Faculty Senate, Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 5:00 PM
Via Zoom

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the January 12, 2021, minutes.

3. Announcements and Information

4. Reports
   a. Speaker of the Faculty Simon Lewis
   b. President Andrew Hsu

5. New Business
   a. Curriculum Committee (Nenad Radakovic, Chair)
      1) EDSP: Program and Course Change:
         https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:178/form
      2) TEDU: Program change:
         https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:181/form
      3) CHEM: Pre-requisite change:
         https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2893/form
      4) CITA/DATA: Program change:
         https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:183/form
      5) PSYC: Course change:
         https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2870/form
      6) CLAS: Minor change:
         https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2903/form
7) EXSC: Program and course change:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:185/form

8) JWST: Minor, major, and course change:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:188/form

9) WGST: Course change:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:3021/form

10) MATH: Course number change:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:189/form

11) ENGL: Minor, major, concentrations, and course change:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:184/form

12) HISP: New courses, course, and program change:

13) FREN: Pre-requisite changes:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:186/form

14) ARTM: New course and course changes:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:179/form

15) BIOL: course changes:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:180/form

16) COMM: major, minor, and course changes:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:182/form

17) MGMT/MKTG: new minor, major, and course change:
https://cofc.curriculog.com/agenda:177/form
b. Committee on Graduate Education (Sandy Slater, Chair)

1) Arts and Cultural Management Certificate

   ARCM 570: course change
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2977/form

   ARCM 571: course change
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2984/form

   ARCM 572: course change
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2983/form

   ARCM 573: course change
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2981/form

   ARCM 574: course change
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2982/form

2) Computer and Information Sciences, MS

   CSIS 698: course change

   CSIS 699: course change
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2806/form

   Program change: reduce required hours in each emphasis area from 12 to 9, increase required elective hours from 9 to 12
   https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2796/form

3) Creative Writing, MFA

   ENGL 569: new course – Special Topics in Creative Writing
ENGL 708: new course – MFA Thesis

Program change: add new courses, update required and elective courses for Studio emphasis

4) Data Science and Analytics, MS

DATA 510: course change

DATA 534: course change

5) Mathematical Sciences, MS

MATH 561: course change

6) Science and Math for Teachers, MED

SMFT 514: course change

SMFT 523: course change

SMFT 524: course change

SMFT 529: new course - Coastal and Marine Science for Educators
SMFT 535: new course - Topics in Ecology and Conservation Biology

SMFT 537: course change

SMFT 538: course change

SMFT 540: course change

SMFT 570: new course – Introduction to Environmental and Sustainability Education

SMFT 611: course change

SMFT 618: course change

SMFT 639: course change

SMFT 645: course change

SMFT 697: course change

SMFT 698: course change
Program change: change program name to *Science and Math Education*, reduce degree hours from 32 to 30, update required and elective courses, add new courses, reduce all 4-hour courses to 3 hours, replace word “teachers” with “educators” in course titles.

**c. Senator Todd Grantham (HSS):** Motion to adopt a [statement of commitment](https://cofc.curriculog.com/proposal:2847/form) to curbing gun-violence

6. Constituents’ General Concerns

7. Adjournment
Motion to adopt a statement of commitment to curbing gun-violence, introduced by Senator Todd Grantham (Philosophy)

**Purpose:** This motion seeks to align the College of Charleston with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in committing publicly to combating the epidemic levels of gun violence in our community.

**Action:**

The Faculty Senate adopts the following statement of commitment:

Given its mission to represent the views, needs, and interests of faculty in CofC's educational, research, and service programs, the Faculty Senate affirms that gun violence is a public health problem of the highest priority. As professors in a public university committed to developing ethically centered, intellectually versatile and globally fluent citizens who create innovative solutions to social, economic and environmental challenges, the Faculty Senate is committed to contributing to curb this epidemic through education, research, and outreach to our wider community.”

In order to fulfill this commitment, the Senate charges the Speaker to establish an ad hoc committee that will work with willing CofC faculty, with partners at MUSC and other public health organizations, and with partners in the wider community.

**Rationale:**

While COVID-19 has struck our community with obvious force, a less obvious epidemic has been ravaging our community for many years: gun violence. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “Firearm violence is a serious public health problem in the United States that impacts the health and safety of Americans. Important gaps remain in our knowledge about the problem and ways to prevent it. Addressing these gaps is an important step toward keeping individuals, families, schools, and communities safe from firearm violence and its consequence” (https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/firearms/index.html).

South Carolina is one of the deadliest states in the nation: According to the Center for American Progress, SC ranked 12th in the nation for gun deaths per 100,000 people between 2008 and 2017, while the Gun Violence Archive (GVA) recorded 2,900 deaths since 2014, well over a death every single day. (The GVA records a total of 5,305 injuries caused by guns in the same period.)

The human cost of this epidemic is not limited to the people killed and injured; the families and loved ones of the immediate victims are also traumatized by the experience and frequently suffer economic consequences on top of psychological trauma. Even perpetrators, and certainly their families and loved ones, can be seen as victims of a violent gun-culture, too, as incarceration shuts down their chances of living productive lives.
While gun-violence mostly happens on the periphery of our vision – which perhaps accounts for our apparent tolerance of these rates – the College of Charleston has been cruelly touched by it in recent years. In 2015, Cynthia Hurd, a librarian at the College, was one of the nine victims of the mass shooting at Mother Emanuel Church, and just this last summer, Tom DiLorenzo, husband of our newly appointed Provost Dr. Suzanne Austin, was murdered just blocks away from campus. CofC’s Public Safety Chief Chip Searson “perceive[s] gun violence as one of the top threats to our community and notes that “Presently, homicides and aggravated assaults are on the increase in the City of Charleston.” Chief Searson would welcome initiatives on the College’s part that address what he sees as a “mountain that law enforcement has been trying to conquer for decades.”

While the College is not in the same position as MUSC in being dedicated to public health our new strategic plan commits us to working with our students to create innovative solutions to social economic and environmental challenges, and as a public university dedicated to the full human development of all the state’s citizens, we should do whatever we can to mitigate this deadly scourge.

MUSC’s statement: *Given its mission to represent the views, needs, and interests of faculty in MUSC’s educational, research, and service programs, the Faculty Senate affirms that gun violence is a public health problem of the highest priority. As health professionals in an academic medical center, we face the consequences of gun violence daily, and the Faculty Senate is committed to active partnership with community initiatives to curb this epidemic through education, research, mental health treatment, victim support and advocacy.*