

MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING, MAY 4, 1988

The meeting was called to order, immediately following the General Faculty Meeting, at 4:49 p.m. by Chairman Rufus G. Fellers.

I. Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Silvernail corrected page M-4, Professor Reeder's statement - excepts to accepts. Professor Becker (HIST) corrected p. M-4, third paragraph from the bottom, by stating he had seconded the Holst motion. The statement "not seconded" is to be omitted. The corrected minutes were approved.

II. Reports of Officers.

Acting Provost Bain reported on the activity in his office resulting from the Faculty Welfare Committee report (7 October 1987) which recommended "the administration undertake a department by department, college by college review of faculty salaries designed to remedy current individual inequities within the unit." He has met with Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) and since then has received reports from each college. The mass of information has not yet been assimilated. In addition, the Personnel Office has produced a printout, by college by rank and by department by rank for 1987-88 salaries and on individual deviations from the mean in each category. He will continue to work with the deans on developing policies to address the concerns raised by FWC. At this time a report on the exact number of individuals and dollar amounts is not ready.

Professor Howard-Hill (ENGL) stated he had talked with the Acting Provost and was satisfied with the progress that has been made.

Professor Zingmark (BIOL) inquired when the base salary began - October or August?

Bain responded the salary base is probably the salary as of 31 October.

Professor Pritchett (BADM) noted he had appeared at the legislature's Ways and Means Committee meeting and had spoken in favor of a proposed amendment to the state retirement system process. The amendment would extend the optional retirement provision to all faculty not yet vested in the state retirement system. The amendment would also increase the percentage of contribution by the state to match the contribution made by the faculty member. Discussions on the amendment are still underway.

### III. Reports of Committees.

#### A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee, Professor Silvernail, Secretary:

Silvernail announced a vacancy on Faculty Grievance Committee. Professor Weatherbee will be off campus for one year. Suggestions for nomination should be sent to the Faculty Senate Office by 13 June 1988. A nominee will be presented (by name) at the June Senate meeting.

#### B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Beamer, Chair:

Beamer moved acceptance of the report as distributed. It was accepted.

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

Brown made several corrections to the report:

1. p. A-9. Added "and Mass Communications" to the title of College of Journalism.
2. p. A-17. Changed title of BIOL 627 from Mycology to Phycology.
3. p. A-19. New courses, BIOL 656 should be deleted (see Deletions, same page).
4. p. A-27. SCCC 156 should be followed by an added superscript 2. This refers to a footnote already in place.

He then moved acceptance of the entire report. Professor McNulty (MATH) noted that on p. A-17, IX. B., Deletion, CSCI 550, the cross-listed course MATH 527 should be changed to MATH 574.

The report, as corrected, was approved.

#### D. Faculty Advisory Committee, Professor Knight, Chair:

Knight remarked that the committee report at the General Faculty Meeting completed the committee presentation.

E. Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, Professor Franklin, Chair:

Franklin moved the committee report by major section. Each section was approved. He then noted the committee's concern over the fact that some B.S. degrees are now possible where a candidate does not have to take a course in mathematics. The committee will look into the matter.

IV. Report of Secretary.  
No report.

V. Unfinished Business.  
None.

VI. New Business.  
None.

VII. Good of the Order.  
None.

VIII. Announcements.

Silvernail stated the summer Faculty Senate meeting will be on 16 June at 3:00 p.m. in Currell College Auditorium.

Fellers noted the General Faculty had accepted an amended resolution of Faculty Advisory Committee. The report asks Faculty Senate to establish a committee of faculty members which has access to all information pertaining to the relationship [Savannah River Laboratory and a consortium with Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina, or the University of South Carolina alone with SRL], and which will be charged with making recommendations concerning policy. Due to the press of time, he would appoint the Faculty Advisory Committee to fill the role. If a separate committee seemed to be desirable later, this could be done in the fall.

Knight pointed out the resolution calls for the organization of a new committee because it calls for some appointments to be made by the President. He suggested it might be appropriate to refer this item to Faculty Advisory Committee for a recommendation. Fellers so ruled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.