

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. in Gambrell Hall by Henry Price, Chair.

I. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of
November 6, 1996.

The minutes were approved as presented with the request for less brevity.

II. Report of Officers.

A. Provost Don Greiner:

Dr. Greiner indicated that Dr. Palms would not be in attendance because he was engaged in all day interviews with Rhodes Scholars candidates.

Dr. Greiner announced that Dr. Sandra Robinson had accepted the invitation to serve as interim dean of education beginning January 1 at which time Dean Richard Ishler would complete his term and go on sabbatical. He thanked Dean Ishler for the splendid job that he did while running the college.

Dr. Greiner announced that he would be working to remedy the deteriorating condition of the interior of South Caroliniana Library. He feels that it is deteriorating to such an extent that some of the collections may be threatened.

Charles Mack (ART) expressed concern about the tendency to encourage entering junior faculty members to say no to service and to put it off until they get tenure or when they get to the end of the line.

Dr. Greiner said that he was also concerned. He presented a speech on "University Citizenship" and expressed his opinion on the need for new faculty to get involved in faculty governance in August at the orientation meeting for new faculty. He offered to send a copy of this speech.

Glenn Harris (BADM) said that the definition of service is a rather narrow one.

Dr. Greiner said that one of the points he made was that the definition of service is so narrow that it interferes with his sense of a broader definition to service. He said that in many cases the service that we offer is really teaching. For example, he mentioned men-

toring a Rhodes Scholar candidate or a Marshall that in many ways is teaching because you are going through the essay revision and the interview preparation.

Connie Schulz (HIST) asked that the South Carolinana Library receive the corrective conditions for the permanent care of the valuable resources not just a shoring up of the building.

Dr. Greiner said he was aware of damage caused by the moisture, which is the result of an inadequate heating and air-conditioning system.

Dr. Price said that the Provost had given immediate response to his concern about South Caroliniana Library.

Professor Robert Patterson (HIST) offered a memorial in memory of Professor Charles Coolidge who presided over the Senate between 1979-1981. The attached memorial was unanimously adopted.

III. Report of Committees.

- A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Sarah B. Wise, Secretary:
No report.
- B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Stephen McNeill, Chair:
The grade change report was approved as submitted.
- C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor G.B. Lane, Chair:

The motion to accept the recommendation of the committee contained in Part I, College of Education, was passed.

Professor Lane moved the adoption of Part II, College of Engineering, with the insertion of Prereq: EECE 352 after EECE 517.

Caroline Eastman, CSCI, offered a substitute motion for the description of EECE 517 that read: Use of object-oriented methods and tools for application programming with graphically interactive operating systems. The motion was passed.

The original motion with amendment was then passed.

Professor Lane moved to approve the recommendation of the Committee under Part III with the deletion of two courses in art studio on page 11 and the adoption of the changes recommended under B. Department of Military Science. The motion was passed.

Professor Lane moved the deletion of ~~PHYS~~^{ASTR} 101. The motion was passed.

Professor Lane noted that Part III was for Senate's information - the introduction of an experimental course CHEM 622X. Point V, criteria for undergraduate May Session courses, was presented for Senate information.

Professor Price requested that faculty read the May Session guidelines carefully and contact Professor Lane if you have items that you wish to discuss.

D. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Strobel:
No report.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Wilcox:

Professor Wilcox expressed concern about parking, particularly focusing on the B lot and the continual frustration in making changes in parking. He questioned whether the Welfare Committee, the current university committee, or a separate faculty parking committee should address this issue.

Professor Wilcox reported that he is following up on the 1994 salary equity task force report and will report at the February meeting. He also reported that he is working with Professor Patterson in regard to the tenure reform process - the blue ribbon committee - to insure that faculty have adequate input and access to the process so that there is a meaningful opportunity for faculty to affect the deliberations of that committee.

Dr. Patterson gave the following report:

I was asked to make a few comments about what we are doing about ten minutes ago so in spite of that fact I am most willing to share my thoughts with you. Please forgive their lack of structure or lapses of memory.

As you know our work has been committed by the President to a 17-person committee and that occurred last May. While we didn't do any major work over the summer, we have been working since September. With the consent of the full committee, I have appointed and staffed some 11 subcommittees to gather information on various aspects of the tenure and promotion process and the various relationships which both faculty and administration have with this process. We have already gotten in some reports. I would say our reporting system is just a little bit over half way completed.

But if I could comment on Professor Wilcox's remark, we have decided that the faculty questionnaire which is to be sent to all tenure track faculty members which I announced earlier this year would be sent out early in the semester for a variety of procedural reasons and some technical ones. We will now be ready for the faculty's consideration as soon as the next semester

begins. All the materials are together. We thought rather than burdening you with one more thing to consider, one more bit of paperwork in addition to correcting and grading before the holidays, we would wait until the 10th of January to mail them. So they should be in your boxes around the 13th. We are very concerned and the Provost has been gracious enough to pass the word to deans and department chairs to urge their tenured faculty to respond to this. While we welcome anybody's concern with what we are doing and it is within your right, we need no urging to solicit the input from our colleagues. So we will have a thorough process of faculty involvement. Unfortunately we are not able to interview all tenured faculty. That is impossible. We are able to interview the President, the Provost, and deans personally. We are going to send out a second call for unit chairs for their responses which will be a written survey. Finally all tenure track faculty will have a chance to respond both to questions that are directed and also to create a response that is without direction. In other words, what do you think? Are there any problems? Do you like it? Don't you like it? What way can you think of improving the system that we have? So you will be given an ample opportunity and please keep in mind that the basis for my acceptance of this role as chair of this committee was receiving an explicit commitment from the President that whatever recommendations we give him from this committee and whatever recommendations he chooses to espouse will be submitted to the faculty as the Faculty Manual requires. So I would ask all to keep that as a matter of consideration and as a matter of satisfaction. I think it gives people security.

I certainly would be happy to answer questions. I was moved by Professor Mack's comments about service. We are a research university. Research and teaching, I am speaking personally, occupy the highest priorities. It seems to me that in this day and age, we must give due weight to truly productive and creative service that enhances the quality of life. I mean that in the highest sense of the term within the university. Again speaking personally, we have done some things to remove some of the explicit designations of evidence that are to accompany files in the tenure and promotion process from the Faculty Manual. We might very well be putting some back.

Let me say before I answer equally unstructured questions from you that I certainly would be happy to hear from any and all. I try and read my e-mail every day. If you want to send me a communication in writing or if you want to give me a telephone call, please feel free to do so. But as somebody who has spent a good part of his life in faculty governance, you can be sure that I am committed to making this process of re-evaluation work to do justice to that principle.

I don't know if that satisfies you or not. Please let me know.

F. Committee on Admissions, Professor Burns, Chair:
No report.

G. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Professor Compton, Chair:
No report.

H. Other Committee Reports.
None.

IV. Report of Secretary.

The Senate will meet in Gambrell Hall auditorium in February. There is no meeting in January. Senators are requested to give name and department when speaking.

V. Unfinished Business.

Professor Conant, MUSC, asked about e-mail addresses for the legislators.

Professor Wise said that the Senate office had inquired about the addresses, but had been told that they were not available because of the present location of the legislators.

VI. New Business.

Professor Weasmer (GINT) moved that the Faculty Senate condemn action by the Resident Hall Association to provide bus service for students and to prevent this from occurring in the future.

to the airport for students two days prior to Thanksgiving break and try to prevent this from occurring in the future.

The motion was defeated.

VII. Good of the Order.

Caroline Eastman (CSCI) said that there are an unfortunate number of rooms around the campus that are not within the ergonomically approved temperature range.

VIII. Announcements.

Dr. Price reminded the faculty that the first of the provost's candidates - Dean Lefton from our college of Liberal Arts, would be speaking at 4:30 this afternoon in Swearingen Hall. He also said that Dr. Odom would be going through the same process next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.