

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

December 6, 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

Dr. Jerome (Jerry) D. Odom, Executive Director, Office of University Foundations, gave an overview of each of the five University Foundations. These include:

- USC Educational Foundation
- USC Development Foundation
- USC Alumni Association
- USC Business Partnership Foundation
- South Carolina Research Foundation

These five entities are unique in their missions, functions and governing boards, yet share the common goal of helping the University achieve its mission and goals. For more information, please visit <http://www.sc.edu/foundations/>.

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: the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Music, and the College of Nursing. Corrections made to the distributed text are as follows: (1) on page 6, part B, heading should read “Change in curriculum, Website 2006-2007 Undergraduate Bulletin...”; (2) on page 8, in the last sentence in the top text box, the begin quotes should be in front of the word ‘with’; (3) on page 8, heading should read “Change in curriculum, Website 2006-2007 Undergraduate Bulletin...”; (4) on page 9, in the last sentence in the text box, the begin quotes should be in front of the word ‘with’ [see Attachment 1]. All motions from the committee carried.

5. Reports of Officers

President Andrew Sorensen

President Sorensen enjoys recognizing faculty when they receive awards. It was his pleasure to announce that Professor Claudia Benitez-Nelson was selected by the American Geophysical Union to receive the 2006 Ocean Sciences Early Career Award.

The President spoke well of Dr. Jerry Odom after his report of Foundation activities and commented, "... when he (Dr. Odom) said he welcomes any inquiries, he really means that. It was a very sincere expression."

President Sorensen also commented on the following:

- There are several multi-million dollar gifts to the University forthcoming. These will be announced at a later date.
- The University is currently in the "quiet phase" of a Capital Campaign. If all goes well, the Campaign will be officially announced in the summer or fall of 2008. Meanwhile, data are being collected by a consulting company. The President noted that the consulting company is very impressed with the success of our Family Fund and the generosity of USC's faculty and staff.
- The President met with the heads of the eight institutions that make up the University of South Carolina (this is done at least twice per semester). The institutions are exploring ways to work collectively; for example, there are discussions underway regarding the possibility of streamlining the admissions process across all eight institutions. They are also looking into ways to increase the enrollment of nursing students system-wide.
- The Moore School of Business has once again achieved top rankings:
 - The International Business program has been ranked number 7 in the world by *The Wall Street Journal*.
 - The Moore School of Business has for the first time been included in *The Wall Street Journal's* annual rankings of top business schools. The school was ranked 49th out of 51 national business schools in a "Regional Ranking."
- The University of South Carolina has been identified by *The Wall Street Journal* as one of eight "up and coming" U.S. universities (others on the list include the University of California at Santa Barbara, State University of New York at Stonybrook, and University of Wisconsin at Madison).

President Sorensen extended his gratitude to all USC faculty and staff for their collective "Herculean" efforts to raise the University's profile nationally and internationally throughout the year.

Vice President Harris Pastides (Research & Health Sciences) gave the following dean search updates:

- The candidate for Campus Dean of the College of Pharmacy turned down USC's offer. Consequently, a decision was made to cancel the external search and open an internal search instead. Dr. Pastides is confident that there are capable individuals already at USC who can lead the college in its next formative period of its development.
- The search for Dean of the School of Medicine is still underway; a third candidate is currently visiting the campus. A fourth candidate is expected to visit soon.

After that process, an unranked list of three names will be presented to and discussed with the President.

Provost Mark Becker

Provost Becker made the following announcements:

- The search for the next Dean of the Graduate School is underway. The position is being advertised, and it is hoped that interviews will begin early in the New Year.
- The search for the next Dean of the Moore School of Business is underway. The search committee is formulating the position description and advertisements will be published soon.
- A search is underway for Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies. Several applications have been received and interviews will begin shortly.
- The next call for Faculty Excellence Initiative proposals will go out in January. The Provost encouraged the faculty to consider submitting proposals for this initiative.

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 was recently distributed in print as well as via e-mail.

7. Unfinished Business

Professor Michael Dickson (Pharmacy) asked the status of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the College of Pharmacy. In response, President Sorensen said that officials from USC met with officials from MUSC and made some modifications to the Memorandum of Understanding. Once the editing process is completed, the document will need to be reviewed by the campus attorneys.

8. New Business

Professor Michael Myrick (Chemistry & Biochemistry), speaking on behalf of his department, asked if it might be possible to have the designation “Emeritus Professor” extended to both tenure-track *and* non-tenure track retired faculty within the *Faculty Manual*. Chair Reeder responded that since the issue involves a change in the *Faculty Manual*, he would refer it to the Faculty Advisory Committee. President Sorensen spoke up in support of the proposal. He also congratulated Professor Myrick on his success with the Small Business Incubator Program.

9. Announcements

The next meeting will be held February 7, 2007 at 3 p.m. in the Law School Auditorium.

10. Adjournment.

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