

Senator Meg Cormack (Religious Studies) made a Motion to Amend the Standing Rules (doc). After discussion and a vote, the Motion did not pass.

A Motion from the floor was made by Senator Roxane De Laurell for the Committee on Bylaws and the FAM to recommend amending the Bylaws to change the order of Faculty Senate Business, putting Business ahead of Reports. That Motion passed.

Quinn Burke, Chair of Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Aid Committee introduced the Proposal for Academic Forgiveness Policy, Student Government Association (original doc from February agenda)[Updated by FCAS, Grade Redemption Policy (pdf)].

The Policies were presented for information, not for a vote. The proposed Policy will be introduced for vote in April.

New Business

Gayle Goudy, Chair, Faculty Curriculum Committee introduced the following curriculum changes. All curriculum proposals were voted on and approved by the Senate.

i. Business Administration (Mack): add six more elective hours to the major, in the form of upper-level courses. [BADM]

ii. Bachelor of Professional Studies (Gibbison): add PSYC 333 and PSYC 334 as BPS electives [BPS]

iii. Computer Science (van Delden): add new course (CSCI 381) [CSCI]

iv. Environmental and Sustainability Studies (Welch): Add existing courses (BIOL 211, MGMT 350, SCIM 371, URST 313, URST 361) to various requirements of the Environmental and Sustainability Studies minor [ENSS],

v. Geology (Callahan): terminate the Environmental Geology (EGEO) from the Geology BA degree and the Environmental Geosciences (EGEO) concentration from the Geology BS degree [GEOL]

vi. International Studies (Friedman): add the newly created MUSC 233 to its "Culture and Literature" options, and add MUSC 234 to the INLA electives [INTL]

vii. Marketing (Pitts): create a new course (MKTG 355 Marketing and Society) and add it to major and minor [MKTG 355]; create three new courses (INTB 309, MKTG 309, MKTG 315) [MKTG-INTL 309]; change the title and prerequisites on MKTG 425, make corresponding changes to the MKTG major and minor, and also make some other small changes in the major [MKTG major]

viii. Religious Studies (Siegler): create a new course (RELS 276), and add it as an elective in their BA and minor [RELS 276]
ix. Southern Studies Program (Eichelberger): add ENGL 361 to their electives [SOST]

x. Spanish (Del Mastro): change major by adding two new courses (SPAN 449 and SPAN 450); change minor by eliminating 6 credit hours from the fixed set of 300-level courses, add SPAN 381 as a required course, allow 3 credit hours to be satisfied with any SPAN 300 or 400-level elective, and add SPAN 449 and 450 to electives [SPAN]

Christine Finnan, Chair of Committee on Graduate Education introduced the following curriculum proposals. All Graduate Education curriculum proposals were voted on and approved by the Senate.

i. CSIS-new certificate Information Systems

ii. CSIS-new certificate Software Engineering

iii. EDGT course changes

iv. MAT-EDEL

v. MAT-EDSP

vi. MBIO-Core Reqs

Shawn Morrison, Chair of the Committee on General Education requested approval of the following courses in the following categories for the General Education program, beginning Fall 2017. All course were approved after discussion.

Course list cover sheet: (pdf)
GenEd Foreign Languages (pdf)
GenEd Humanities Packet 1 (pdf)
GenEd Humanities Packet 2-English (pdf)
GenEd Humanities Packet 3- History (pdf)
GenEd Natural Science (pdf)
GenEd Social Sciences (pdf)
LATN 301 – remove (pdf)
LING 125 –remove (pdf)

For Constituent Concerns, Senator Alex Kasman voiced concern about the limited availability of the free Health Screening opportunities offered. Senator Jolanda van Arnhem pointed out that the screening is still available through vouchers for screenings at multiple Doctor’s Care facilities, so it is still available. Contact Ed Pope or Sandy Butler in Human Resources or search on Yammer for more information. You can download a screening voucher here:
https://statesc.southcarolinablues.com/web/nonsecure/statesc/Member+Home/Health+and++Wellness/Preventive+Screening/

Respectfully Submitted,

Jannette Finch
Faculty Secretary
These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 14 February 2017. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:05 PM and adjourned at 7:29 PM. The minutes of the [January regular meeting](#) were approved as posted.

**Reports**

**Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney** mentioned the following:

- He attended the Board of Trustees meetings, Jan. 26 and 27.
- Placement of core values on plaques in every classroom on campus, which serves as a reminder to students and ourselves about our community.
- The adhoc Committees on Grievance and Hearings are accomplishing much work; we expect to hear reports in March.
- Faculty input in evaluations of the Provost and President. The Speaker is gathering information from other schools about their processes. He will report in March.

The Speaker yielded the floor to **Bill Olejniczak**, who reported on the visit from Francis Marion University faculty (consistently listed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*’s “Great Colleges to Work For”). The Speaker mentioned that notes from the visit will be distributed by Simon Lewis on the shared governance’s listserv.

**Provost Brian McGee** spoke on the following issues: *(pdf)*

- Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is making continued progress
- The School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs (LCWA) has an interim Dean, Tim Johnson (Classics) and will begin planning the search for a future Dean.
- The Tenure and Promotion process, and some possible changes. The Faculty Welfare committee is included in a dialog on improving the process.
- Name change for the Commercial Real Estate Finance is approved by CHE and the Board of Trustees. Provost will meet with Faculty Curriculum Committee soon.
- Charleston Bridge programs. Thanks everyone who was involved in working with this program. There might be some classroom management issues in the Fall semester. Thanked Chairs working with Registrar. Please continue patience.
- Tonight’s agenda. There is a proposal to create a new committee, to support and sustain adjunct faculty. The Provost encouraged some consideration of how workload will be shared with the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- Proposed Academic Forgiveness Policy. The Provost appreciates work of students.

**Steve Osborne**, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs, gave a financial update and stated that the CoC financial picture was sound. He shared information that had been shared with the Board of Trustees Budget and Finance Committee in January. He reviewed the current budget situation, the current budget at the state level, and recent external reviews.

**Jimmie Foster**, Assistant VP Admissions and Financial Aid, spoke about a record number of applicants, increased SAT scores, a record number of resident applications, highest number of students of color, and shared that he is proud of the hard work of his staff.

**Godfrey Gibbison**, Dean of Professional Studies, shared an interim report *(ppt)* from the adhoc committee working on a possible online General Studies major. He shared the names of the committee members and encouraged all to approach any of them with questions.
Oksana Ingle (Adjunct Senator) gave an effective presentation on Adjuncts at the College of Charleston (original ppt)[updated ppt posted 2/8]. The presentation addressed multiple areas of concern including low wages, late contracts, tiered wage scales, and inclusion and collegiality.

There was no Old Business

New Business

Faculty Curriculum Committee (Gayle Goudy, Chair)

All curriculum proposals were voted on and approved by the Senate.

i. Accounting (ACCT) wants to add ACCT 204 as prerequisite for ACCT 307, deactivate ACCT 336, add ACCT 307 & 308 as prerequisites for ACCT 409 (pdf)

ii. Studio Arts (ARTS) wants to add ARTS 119 and six credit hours of upper-level courses to the major requirements, change which ARTH courses count toward ARTS degree, and change prerequisites on ARTS 220, 410, and 430 (pdf)

iii. Chemistry (CHEM) wants to add CHEM 232/232L as prerequisites for CHEM 421; add CHEM 231/231L as prerequisites for CHEM 422 (pdf)

iv. Classics (CLAS) wants to change the perquisites for CLAS 320, 322, 324, and 325 by allowing students to take these courses after completing 3 credit hours of CLAS courses. (pdf)

v. Communications (COMM) wants to add newly created COMM 216 as a prerequisite to COMM 301, 310, 315, 410, 480, and 481 (pdf)

vi. Computer Science (CSCI) wants to change the prerequisite on a few courses, create two new courses and add them to the CSCI BA/BS and CITA programs; expand the options of the CSCI minor (pdf)

vii. Education (EDEE) wants to change the prerequisites to align better with recent program changes in Early Childhood Education (pdf) and Elementary Education (pdf)

viii. Entrepreneurship (ENTR) wants to expand possible paths into ENTR 320 and 406; Broad overview of changes to ENTR, MKTG, MGMT, and INTB. They also want to create a new internship and add it to the concentration. (pdf) (pdf)

ix. French (FREN) wants to add new courses (FRCS 101 and 102), deactivate FREN 370, and change prerequisite for FREN 380, 381, and 383. (pdf) (pdf)

x. International Studies (INST and INTL) wants to add RELS 215 and the newly created FREN courses to the relevant concentrations in INTL (INAF, INEU, INCL) and to the INST minor (pdf) (pdf) (pdf)

xi. Italian Studies (ITST) wants to create a new course and add it as an elective to the ITST minor (pdf)
xii. MGMT/INTB capstone: Add DSCI 304 or INTB 314 to the prerequisites for MGMT 408 and change capstone requirement in INTB major from INTB 409 to MGMT 408
(pdf)

xiii. Music (MUSC) wants to create three new courses, change prerequisites on MUSC 381, and change requirements within the major and minor.
(pdf)

xiv. Public Health (PBHL) wants to add PHIL 175, HEAL 217, and HEAL 257 to the options for the PBHL BA
(pdf)

xv. Physics (PHYS) wants to Add PHYS 272 to the elective lists in the BA and Minor and remove PHYS 301 from the Operational Meteorology (METR) concentration because it is no longer a prerequisite for a required course.
(pdf) (pdf)

xvi. Urban Studies (URST) wants to add electives (ECON 340 and ARTH 396) to Urban Planning concentration as electives and create a new course (URST 397 Special Topics in Urban Studies) and add it to all of their concentrations and restructure Sustainable Urbanism concentration.
(pdf) (pdf)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jannette Finch,
Faculty Secretary
From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary  
To: Faculty and Staff  

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 17 January 2017. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:04 PM and adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Reports

Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney reported on:

- his meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and a discussion on the 2016 Regional Economic Scorecard, http://www.charlestonchamber.net/regionaleconomicscorecard/.
- reports that will be made in February from two ad hoc committees on Grievance and Hearings.
- the College’s AAUP chapter will be hosting faculty from Francis Marion. Francis Marion is consistently ranked as a "Great College to Work For."
- participation encouraged in the faculty forum on academic freedom on January 23, 5:00.

Provost Brian McGee:

- recognized guest Board of Trustee Randy Lowell.
- thanked everyone for working to make the compressed schedule of Fall 2016 work.
- thanked Dean Tillis for his leadership of LCWA and recognized Classics Department Chair Tim Johnson as Interim Dean.
- announced that Dean Welch is heading up the ad hoc committee studying organization of the Graduate School and mentioned that their work will be completed in current semester.
- mentioned continued ad hoc committee work on a General studies bachelor's degree.
- reported on recurrent issues with the Tenure and Promotion process, which will be shared with the Faculty Welfare Committee. Any changes not likely until 2018.
- gave an update on the Real Estate Major name. Discussion with CHE, School of Business, Finance faculty resulted in renaming Commercial Real Estate Finance.
- reported on the new Bridge Program.

Divya Bhati, Office for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning gave an update on the production of focus reports and reminded us to save the dates for SACSCOC visits March 27-30.
Todd LeVasseur, Director QEP gave an update on Quality Enhancement Plan. You will find a PowerPoint loaded onto each classroom computer's desktop. Please try to make time to show this to your students. On February 10 there will be a reception for faculty on sustainable literacy, from 3:30-5:00 in Addlestone Library room 360.

**Old Business**

**Committee on Academic Standards Committee** gave the committee's ranking results for the three **Major GPA Options** [pdf] [doc]. Committee Chair Quinn Burke reported that the Committee unanimously chose Option 3 as the most preferable. After much discussion and a friendly amendment changing one word of Option 3 ([reflected here](#)), a motion was made from the floor and seconded to adopt Option 3. The motion passed.

**New Business**

**Faculty Curriculum Committee**

- **BPS Hospitality Management**, Supporting documentation

  Memo from Dean Godfrey Gibbison [pdf]; Memo from Dean Shao [pdf]; Change of Program form [doc]; Memo concerning Trident Tech transfer credits [pdf]

  The Senate voted on and passed the proposal.

**Committee on Bylaws and the FAM**

- Motion to Increase the Number of Years Faculty May Serve on Committees [doc]

  After a little discussion, the Senate voted on and passed the motion to amend the bylaws.

**Constituent's general concerns**

- Tom Kunkle, Chair of Committee on Nominations and Elections, reminded faculty that nominations are still needed by February 1 for Speaker of the Faculty, Secretary, and several at-large senators from schools. Please send any nominations to kunklet@cofc.edu

- Jason Vance thanked everyone on behalf of the Biology department on updating the protection of minors policy.
From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary  
To: Faculty and Staff  

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 6 December 2016. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:07 PM and adjourned at 7:42 PM.

**Reports**

Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney introduced new faculty secretariat Megan Gould, and announced another round of meetings with faculty and Chamber of Commerce. Contact Speaker if you want to participate (January 6). A moment of silence was observed in honor of Trustee Dr. Eddie Thomas, who passed away in November.

Provost Brian McGee thanked the Senate for recognizing Trustee Thomas’s passing, and for serving on T & P panels, and for working within the compressed academic calendar. The Provost reported that the SACSCOC off site review results is mostly favorable. The report flagged some policies and procedures, and some faculty credentialing. In one year from now, we will have final accreditation report.

The Provost shared a PowerPoint highlighting the intake process for student complaints ([pdf](#)).

The Provost also reported on student enrollments, applications for next year’s class, bridge programs, and the progress of several Ad hoc committees.

The Provost introduced a motion to approve the December graduates. The Senate voted on and passed the motion.

**Old Business**

**Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Aid** presented proposals on:

- the International Test of English Proficiency (ITEP). The Senate voted and the proposal passed.
• the language associated with **Restriction #4 of the College’s Pass/ Fail Option** ([as outlined here in the current catalog](#)) be amended. After much discussion, the Senate voted and the motion passed.

• a proposal to amend the Major GPA Policy ([doc](#))(pdf). After significant discussion, the Speaker motioned to remand the proposal back to the committee, with the charge to rank each option within the committee. That motion was seconded.

**New Business**

**Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education, and Special Programs**

• EDEL-Course Deletion ([pdf](#))

• ESOL-Certificate Termination ([pdf](#))

• LALE-New Course ([pdf](#))

The Senate voted on and passed all course proposals.

**Faculty Curriculum Committee**

• Professional Studies: HMSM prerequisite changes ([pdf](#))

• Finance: Prerequisite changes to FINC 360 and REAL 360 ([pdf](#))

• Economics ([pdf](#))
  1. Prerequisite changes to ECON 200 and 201
  2. Prerequisite changes to 300- and 400 level ECON courses

• Mathematics: Add MATH 455 to the Actuarial Studies track ([pdf](#))

• Communication: Add new course to the COMM degree requirements ([pdf](#))

The Senate discussed, voted on and passed all course proposals.

In constituent’s general concerns, discussed was the need for clarification on students’ rights in regards to conducting rallies and protests.
From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary

To: Faculty and Staff

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 1 November 2016. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:06 PM and adjourned at 7:48 PM.

There was one adjustment clarifying language on the 11 October, 2016 minutes before they were unanimously approved.

There was a change to the agenda approved by friendly amendment. Consideration of the new program, BPS Hospitality Operation Management, will move to December.

Reports

Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney

Speaker McNerney shared the most pertinent information from each of the Board of Trustees (BoT) meetings he attended, including BoT election of new officers, the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act), a series of resolutions around 2 bonds issued in 2007, and the restoration of the College Seal. Meeting minutes from the BoT meetings will be posted on their website: http://trustees.cofc.edu/index.php

The Speaker spoke of the upcoming Alumni weekend, November 17, the creation of a shared governance listserv, and the activities of several ad hoc committees, including one studying the General Studies or Liberal Studies online degree, which includes three Senators.

Provost Brian McGee

Provost McGee spoke of the hiring of the new Athletic Director, Matt Roberts, who is dedicated to athlete academic success.

The Provost spoke of information he shared and obtained from Board of Trustee meetings, including enrollment, retention rates, and graduation rates.

He thanked the College Reads committee for their efforts organizing successful College Reads events.

The Provost reiterated what challenges we may experience with the FLSA. Please address questions about how FLSA changes affect you with your Chair, Dean, or supervisor.

The Provost shared other information, including:

- SACSCOC feedback on our compliance narrative, expected next month;
- the QEP course proposals deadline, extended due to Hurricane Matthew;
- an update of strategic goals, including the need for a smaller list of key metrics;
- student access and technical colleges’ Bridge program;
- *Ad hoc* Committees, including the committee being formed to study the Graduate School structure (Dean Fran Welch has agreed to serve as co-chair);
• Academic Standards proposals, including pass fail rates in the undergraduate catalog, Major GPA calculation.

Divya Bhati, Office for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning

Dr. Bhati brought the compliance binder, which was quite thick. She extends gratitude to all who contributed. Dr. Bhati shared the timeline, what we will have to do next, the QEP, and asked us to mark our calendars for the onsite visit on March 27-30.

There was no old business.

New Business

The Chair of the Committee on Graduate Education, Continuing Education, and Special Programs, Christine Finnan, presented course changes for Biology, English, and Mathematics. All proposals passed.

Gayle Goudy, Chair of the Faculty Curriculum Committee presented proposals for French, changes in INTL, and a new concentration in POLI. All proposals passed.

The chair of the General Education Committee, Shawn Morrison, presented a PowerPoint on the Gen Ed Cycle of Freezing and Course additions during the Freeze. Much discussion for and against followed, with Senators, Guests, and Administrators discussing some of the following:

• requests for clarification;
• concerns that curriculum is being driven by assessment;
• discussion of confusion of students’ confusion over which set of GenEd counts, based on their catalog year;
• questions on the software capabilities;
• inquiries on what are other institutions doing;
• complications when advising students;
• how the freeze would affect curriculum improvement;
• past Senate voting concerning GenEd;
• electives v. GenEd
• cycles of review;
• lack of cohesiveness in GenEd courses;
• cycles of assessment;
• sampling;
• cultures of assessment.

A motion to call the question was voted on and defeated.

A motion to amend the language of the motion provided in the agenda was voted on and defeated.

Another motion to call the question was seconded and voted on.

The Motion did not pass.
Quinn Burke, Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions, and Financial Aid, presented a proposal to modify the Academic Progress Standards for the Honors College to be inclusive of (a) no Class I or II Honor Code violations & (b) no conduct violation resulting in suspension or expulsion.

The proposal was discussed at length, including a student’s right to appeal, the appeal process, and honor code violations. A friendly amendment altering the language of the proposal was accepted.

The proposal passed.

Next, Dr. Burke introduced a proposal that the International Test of English Proficiency (ITEP) be added as a qualifying exam to meet the admission criteria for undergraduate candidates for whom English is not their first language.

Senator Krasnoff pointed out that he appreciates matters like being brought to us, but that we should not vote on it.

Senator Westerfelhaus called for a quorum. 18 faculty remain. The Faculty Senate no longer had a quorum.

All remaining business will move to Old Business for the next Senate meeting on December 6, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary
From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary

To: Faculty and Staff

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 11 October 2016. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:04 PM and adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Reports

Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney

Speaker McNerney spoke briefly of the effects of Hurricane Matthew, gave an update on the unfilled Faculty Secretariat position, the convening of two ad hoc committees, the upcoming Board of Trustees meetings. The schedule and a sample meeting schedule is located here: http://trustees.cofc.edu/schedule/index.php or you can contact Speaker McNerney for details.

Provost Brian McGee

Provost McGee reported on damage from Hurricane Matthew, thanked Public Safety and Physical Plant staff for quickly bringing the campus back to normal. Please file a work order or let your department chair know of any problems in classrooms. Please don’t assume a problem has already been addressed.

The Provost discussed revisions to the Academic calendar. Posted on registrar’s site you will find the most current schedule. The Provost spoke of the formation of two additional ad hoc committees.

The Provost offered comments on an "astonishing coarsening of our public discourse and direct challenges to civility in our public sphere” over the last several days and expressed that our students will benefit from professors who are able to demonstrate what our public dialog and discourse should be.

Dr. Rénard Harris, Interim Associate Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, intends to foster an action-oriented office, attempting to shift from big program approaches, to more grassroots efforts. Dr. Harris and his team will try to create a swirl about what diversity is. The office is open door to everyone.

Seaton Brown spoke on behalf of the Faculty and Staff Giving Committee. Total population of faculty and staff give about 14%-16% of total population on campus. Their committee has been charged with increasing this number to 20%. Think of a favorite student—did that student have a scholarship? You have the opportunity to grant that scholarship. He describes many different funds you can support. Official faculty and staff campaign runs through November. If you donate $50 you get a cup that allows free coffee at several locations.
Bob Mignone and Quinn Burke presented the Academic Standards Committee attempt to create a major GPA policy that will emphasize:

- consistency for students;
- consistency across programs;
- maximum transparency.

There was much discussion on this topic, and Academic Standards will take recommendations of faculty and other committees back to committee with the goal of making changes by Fall 2017.

Old Business

Senator Larry Krasnoff introduced the Motion to Include Faculty in Routine Evaluation of President and Provost. The motion was seconded by Meg Cormack, Senator (Religious Studies). There was much discussion about the process and the instrument. The motion was voted on and carried.

New Business

Quinn Burke, Chair of Academic Standards Committee, made a Motion to add One Earth Credentialing Agency to International Admissions. The motion did not require a second.

Jason Vance, Chair of Committee on Bylaws and the FAM introduced a Motion to Alter Composition of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President. The motion carried.

Christine Finnan, Chair of Committee on Graduate Education, introduced proposals affecting History and English. Both passed.

Two items were brought from the Faculty Curriculum Committee. New course CSI 281 was sent back to committee; changes to French Program of Study passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jannette Finch
From: Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary

To: Faculty and Staff

These are the highlights from the Faculty Senate regular meeting on 13 September 2016. Full minutes to follow.

The Speaker called the Senate to order at 5:05 PM and adjourned at 7:09 PM

Reports

President McConnell

President McConnell shared information on the budget reset, student enrollment, the SACSCOC reaffirmation process, the College’s Strategic Plan, the College’s approaching 250th anniversary, or Sestercentennial, faculty compensation and salary compression, adjunct faculty salaries, the honorary ranks of University Professor and University Librarian IV, and the title Sestercentennial Professor and Sestercentennial Librarian IV.

Provost McGee

Provost McGee spoke of personnel changes, including the profound losses of colleagues Conseula Francis and Alison Piepmeier, and thanked Lynn Cherry for serving as Associate Provost of Curriculum and Institutional Resources. The Provost spoke of undergraduate and graduate enrollments, budget updates, operating cut examples, continuing needs, accreditation and QEP, website accuracy, changes to the FAM, policies, new review committees and shared governance, changes in undergraduate grades over time, Princeton’s list of party schools, December commencement, post-tenure review salary increments, the formation of new committees and overlapping missions.

Speaker of the Faculty McNerney

Speaker McNerney reported on a new search for Faculty Secretariat, meeting space for Senate committees in ECTR 227, Board of Trustee business from summer meetings, the selection of new CIO Mark Staples, attending Board of Trustee meetings, student representation on the Board, two new ad hoc committees and their members, welcoming 23 new faculty members, and the creation of an old school shared governance listserv.

Dr. Todd LeVasseur spoke about the Quality Enhancement Plan: “Sustainability Literacy as a Bridge to Addressing 21st Century Problems.”

Dr. LeVasseur gave an update of the QEP subcommittees, opportunities for getting involved, upcoming discussions and workshops, a QEP Yammer group, the call for new course proposals, and other opportunities.
Jason Vance, Chair of Bylaws and Faculty Administration Manual reported on one proposal and one motion.

There was no old business

New Business

New business included selecting a Speaker Pro Tempore. Larry Krasnoff was nominated and elected.

Senator Alex Kasman introduced a motion to alter the composition of the faculty advisory committee to the President. The motion was given to Bylaws and FAM Committee for review.

A second motion, the Motion to Include Faculty in Routine Evaluation of President and Provost, will become old business at the next Senate meeting.

In constituent concerns, Senator Tom Kunkle asked for adjunct faculty to serve in vacant at large Senator seat. Please nominate an adjunct or have interested adjuncts contact Tom Kunkle.

The Faculty Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Conseula Francis and Alison Piepmeier.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jannette Finch, Faculty Secretary