

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 5, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 in Currell College Auditorium by Marcia Welsh, Chair.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 1995.

The minutes were approved after Caroline Strobel's name was properly spelled.

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

1. The Provost reported on the progress of the budget. He suggested that faculty continue to contact their elected representatives.
2. The bill to eliminate tenure is being closely watched without overreaction.
3. The staggered evaluation of deans begins this year with Dean Fincher, College of Pharmacy and with Dean Duffy in Continuing Education and Regional Campuses.
4. Discussions are underway between the Department of Media Arts in the College of Applied Professional Sciences and the Department of Art in the College of Liberal Arts on a possible merger.
5. An outside review panel of three consultants has evaluated the College of Criminal Justice. The conclusions are being shared with the faculty of that college.
6. The President has responded to the faculty resolution on salary compression. This report will appear in the next set of minutes. The President and the Provost agree that salary compression is a serious issue and it is an issue that we are continuing to address. On the other hand, a faculty wide committee may not be the proper oversight method. Institutional Research can provide the data needed and committees within each college may be a more workable solution.
7. Thanks are extended to the faculty for helping with recruiting new students of high quality. This year we have a Truman scholar, two Goldwater scholars and at least three Fulbright scholars.
8. Today's Wall Street Journal reported on colleges who were inflating their reported graduation rate. We are not among those listed. Moody's report has raised our bond rating from A to A1.
9. The Provost introduced Katherine Fry, the new director of the USC Press.

Charles Weasmer (GINT) asked if the entire College of Liberal Arts faculty would participate, as they have requested, in the decision to merge the Art Departments. The Provost said that this was not University policy.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

The following faculty have been elected to the contested committee seats.
Athletic Advisory Committee: Ann Dreher and Richard Zingmark

Faculty Advisory Committee: Caroline Strobel and George Holmes
Faculty Grievance Committee: Eleanor Duff and Philip Michaels

There are two committee openings that we must fill. The Steering Committee makes the following nominations:

1. Curricula and Courses Committee: George B. Lane, term to expire in 1997
2. Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee: Robert Best, term to expire in 1996.

The Chair announced that she has copies of the names and addresses of the 1995 state Senate Finance Committee and the state Senate Education Sub-Committee. Faculty are encouraged to contact these persons and to write letters to the newspaper, and to get others involved in getting our message across. We are concerned about education at all levels. Also keep up the pressure on the house members. A number of representatives of Richland and Lexington counties voted against the University.

The Chair also announced that another survey would be sent to the faculty this year.

IIIB. Grade Change Committee: John Lopiccolo, Chair:

The Grade Change Committee report was accepted as submitted.

IIIC. Curricula and Courses Committee: John Lopiccolo for Mary Caldwell, Chair:

The report was accepted with the following grammatical corrections:

- Page 12: ECIV 426, 4th line down ...including...
- Page 13: GINT 445, 3rd line ...structures of one or more regions of Africa
- Page 14: the numbers are incorrectly added.
- Page 16: THSP 280 Basic not Basis and THSP 390, remove both commas in the third line.
- Page 18: CHEM 644 ...materials...
- Page 18: Under SCCC 280 and 281: INTERDISCIPLINARY

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

The Committee's recommendation to extend the add deadline from 5 PM to midnight was approved by the Senate.

IIIE. Faculty Welfare Committee: Richard Zingmark, Chair:

The Committee moved the first of its resolutions. Charles Mack (ARTH) asked if the administration would take any action on the proposal this time. The Provost said that first all institutions must stand together on this matter. Action will then depend on the solvency of individual colleges and schools. It was pointed out that, except for evening school revenues, funds generated by summer school go to the individual units. A

discussion followed on the fairness of raising the salaries and reducing the number of faculty employed in the summer. The motion was then approved.

The second motion on page 30 was amended to read: "If there are insufficient moneys for a department to do this, the percentage of base salary paid may be reduced accordingly, but in no event less than 15% of nine-month base salary." The motion was approved as was the preamble.

IIIF. Library Committee: Patrick Scott for Robert Weir, Chair:

The Committee pointed out that the library has moved up to 67th overall and in near the top 20 in several of the individual rankings.

IIIG. Blatt Physical Education Advisory Committee: Russ Pate, Chair:

The Committee has reviewed plans and proposals that have been put into effect in the PE center. Progress has been made but there are still many problems. Maintenance has been cut back and the building is eroding quickly. The problem is one of money. The Committee has asked the administration for additional funds for maintenance.

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

The Secretary reported that the summer Faculty Senate Meeting would be July 6 at 4 PM. We will probably meet in a different location next year to free this computerized classroom for other uses.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS : None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Louis Terracio (MEDC) requested that Faculty Welfare investigate the possibility of unionization of the faculty. The Chair referred the matter to that committee.

David Whiteman (GINT) asked the faculty to support a resolution indicating Faculty Senate support of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts. The motion passed.

The Senate adjourned at 4:20 PM without further nominations.