

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**September 5, 2007**

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

Chair Robert Best called the meeting to order and asked for corrections to the minutes of the June 27, 2007 meeting. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved as written.

**3. Reports of Committees**

**a. Senate Steering Committee, Professor Laura Kane, Secretary**

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Professor Kane (School of Medicine Library) announced the following:

- Erica Tobolski (Department of Theatre & Dance) has been appointed to fill a one-year vacancy on the Committee on Admissions
- Pamela Melton (School of Law Library) has been appointed to fill a one-year vacancy on the Faculty Grievance Committee

In addition, Professor Kane presented Rebekah Maxwell (School of Law Library) as the Steering Committee's nominee for Secretary-Elect of the Faculty Senate. The floor was opened for further nominations. The floor will be closed and a vote will be taken at the October 10 Senate meeting.

**b. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Karen Heid, Acting Chair**

Professor Heid (Art) presented changes in curriculum and/or courses within: the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, College of Nursing, and Arnold School of Public Health [see Attachment 1, pp. 7 – 16]. One correction was made on the top portion of page 9: course 550 was removed from "Group C." All motions carried.

**4. Reports of Officers**

**President Andrew Sorensen**

President Sorensen thanked those who were involved in the hiring of the 190 new faculty who were introduced at the General Faculty meeting. The University continues to recruit top-notch faculty from nationally recognized institutions.

The president commended Dr. Christine Curtis (Vice Provost for Faculty Development) and Elise Ahyi (Assistant Provost for Academic Policy) for their efforts in establishing the new Family Friendly Policies.

The University of South Carolina is comprised of eight institutions with 14 campuses around the state. Last year there were slightly more than 40,000 students at the eight institutions. This fall, enrollment will easily exceed 41,000. All campuses are experiencing an increase in the quality of incoming students.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm there will be a rally to protest the genocide in Darfur. This event will be held on the steps of the State House. The University will be actively involved in this rally, in consultation with Representative William Clyburn. The President invited all to attend and offer support.

### **Provost Mark Becker**

The Provost announced that several Dean searches will soon be underway: Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, Dean of the College of Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management, and Dean of University Libraries.

Provost Becker also announced that a committee is in place to take a close look at the University's special admissions process, and that recommendations will be delivered to the President by the end of September. Included on the committee are: the Director of Athletics, representatives from the Office of Admissions, and the Faculty Athletics Representative.

## **5. Report of the Chair**

There was no report.

## **6. and 7. Unfinished and New Business**

There was no unfinished business. There was no new business.

## **8. Announcements**

All faculty are invited to attend a poster session and a wine and cheese social for the Carolina Women's Health Research Forum. The social will be in the Russell House Ballroom at 3:30 pm on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The poster session will take place the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Dr. Alfredo Gei in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2007 at 3:00 pm in the Law School Auditorium.

## **9. Adjournment.**

Chair Best declared the meeting adjourned.