

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 24, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 in Gambrell Auditorium by Henry Price, Chair.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 1996.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: Report of the Provost, Provost Vernberg:

1. The Legislature is still working on the budget.
2. The entering freshman class is expected to have an average SAT above 1000.
3. In response to Prof. Safko's question about the details of performance-based funding, the Provost said that the faculty would be asked for suggestions but that the final decisions on performance would be decided by the CHE.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IIIA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko:

The Senate Steering Committee has appointed Bruce Coull (Marine Science) to replace Dennis Nolan on the Faculty Grievance Committee for the Fall 1996 term.

IIIB. Grade Change Committee, Joseph Byrd, Chair:

The committee report was approved as submitted.

IIIC. Curricula and Courses Committee, Caroline Eastman, Chair:

The committee will meet two times before the next Senate meeting. Courses approved at that meeting can be offered in the fall, but they will not appear in the catalog.

Each unit will receive a copy of its catalog entries. It is the unit's responsibility to proof the catalogue entries. Failure to do this in the past has led to problems. Each unit will also receive a list of its courses on the data base. Please review them.

The committee is working on a procedure for assigning new course designators and on improving cooperation between the Columbia Campus and the Regional Campuses.

The committee moved item I from the College of Criminal Justice with the following corrections. On page 10 near the bottom, the sentence should read "Hours so earned may be counted as electives." On page 12 add GINT to the list of Cultural Awareness courses. Near the bottom of the same page, replace the word "faculty" with "support." The word "Selectives" has been used to describe an elective that must be chosen from a prescribed list of courses. Ina Rae Hark (ENGL) pointed out that no courses have been approved with the "W" to indicate a writing intensive course. She proposed an amendment, which was approved and did the following:

We are retaining under the heading "**GROUP VII: Writing Emphasis**", the first sentence. We are deleting the second sentence - "The courses are designed by a W suffix." We are retaining the third sentence. We are deleting the fourth sentence and retaining the fifth sentence. And then we are deleting the asterisk also.

Section I as amended was approved.

Section II, College of Education was submitted to the Senate with the correction of the spelling of "variety" in EDEL 506. . The section was approved as was IIIA from the College of Engineering. The last item in IIIB (311) was deleted, and that section was approved with the correction of the spelling of "Electronics." Item IV from the College of Public Health and item V from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications were also approved.

The committee submitted VIA-C, film courses from the College of Liberal Arts with the correction in the cross-listing of FILM to FORL 598. Charles Weasmer (GINT) expressed concern about how one finds the FILM and the FORL designated courses in the catalogue. This question was referred to the College of Liberal Arts. The courses were then approved. Items VID-F were also approved.

A revised version of VII from the School of Music was distributed to the senators. The following typographical corrections were made. Under the General Education Requirements in the line that starts out MATH 122 the word "courses" should be "course." And the "s" removed there should be inserted on the line following Natural Sciences, which should be laboratory "courses" not "course." Charles Weasmer (GINT) amended the motion from "...equivalent to the 122 course: HPRE 221 recommended." to "...equivalent to the 122 course. HPRE 221 recommended." Ina Rae Hark (ENGL) pointed out that this amendment still did not solve the problem and proposed a substitute amendment that divided the non-music elective section into two paragraphs. The first to be headed Foreign Language 0-9 hours. Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Followed by another paragraph listing other non-music electives 1 to 10, with HPRE 221 recommended. After further discussion, the motion to substitute was approved. The new amendment was approved as was the amended section.

Section IX, School of the Environment, was approved with the correction of "Journalism and Mass Communication" to "...Mass Communications" and "Treatment" in ECIV 551 to "Treatment".

IIID. Faculty Advisory Committee, Nancy Lane, Chair:

The committee's first proposal to add a paragraph to the **Faculty Manual** on page 49 under CHANGES OF GRADES (UNDERGRADUATE) was approved as submitted.

The second proposal to revise page 13, BOARD OF GOVERNORS - FACULTY HOUSE was extensively discussed. Stan Fryer (BADM) proposed an amendment that would reduce the proposed five-year terms to three-year terms. The amendment was seconded. During the discussion the problems that the current board is having with finding a new manager were discussed as well as at least one member of the Board of Trustees desire that there should be more formal community involvement. The amendment was approved. Trevor Howard-Hill (ENGL) moved to amend the motion by increasing the number of faculty members to 6. The amendment was seconded and approved. The chair reminded the senators that all changes in the **Faculty Manual** require the approval of the Board of Trustees. The amendment was approved and the amended motion was approved. We are modifying the structure of an incorporated entity, The Faculty House of South Carolina, which leases the building from the University of South Carolina under a five-year contract. Marcia Welsh (MEDC) pointed out that concerns about faculty power can be solved by more faculty joining the club and making use of the facilities.

The motion reads:

The Board of Governors establishes and reviews policies and rules for the operation of Faculty House and receives and acts upon questions raised concerning this operation. The committee shall consist of ten members: three members appointed by the President, six faculty members elected by the faculty, and one community member elected by the Faculty House Board. The community member must be an

Alumni Association or corporate member and an active member of Faculty House, and cannot be a faculty or staff member. Two faculty members shall be elected each year to serve a term of three years. The community member shall also serve a term of three years. Successive terms by any one elected member must be separated by at least one year.

The third item from the committee revising the **Faculty Manual** to clarify the status of research faculty was approved as submitted. During the discussion, the Provost said that health benefits for research faculty are the same as for regular faculty.

IIID. Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Thorne Compton, Chair:

The proposal from the College of Nursing was approved.

The committee also reported on progress on two other items. At the end of last year, it was asked to review the policy on academic forgiveness. The committee has a proposal that has gone to the Assistant and Associate Deans Council. By the next meeting, we will be able to have a full report on academic forgiveness. The other thing the committee has been asked to do is to review the May Semester as it progresses this year. Those of you who are Department Chairs or Unit Heads will be getting a letter from our Committee sometime after the May term ends requesting participation in the evaluation.

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko:

The next meeting of the Senate will be Monday, July 8, at 3 p.m.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

David Berube (THSP) made the motion that

The Faculty Senate should consider the former University Student Affairs Committee as a Faculty Committee and empower a newly formed committee with clear duties and responsibilities.

At the request of Robert Felix (LAWS) the chair referred the motion to the Faculty Advisory Committee. The committee is reviewing the entire committee structure.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER and VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Palms apologized for his late arrival and announced that he would be attending James Moeser's inauguration in Nebraska. He said he would tell him that we would see him at the bowl game in January.

Richard Conant (MUSC) asked faculty to attend the annual member meeting of the Faculty House on Tuesday, May 14, at 4 p.m.

ROBERT FELIX (LAW) noted in the minutes of the last meeting a report of an answer by the Chair in the Good of the Order to Prof. Fryer asking what substantive means.

The answer given was the umpire's answer. It is not a ball or a strike until I say so. Which, of course, is correct for normal parliamentary procedure. But if one looks at page 82 of the Faculty Manual this provision - The Senate shall not give final consideration to any

substantive legislative matters not included on the published agenda of the meeting at which introduced, unless by a two-thirds vote the Senate shall agree to consider such matters. This is probably a useful safety valve for things that come up unexpectedly, yet it does permit two-thirds of the assembled to decide to conduct business without notice. Further, the definition of substantive seems to be given by the Faculty Manual on page 9 where it sets up the legislative powers relegated to the faculty by the Board of Trustees. But I won't bother you with reading the entire list. They are very broad and they are pertaining to the purpose of faculty governance. I should think that the idea of substantive is defined wrongly by the Chair.

Thorne Compton (THSP) suggested that we need a term for those courses which we think are voluntarily, but which are absolutely required. Since we have used elective and selective, he suggested "relective".

Don Wedlock (LAWS) asked Prof. Berube how the faculty and students using the Carolina Plaza were getting along with the legislative bodies. Prof. Berube said "We get a lot of visits from legislators who are former debaters so I end up spending a lot of time actually socializing with the legislators and talking about the good old days. Many of which were way before I ever got here. We are getting along reasonably well. If you just ignore parking and elevators, it is fine."