

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING

April 26, 2006

I. and II. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

President Andrew Sorensen called the meeting to order and asked for corrections to the minutes of the March 1, 2006 General Faculty Meeting. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as written.

III. Report of the President

President Sorensen began by commenting that he genuinely appreciates receiving reports of achievements and recognitions of USC faculty. “The reputation of the University rests,” he said, “not on the accomplishments of any individual ... but on the accomplishments of the faculty.” He made note of the following achievements:

- Dr. Gene Reeder received the Distinguished Service Award from the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
- Dr. Susan Cutter received the 2006 Decade of Behavior Research Award
- Professor Victor Giurgiutiu was recently selected as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society
- Two teams of Public Relations students from the School of Journalism & Mass Communications won first place awards at the National Bateman Case Study Competition

The President then shared a presentation of his vision for the future of USC, joking that he sometimes feels like the President of USC in the morning and the City Planner for Columbia in the afternoon. The visual presentation gave an overview of the historical development of Columbia and moved into plans for proposed future development, with focus on the Innovation District.

IV. Report of Provost.

Provost Mark Becker gave a report on the 2004-05 tenure and promotion cycle. The 2005-06 report will be presented next year, as that process is not yet complete.

The Provost then presented the faculty awards in areas of teaching, research, and service. The following is a list of awards and their recipients:

- Golden Key Faculty Award for Creative Integration of Research and Undergraduate Teaching: John Weidner, Department of Chemical Engineering
- Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor Award: Sandra J. Kelly, Department of Psychology
- Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty Advisor: Kendrick Clements, Department of History
- Russell Research Award for Humanities and Social Sciences: Stanley Dubinsky, Department of English

- Russell Research Award for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering: Vicki Vance, Department of Biological Sciences
- USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Health Sciences: Alexander McDonald, School of Medicine
- USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Humanities and Social Sciences: Virginia Scotchie, Department of Art
- USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools: Subhash Sharma, Moore School of Business
- USC Educational Foundation Research Award for Science, Mathematics and Engineering: Hans-Conrad zur Loye, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- 2006 USC Educational Foundation Outstanding Service Award: Chaden Djalali, Department of Physics and Astronomy
- 2006 Carolina Trustee Professorship in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Areas: David Cowart, Department of English
- 2006 Carolina Trustee Professorship in the Health, Engineering, Medical, Science, and Mathematics Areas: Kim Creek, School of Medicine
- Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Awards:
 - JoAnne Herman, College of Nursing
 - Julie Hubbert, School of Music
 - Charlie Pierce, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- 2006 Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Award: Manoj Malhotra, Moore School of Business
- Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award: Tangali Sudarshan, Department of Electrical Engineering.

V. Old Business.

There was no old business.

VI. New Business.

Professor Judith Alexander (Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee) presented a document outlining modest modifications to the wording of the *Faculty Manual* with regards to three committees: 1) the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions, 2) the Faculty Budget Committee, and 3) the Intellectual Property Committee. A motion was made to accept the proposed changes. The motion carried.

VII. Good of the Order.

There were no items for the good of the order.

VIII. Adjournment.

President Sorensen declared the meeting adjourned.