

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 1, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM in Belk Auditorium by Chairman Becker.

I. STATE OF THE FACULTY, 1993: Chairman BECKER

Chairman Becker's address to the Senate is Attachment 1.

The Chair was turned over to Dr. Marcia Welsh, School of Medicine and new Chair of the Senate.

II. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 7, 1993.

One addition to the minutes was made before they were approved. On the middle of page 3, Nancy Lane had also asked about the status of the search for the new Dean of South Carolina College. Provost Moeser replied that the choice will be announced in the next 2 to 3 days. (For the record -- all final candidates were found to be unacceptable and the search continues.)

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: None

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IVA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko: No Report

IVB. Grade Change Committee, Sallie Boggs, Chair:

Before submitting the requests, Prof. Boggs asked the senators to read the annual report and to note the changes in the form of the regular committee report. On an annual basis, about one half of one percent of grades are submitted for change. The committee will send out a list of procedures and guidelines for grade changes in the near future. The grade changes submitted were approved.

IVC. CURRICULA AND COURSES COMMITTEE, Thomas Cafferty, Chair:

The following two corrections and one revision were made before the report was submitted.

Page 17, line 2, BADM 292 -- precede the expression in the closed parentheses by "prereq:".

Page 19, V -- the curriculum is for Medical Technology.

The proposed changes in BADM 520 and BADM 525 were withdrawn so the Dept. of Statistics could consider the proposed changes.

Two corrections were made from the floor.

Page 20, HIST 110 was replaced by HIST 112, since HIST 110 no longer exists.

Page 21, BIOL 690, 3rd line, the word is "specimen".

The committee report was approved as corrected.

IVD. ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE , Robert Wilcox, Chair:

Prof. Wilcox asked all senators to carefully read and consider the committee report. He asked that action be postponed until a later Senate meeting. (Set by the Chair as the November meeting.) As explanation he pointed out that the current substantive rule that we have, the code of student academic responsibility, attempts to prohibit four specific categories of what we call academic misconduct. Each category -- each violation if you will -- is specifically defined. There is a paragraph defining bribery, six paragraphs defining cheating, four to define plagiarism, and one to define lying. If it doesn't fall within one of these definitions there is nothing to pick it up. If somebody can skirt around it, they will. There are instances of conduct which any one of us in this room would say were wrong but we can't do anything in the way discipline for it. The proposed rule on pg. 29 will eliminate this problem.

The proposed rules and procedures attempt to separate the academic grade from the misconduct question. Actions which would not affect the student's grade might be code violations.

David Rembert (BIOL) speaking for the Council of Associate and Assistant Deans requested time for that body to consider the administrative problems of the proposed procedures. Although the proposals are basically very good there are possible administrative difficulties which the council would like to consider.

IVE. UNIVERSITY DISABILITIES AFFAIRS COMMITTEE , Prof. Higgins, Chair:

Nominations for faculty members to this committee should be sent to the Senate Office. Elections will be held at a later date.

V. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko: None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ben Franklin (ENGL), Faust Pauluzzi (SIP), and Marie Riley (LAWS) asked about locker room rental fees and other changes in service and regulations at the Blatt Physical Education Center. Prof. Franklin raised questions about the tabulation of the questionnaires distributed to the faculty last year. Prof. Welsh referred matter to the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Ellen Crosby (LIS) moved that the Faculty Welfare Committee be directed to investigate the adding of the phrase "sexual orientation" to the USC non-discrimination statement. The motion was seconded.

A call for the quorum was made. The Chair ruled that there was no quorum. The "sexual orientation" issue was referred to Welfare by the Chair.

Charles Mack (ARTH) asked that the University consider providing "elder care" for faculty and staff that have aging parents. The question was referred to the Welfare Committee by the Chair.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Gunther Holst (GSO) read a statement praising Past Chair Becker. This statement is attached (Attachment 2). The Senate responded with a standing ovation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.