

January 22, 2002

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The fifth regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the College of Charleston for the academic year 2001-2002 convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, in Room 116 of the Education Center, Speaker of the Faculty Hugh Wilder presiding. Forty-four senators attended. The Minutes of the previous meeting (November 27) were approved after two amendments suggested by Mary Beth Heston and Diane Johnson, in the next-to-last sentence of the third paragraph on p. 1, which should read: "This will allow students to take six hours from any of the three departments – Art History, Music, Theatre." ("This" refers to changes in the General Education Humanities Requirement passed at the November 6 meeting.)

Reports

The Speaker

The Speaker reported that President Higdon was very pleased by the faculty's response to his Quality Enhancement Initiative, which he had outlined during an informal meeting with the Senate on January 14. The President had subsequently received unanimous support from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wilder also discussed spring-semester enrollment. As of January 8, total enrollment for the first day of classes was up slightly, by about 3%, to 9,859 students, from 9,570 at the same point a year ago. The FTE figure has also risen a little, about 4.6%, to 8,854, from 8,460 a year ago. On the other hand, projected new admissions for the Spring semester have gone down a little, from 686 last year to 661. A table with full statistics is attached to the Secretary's copy of the Minutes.

We are now, Mr. Wilder continued, in the implementation phase of the long-range planning process. There are now eleven working groups, each one dealing with a separate long-range goal of the institution. Their reports will be forwarded to the Co-ordinating Committee, who will assemble a composite draft of their suggestions in March, with the aim of having a final plan ready for the President by the end of the Fall semester. The Provost search also proceeds apace under the guidance of James Deavor. The search criteria have been published and include this central paragraph:

The new Provost will be a skilled academic leader with the ability to work with all constituencies of the College to forge an academic vision. Successful candidates will have a demonstrated record of distinction in scholarship, teaching, and administration. Candidates are expected to possess a personal commitment to the values and aspirations of a liberal arts and sciences college. An appropriate earned terminal degree is expected.

The full document is also attached to the Secretary's copy of the Minutes.

Mr. Wilder expected four topics to be on the agenda of the Trustees' meeting on January 17-18. There, Gary McCombs would present the latest budget developments: a second round of cuts is now widely anticipated for February, perhaps as much as 1%, in addition to those imposed already. William Lindstrom would discuss the problem of student retention, to which President Higdon wants to give special attention: it seems that our peer institutions, that is, the colleges we would like to be like, do much better than we do in this regard, especially since we lose many of our very *best* students. The Campus Master Plan would also be discussed, as well as the acquisition of several new sites for faculty offices.

Finally, Mr. Wilder brought up a concern raised by several constituents at the end of the previous meeting: the problem of unauthorized rescheduling of final examinations, apparently to suit the convenience of faculty. According to the current undergraduate Bulletin (p. 19), "Examinations must be taken at the time scheduled" except when more than one has been scheduled for the same time, or when a student has three or more in twenty-four hours. "Permission to reschedule one exam may be obtained [that is, may *only* be obtained] from the Office of Undergraduate Studies with written permission of the instructor." This, he said, seems clear enough. Apparently, however, there is no specific requirement, either in the Bulletin or in the Faculty/Administration Manual, that every course has to include a final examination.

Old Business

Since six courses, PUBA/EVSS 635, 636, and 637, had accidentally been approved at the previous meeting for cross-listing with each other, without actually having been approved as new courses in the first place, the Speaker called for a motion to reconsider. Annette Godow so moved, and the motion passed unanimously, on a voice vote..

New Business

For the Graduate Education Committee, Maureen Hays then moved the passage of these six new courses, and their cross-listing. All were approved without change, on a voice vote:

New Courses:

PUBA 635 Land Use Law
 PUBA 636 Coastal Management
 PUBA 637 Wetlands Protection
 EVSS 635 Land Use Law
 EVSS 636 Coastal Management
 EVSS 637 Wetlands Protection

Courses to be Cross-Listed:

PUBA 635 with EVSS 635 Land Use Law
 PUBA 636 with EVSS 636 Coastal Management
 PUBA 637 with EVSS 637 Wetlands Protection

Four additional motions from the Graduate Committee were also approved, and may be summarized as follows:

1. Program Change: Bilingual Legal Interpreting

[Existing Requirements:

- a. GPA of 3.0
- b. Oral exit exam administered by three external examiners, or professional exam administered by court system]

Change to:

- a. Minimum GPA 3.0 and either
 - b1. Professional exam administered by state or federal court or recognized professional organization
 - or b2. Written and oral exam administered by the graduate program. Students with prior certification, as stated in option 1, must fulfill the requirements of option 2.

Justification:

Professional exams might not coincide with student's completion of program and would delay graduation.

2. Graduate Policy Proposal:

All programs for the Master's Degree at The College of Charleston will require a minimum of 30 hours, which must be directly related to the discipline; and which may not include Continuous Research Enrollment hours.

3. Course Change: EDEE 604 Teacher as Researcher in Early Childhood Education
Reduce course hours from 6 to 3.

4. Program Change: M.Ed. Early Childhood Education
[present requirement: EDEE 604 – 6 credit hrs.]
change: require EDEE 604 – 3 hrs. and EDEE 700 Thesis – 3 hrs.

Doug Friedman introduced several motions from the Curriculum Committee, as approved at their meeting of November 15, 2001. The first fourteen motions were passed without change, and six further items entered as information. The final item of business, a motion involving the monitoring of Special Topics courses by the Registrar's Office, was remanded to committee, after some discussion. The Registrar said that there would be no technical problem in identifying and cancelling Special Topics courses which violated the Senate's "three time rule." Several

senators, however, thought this would not be a good idea because it would give the Registrar's office direct control over faculty matters.

Passed:

1. F01-46, 47, 49, 50 British Studies Program and Minor Proposal
2. F01-48 BRST 300 - Special Topics in British Studies - **New Course**
3. F01-51 Minor in Finance Proposal
4. F01-52 FINC 386 Risk Management - **New Course**
5. F01-53 FINC 310 Seminar in Finance - Change Course
6. F01-54 PHYS 119 Celestial Navigation - Change Course
7. F01-58 BS in Biology with Concentration in Molecular Biology - Change degree req.
8. F01-99 ARTS 118 Issues and Images of Contemporary Art - Change course
9. F01-100 Physical Education and Health - Change degree requirement
10. F01-101 PEHD 222 Analysis and Conduct of Lifetime Activities - **New Course**
11. F01-102 PEHD 223 Analysis and Conduct of Team Sports - **New Course**
12. F01-103 PEHD 352 Physical Education for Elementary Schools - **New Course**
13. F01-104 PEHD 452 Physical Education for Middle/Secondary Schools - **New Course**
14. F01-106 PEHD 456 Teaching Physical Education K-12 - delete course

Received as Information:

15. F01-55 POLS 379 ST: The Politics of Globalization
16. F01-56 POLS 359 ST: The Constitutional Rights of the Accused
17. F01-57 POLS 319 ST: Wetlands Protection Policy
18. F01-59 BIOL 453 ST: Diversity, Ecology, and Conservation of Turtles
19. F01-60 CHEM 583 ST: Organic High Polymers
20. F01-61 CHEM 583 ST: Modeling with CACHE and Stella

Remanded to committee:

21. Curriculum Committee Proposal on Special Topics courses

Constituents' Concerns and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned shortly after six o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Hunt

Faculty Secretary

Spring 2002 Senate Meetings
(Tuesdays at 5:00 o'clock in ECTR 116):
January 22, February 12, March 12, April 2 (cont. April 16 if needed)

Spring Faculty Meeting:
(Monday at 5:00 o'clock in Physicians' Memorial Auditorium)
April 22, 2002