

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 1, 2006

1. and 2. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Chair Gene Reeder called the meeting to order and asked for corrections to the minutes of the October 4, 2006 meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as written.

3. Invited Speakers

Associate Vice President Gene Luna (Student Affairs), and **Michelle Burcin**, Director of Healthy Carolina, gave an overview of USC's Healthy Carolina initiative. Healthy Carolina builds on the framework found in *Healthy People 2010* and *Healthy Campus 2010*, two comprehensive sets of national health objectives. Its mission is: "To promote a campus environment that encourages the development and maintenance of a healthy body, mind, and spirit through the collaborative development, promotion and assessment of a wide-ranging array of programs, services and research opportunities for all students, faculty, and staff at the University of South Carolina." The program has a very strong research component that encourages collaboration between Healthy Carolina staff and USC researchers. (For more information, visit the Healthy Carolina website at <http://www.sc.edu/healthycarolina/index.html>.)

Mr. Scott Lewis, Director of Judicial Affairs, gave an update regarding the final changes made to the USC Honor Code (<http://www.sc.edu/academicintegrity/honorcode.html>). He stressed that the Honor Code is intended to be a dynamic document and will be reassessed on a continuing basis. Mr. Lewis also described the role of the Office of Academic Integrity.

4. Reports of Committees

a. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Karen Heid, Chair

Professor Heid (Art) presented changes in curriculum and/or courses within: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Public Health, Regional Campuses, and College of Social Work. Corrections made to the distributed text are as follows: (1) on page 7, the two items under section 2A should be moved to section 4, under Palmetto Programs; (2) in section 3, School of Public Health, the new entry for EXSC 531 should have Corequisite 531L added to it; (3) the experimental course under section 6 was withdrawn [see Attachment 1]. All motions from the committee carried.

b. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Professor Christine Whitaker, Chair:

Professor Whitaker (School of Medicine Library) made a motion on behalf of the committee to endorse the new USC Honor Code. The motion carried.

5. Reports of Officers

President Andrew Sorensen

President Sorensen commented on the following:

- Homecoming events and celebrations have begun with enthusiasm. The Alumni Board of Governors will be visiting throughout Homecoming weekend.
- The Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, along with four other chief judges, recently visited the School of Law to hear mock cases presented by select USC law students. The President was enormously proud of the students and gave Professor Robert Bockman credit for his excellence in preparing the students to argue before the Supreme Court. He also thanked Jack Pratt and his colleagues for organizing the event, and mentioned that Senator Lindsey Graham played a large role in making the event possible. Chief Justice Roberts's two-day visit marked a red letter day for the University.
- At a joint meeting of the heads of all eight USC campuses, Dr. Peggy Hewlett, Dean of the College of Nursing, gave a presentation on the possibility of integration and systemic collaboration among the three existing schools of nursing (Aiken, Upstate, and Columbia) as well the burgeoning program at USC Beaufort. There is a severe shortage of nurses, and the four deans are working to better integrate programs in order to be able to allow the enrollment of a larger number of students statewide.
- The President thanked Michelle Burcin and Gene Luna for their leadership with Healthy Carolina. He hopes that the Faculty Welfare Committee will be willing to collaborate with Healthy Carolina in making more preventive medicine and public health programs available to faculty and staff.
- The President met recently with Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell to begin laying the groundwork for budget requests.

Provost Mark Becker

Provost Becker made the following announcements:

Dean Search Updates

- Interviews are being conducted for the School of Medicine and the College of Pharmacy dean searches.
- A search committee, chaired by Dean Davis Baird, has been formed for the Graduate School dean search.
- A committee is currently being formed for the Moore School of Business dean search.

Office of the Provost Reorganization

- Professor Christine Curtis has accepted the position of Vice Provost for Faculty Development. She is currently a professor in Chemical Engineering at Auburn University and has served in vice provost or associate vice provost capacities in the past. She will be joining our University in February 2007.
- Dr. Dennis Pruitt has assumed the position of Vice Provost for Academic Support. He will also continue in his role as Vice President for Student Affairs.
- A search will soon be underway for Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies. Dr. Karl Heider, currently in the position, has requested a return to his full-time position as a professor of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences in the summer of 2007. The person filling the vacant slot will be deeply involved in preparing for the 2011 SACS accreditation with regards to the general education curriculum.

6. Report of Chair

The Chair encouraged the faculty to consider serving on a University Committee and to recruit colleagues to serve as well. The volunteer form will soon be circulated in print and via email.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Announcements

The next meeting will be held December 6, 2006 at 3 p.m. in the Law School Auditorium.

10. Adjournment.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.