MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING, February 7, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gunther J. Holst at 3:00 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the 6 December 1989 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Reports of Officers.

Provost Arthur K. Smith announced President Holderman was unable to be present as he was attending a National Science Board meeting in Washington, D.C. He then reported on two items.

1. Status of the budget for higher education. He has met with the Higher Education subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. Basically, the Provost was told it would be a tough budget year. It appears the subcommittee will recommend to the Ways and Means Committee a funding level of 89.9 per cent of full formula. We are effectively at 91 percent this year with the late increase in the lag factor. There seems to be little chance of revenue enhancement (tax increase) this coming year and there is relatively little uncommitted new revenue available. It does appear higher education will be getting about $28m in new money.

The subcommittee has recommended a level funding of $5m for the Cutting Edge. The recommendation for state employee's salaries is currently 2 percent (not defined as across the board) plus 2 percent merit plus one quarter percent as a "merit bonus." We will try to do better than this - as we have in the past two years - but it will mean allocating funds to the operating budget from the general fund to augment what the state provides. The subcommittee will recommend dropping the existing proviso that two state agencies - Higher Education and Wildlife and Recreation - come up with 25 percent of the raise money; Conventional Wisdom is that these two agencies have the capacity to raise fees assessed their consumers. In our case it means tuition would fund the missing allocation. We applaud this recommendation of the subcommittee. It appears to the Provost that formula funding in the end might reach the 90-91 percent range.

2. System Academic Policy Coordinating Committee (SAPCC) was then discussed by the Provost. The SAPCC was appointed by President Holderman about a year ago to advise him on matters of academic policy which could affect the entire system. The triggering issue was a proposal by the Spartanburg Faculty
Senate to revise the way the grade point ratio would be calculated by their registrar. Currently, if a student retakes a failed course and passes it, both grades are figured in the GPR. The Spartanburg proposal would drop the failed grade from the GPR calculation. As we are a system we have a single system transcript and thus the proposal would affect system policy. At the time the proposal was made, there was no system wide faculty body to consult. Thus, the SAPCC was appointed.

The committee consists of the five faculty senate presidents/chairs, plus five other faculty members - selected committee chairs from the system senates, plus the five chief academic officers of the units involved. This committee is currently considering the Spartanburg proposal, the so-called "stop out period" of five years of absence out of the eight years a student can claim a particular catalogue under which to graduate (some units feel five years is too long), and itself. They are discussing their mission and purpose and how they relate not only to the president but to the individual faculty senates. It is not a legislative body for system wide academic policy but rather a consultive and recommending body.

Professor Fellers (ENGR) noted the fact that the faculty of USC-Columbia is probably larger than the combined faculty of all the other campuses. He recommended consideration of proportional representation on the committee.

Smith responded that if we were to have a system wide faculty senate this would be a reasonable approach, but this is an advisory committee to the president not a legislative body.

Discussion then took place over the Spartanburg proposal and was terminated when it was pointed out the proper procedure would be to refer the matter (if it comes to this senate) to the appropriate committee for their study.

Professor Mack (ARTH) said he would like to express appreciation to President Holderman and other members of the administration for their part in arranging for the donation of Oriental ceramics by the Koger family. He will introduce a resolution so stating later in the meeting.

III. Reports of Committees.

A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Safko, Secretary-elect:

Safko announced the recommendations for committee vacancies would be due by 12 February. The slate of nominees will be presented at the March meeting.
B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Pauluzzi, Chair:

Pauluzzi explained the recommended grade changes for student Edwin Hartzler (Fall 79 - Spring 80) were based on information received by the committee of the student recovering from the effect of an airplane crash. He then moved the report. The report was accepted as distributed.

C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor L. Brown, Chair:

Brown moved item I. It was approved. He moved item II. A question arose concerning how CLIT 415 (new course) differs from present CLIT 499 (already in the Bulletin). There was no one from the program present to explain and the new course proposal only was withdrawn from consideration. The rest of item II was approved.

Brown noted that in item III, Degree Requirements in Exercise Science had been duplicated in the report of Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee. This section would be acted on in the Curricula and Courses report only. He then corrected the prerequisites for both HPRE 223 and HPRE 224 to BIOL 111, 112 and 112L. Other editorial corrections included:

On p. A-10 and p. A-11 under Language Arts change to (ENGL 101, 102, and one of ENGL 287, 288 or 289 and THSP 140). Additional corrections were made; p. A-12, delete MATH 115 and change hours to 10; p. A-12, under Advanced Sciences change BIOL 340, 340L to BIOL 302, 302L; on

p. A-11, under motor development, second line, after PEDU 360 add PEDU 361; on

p. A-14, under EXSC 223, change prereq. to BIOL 111 and 112 and 112L.

There followed an audible hum of mental calculators and senators began to point out that credit hour totals and subtotals were not correct.

Chairman Holst asked if the Senate would be willing to pass the substance of item III. and allow the committee to "clean" up the numbers? The Senate agreed (verbally) and item III substance was approved.

Item IV. was moved and approved. Item V., a handout dealing with three experimental ARTD courses was presented to the Senate for information only; no action was necessary at this time.
D. Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, Professor Opal Brown, Chair:

Professor Brown withdrew item II. dealing with appeals forms. Further input from Student Affairs Committee has been received and needs to be considered before presenting that portion of the report. Item I., standards for the undergraduate program in Exercise Science (pp. A-19 to middle of A-22), was presented for the Senate's information.

E. Academic Planning Committee, Professor Gilchrist, Chair:

Gilchrist reported the committee is continuing to work on several Faculty Welfare Committee recommendations sent to them by the Senate Steering Committee. A report will be made at the March Senate meeting.

F. Faculty Budget Committee, Professor Carlsson, Chair:

Carlsson reported the committee continues to work on recommendations submitted by Faculty Welfare.

G. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Strobel, Chair:

Strobel referred the Senate to the handout concerning child care services at USC-Columbia.

Professor Howard-Hill asked what was to be done with the report which was from the Child Care Task Force subcommittee?

Strobel said it has been sent on to the administration.

H. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Felix, Chair:

Felix announced the committee has been asked to review the Faculty Manual. He asked that any suggestions be sent to him or the committee via Faculty Senate Office.

IV. Report of Secretary.
None.

V. Unfinished Business.
None.
VI. New Business.

Professor Woliver (GINT) introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Senate requests that the Administration, at the March Senate meeting, report on efforts (1) to increase the availability and use of recycled materials, particularly paper products, (2) to increase the proportion of waste material that is recycled, (3) to decrease the use of materials that cannot be recycled, and (4) to decrease the total volume of waste. Estimates of the projected costs or savings generated by the recycling program may also be provided if possible.

Silvernail asked who would provide the information on cost/savings noted in the last sentence.

Woliver said she hoped the administration could supply this information.

Professor Greene (ANTH) said he had been attempting to buy recycled bond paper for his department but has been unable to do so because we do not have a state contract with companies who can supply this type of paper. He also noted that the cost of setting up to recycle paper may be more than the income generated by the sale of paper because the payment for recycled paper is low at this time.

A short discussion followed on the merits of recycling used telephone books. Questions concerning the type of products used by the dining halls was also raised.

Carlsson (BADM) pointed out the questions being raised would be answered if the resolution were passed and the administration acted on the resolution.

Professor Conant (MUSC) said he thought a month might be inadequate time for the administration to respond.

Provost Smith responded that it could probably be done by the March meeting of Faculty Senate. Unidentified Senator noted the state was looking into this issue at the present time and we should probably coordinate our efforts with the state task force.

The resolution was then put to the vote and was passed.
Mack (ARTH) then entered the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Faculty of the University of South Carolina, through its Senate, wishes to express its appreciation to Ira and Nancy Koger for their continuing support of the arts at the University. This energetic encouragement of the arts is a constant source of strength for this institution and for the cultural life of our State.

The resolution was then put to the vote and was passed.

VII. Good of the Order.
None.

VIII. Announcements.

Felix (LAWS) announced the Fulbright Alumni Association meets periodically. Anyone wishing to be placed on the mailing list for such meetings should inform him.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.