

## MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2002

**To:** The Faculty

**From:** Julia Eichelberger  
Faculty Secretary

**Subject:** Highlights of the first Faculty Senate meeting (September 3)

--Bev Diamond was elected to serve as this year's Speaker pro tem in the event the Speaker must be away during a Senate meeting.

--Trisha Folds-Bennett was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian this year.

--Debbie Vaughn has volunteered to maintain the Senate website (cofc.edu/~senate) and to provide technical support during Senate meetings.

--Senior Vice-President for Business Affairs Gary McCombs presented a report on the 2002-2003 College Budget. Bad news: state appropriations for higher education have been reduced, and a mid-year budget cut is likely. Good news: this year's tuition/fee increase will begin to fund elements of the Fourth-Century Initiative

--The Speaker congratulated all parties involved on a very successful first Convocation. He responded to Senators' questions and concerns regarding parking, this year's academic calendar, and plans for future Commencements. Mr. Wilder also explained that the Senate packets will be distributed electronically this year, and that all agenda items and supporting materials should be sent to the Faculty Secretary in electronic format if at all possible. All senate records since 1993 will be placed on the Senate website.

--The Fall Faculty meeting will be held Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. in Physicians auditorium. The President will address the Faculty, and this year's new appointments will be introduced. A reception, sponsored by the President's office, will follow this meeting.

**Fall 2002 Senate Meetings**  
**(Tuesdays at 5:00 o'clock in ECTR 116)**  
**September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3**

**Fall Faculty Meeting:**  
**(Monday at 5:00 in Physicians' Memorial Auditorium)**  
**September 9, 2002**