

SUMMARY - GENERAL FACULTY AND FACULTY SENATE ACTIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR 1983-84

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING - September 7, 1983

- The President gave an intense speech on the condition of the University and the eminent problems she is faced with in the immediate future. He noted the new attention being accorded the needs of education at the national level. A \$4 million contribution to the Swearingen Center was announced, and the University's commitment to provide quality graduate education was emphasized. It is his goal that the University become one of the leading institutions in the field of higher education. The importance of "high-tech industry" to the State and to the University is the stimulus to continue our expansion in the area of graduate programs.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - September 7, 1983

- The Grade Change Committee and the Curricula and Courses Committee reports were adopted as submitted.
- Professor Dennis Nolan, School of Law, and Professor John Stinton, College of Business Administration, were nominated to fill a one year term on the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- It was announced that Professor Ed Hickman, College of Business Administration, was elected Chairman of the Faculty Advisory Committee, for the 1983-84 academic year.
- Professor Richard G. Silvernail, Department of Geography, and Professor Trevor Howard-Hill, Department of English, were nominated as Secretary-elect to the Faculty Senate.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - October 5, 1983

- It was announced that Professor John Stinton was elected for a one-year term on the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- The Curricula and Courses Committee report was adopted as presented.
- Professor Trevor Howard-Hill, Department of English, asked the Faculty Welfare Committee to investigate the rationale for the 10% levy for administrative costs imposed on Educational Foundation accounts. He also asked the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee to examine the practice of adding a course after the drop-add period which he reported as often permitted by the Department of Physical Education.
- Professor Richard G. Silvernail was elected to a four-year term as Faculty Senate Secretary.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - November 2, 1983

- President Holderman said that he has reason to believe that full-formula funding is a good possibility for this year.
- The Grade Change Committee's reports for both October and November were adopted.
- The Curricula and Courses Committee report was adopted as presented.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee recommended that the Patent and Copyright Committee members be elected for three-year terms, two each year.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee also agreed that the intention of the language of the 1980 grievance procedures was the same as that stated in the tenure procedure for 1981, namely that termination of faculty before the final year or simple non-reappointment is not a matter that is grievable to the Grievance Committee.
- After very intense discussion, the Senate approved the adoption of new standards for admission to the University, presented by Professor Ayres of the Admissions Committee. These new standards are listed on page M-19 of the Faculty Senate handout dated November 22, 1983.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - December 7, 1983

- President Holderman reported that the Legislature has shown positive signs to grant the University full-formula funding especially in light of the Governor's educational package under consideration. He indicated, however, that he did not deem it wise to attempt to tie full-formula funding to the proposed one-cent sales tax increase. He indicated that the draft of Carolina Plan III would not be ready to be presented to the Board until April.
- Provost Borkowski announced that the Faculty Manual is ready to go to press.
- The Steering Committee reported that it had been considering a "Provisional Year Program" but it was not ready to make a specific proposal since there were several areas of the proposal which need further attention. The Provisional Year Program was brought to the Steering Committee because the other committees involved had problems with the proposal in its entirety and needed the advice of the Steering Committee to work out a compromise.
- The Senate approved a motion to add to the Steering Committee the Chairman of the Athletic Advisory Committee.
- The Grade Change Committee's report was adopted as presented.
- The Curricula and Courses withdrew item III, College of Journalism, from its report; items I, II, and IV were adopted as presented.
- A motion made by Professor Suzanne Stroman to add the "Provisional Year Program" to the agenda for discussion and adoption failed after a lengthy discussion.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - February 1, 1984

- President Holderman again reiterated that the University is in a good position to receive full-formula funding. He also noted that his administration is very much against the Commission on Higher Education involving itself in the setting of all fees and tuition.
- The Steering Committee moved the adoption of the "Provisional Year Program" included in the agenda package, pp. A-1 - A-5. After lengthy discussion (over 10 pages of minutes) the motion was approved.
- Professor Hubert Noland's service to the University was recognized and the Senate unanimously adopted a statement made in his behalf by Professor Rufus Fellers, College of Engineering.
- Professor Scott Goode moved that the Faculty Welfare Committee examine the recent decrease in interest rate announced by VALIC.
- The death of Professor Don Galgano of the College of Pharmacy was recognized, as was the passing of former Chairman of the Board, Rutledge Osborne.
- Professor Shirley Kuiper, College of Business Administration, was declared elected to serve as a one-semester replacement for Professor Susie Van Huss on the Curricula and Courses Committee.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - March 7, 1984

- Provost Borkowski commended the Faculty on the success of the University's Family Fund Drive. It had exceeded one million dollars.
- A question was raised concerning the University's obligation to provide insurance for personal belongings in a professor's office and lab. The Provost responded that state law forbade such coverage. Each individual should obtain his/her own insurance on personal items kept in his/her office.
- It was announced that Professor Donald L. Greiner, Department of English, was elected to the University Tenure and Promotions Committee to fill the term of Professor George Brauer who had to resign.
- The Steering Committee announced the appointment of several committee members, and also presented its slate of nominees for the Faculty Committees.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - March 7, 1984 (continued)

- The Grade Change Committee report was approved as submitted.
- The Curricula and Courses Committee report was amended in several areas, then it was adopted.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee moved that the Senate Steering Committee be empowered to "consult and advise the Administration on annual and/or extraordinary budgetary matters and long term fiscal strategy of the University." Professor Perry Ashley, College of Journalism, moved to recommit that motion to the Faculty Advisory Committee and to instruct that committee to further examine the function of the Steering Committee and to remove the function of nominations to faculty committees, i.e., to establish a separate nominating committee. After much discussion Professor Ashley's motion was defeated. The Faculty Advisory Committee's motion was adopted.
- The Senate adopted specific grounds for grievance for non-reappointment of faculty in the probationary years, namely, grievance is permitted if the faculty member claims denial of academic freedom or denial of procedural due process.
- The Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee moved that "In order to be eligible for graduation, students must meet all course requirements, be in good academic standing, meet any departmental or program requirement and have a cumulative GPR of at least 2.0 on all work attempted at USC." This motion was approved.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee reported on the 10% surcharge on "E fund" accounts. The Committee recommends that the Administration suspend the practice of levying the 10% surcharge on non-profit making activities. This recommendation was approved.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee also reported that VALIC was legally able to change the interest rate on contributions made to its tax sheltered annuity as provided by the agreement that is signed by the contributor to the annuity.
- The Admissions Committee moved that the University require that all students admitted to the University must have two years of the same foreign language in high school. After much discussion, the new admission requirement was adopted.
- Professor Porter McLaurin, College of Applied Professional Sciences, moved that the Senate establish a "Nominating Committee, consisting of one elected member from each college." This motion would be discussed and voted upon in the April Senate meeting.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - April 4, 1984

- President Holderman again expressed optimism about full-formula funding for the University. He also stated that he anticipates reaching the \$35,000,000 goal of the Summit Fund. Construction of the Swearingen Engineering Building is expected to begin in summer, to be completed by the middle of 1986. He announced that on April 14th the President of the Dominican Republic will be on campus and will be awarded an honorary degree. He expects the University to become very active in that part of the world in the near future.
- Professor Ray Moore asked if the College of Nursing would comment on the arrangement made for a pilot program for nurses in the senior class to be involved in an internship at local hospitals in that the program has not yet been started. Professor Widing responded that she would look into the matter and bring a report back to the Senate in May.
- The Steering Committee moved that the Faculty Manual read as follows: "A majority shall consist of one plus the quotient of the total number of votes cast for all candidates divided by twice the number of vacancies on a given committee." The motion was approved.
- The Grade Change Committee report was adopted.
- The Curricula and Courses report was amended in several areas, then adopted as amended.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee presented for information a bill recently passed by the House which would allow using money from the state employees health insurance reserve fund to cover general spending for 1984-85. Several Senators were upset with this matter and a motion was made and approved that the Chairman of the Senate write a letter of protest to the appropriate House and Senate members. It was noted that Clemson University had passed a resolution opposing the transfer of funds from the health insurance reserve fund to the general fund.

- The Steering Committee reported the results of the faculty elections of committee members.
- Professor Porter McLaurin's motion to establish a University Nominating Committee was discussed. The motion was defeated.
- A memorial statement was read into the minutes honoring Distinguished Professor Emeritus Claude Henry Neuffer, deceased March 13, 1984.

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING - May 1, 1984

- The President announced the winners of the various annual awards which demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service to the community. He also commented that he was optimistic about the University receiving full-formula funding for the 1984-85 academic year.
- A Board of Trustees was established to administer the funds of 100 shares of Glen Falls Insurance Company, deeded to the University in 1945. The Board of Trustees will consist of the President, the Provost, and the current chairman of the Faculty Senate. The purpose of the funds is for "faculty assistance."
- The Faculty Advisory Committee proposed a change in the wording of the tenure and promotion procedures to clarify the rights of individuals in their penultimate year. This change was approved.
- President Holderman called for the establishment of a new Arts Center after the completion of the Swearingen Engineering Center. He also expressed optimism on the role of the University in the Caribbean, specifically the Dominican Republic.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - May 1, 1984

- Chairman Weasmer reported that the letter he was instructed to send to the Legislature stating the objections of the USC Faculty Senate to the transfer of funds from the health insurance reserve fund to the General Fund was well received by the members of the House Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee. He was assured that the diversion of funds was not going to happen again and that state workers will receive an improvement in their health benefits (i.e., a dental policy and reducing the deductible from \$200 to \$100.)
- The Grade Change Committee report was adopted.
- The Curricula and Courses Committee report was adopted.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee moved (and it was adopted) that a Committee on Academic Responsibility be created. This committee will assume the responsibilities of the Student Supreme Court.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - July 5, 1984

- Provost Borkowski gave the officer's report. He stated that the University will receive full-formula funding for the first time in seven years. He cautioned that the University's need to "catch up" will not allow for a lot of "extra money". He listed his priorities insofar as the budget is concerned as follows: 1) Faculty salaries. 2) Teaching assistantship stipends. 3) Library. 4) Computer accessibility. He also pointed out the need for the University to undertake a serious study of whether or not she is adequately preparing her students to cope with and be leaders in our rapidly changing society. He said that President Holderman plans to commission such a study in the fall.
- On behalf of the Steering Committee, Professor Husband announced the nominees for the newly created Academic Responsibilities Committee. Since there were no nominations from the floor all nominees were declared elected. The members of this committee are: Three-Year Term - Professor Charles H. Randall, School of Law, and Professor Robert M. Rood, Government and International Studies; Two-Year Term - Professor Harry K. McMillan, College of Engineering, and Professor Sarah Wise, College of Applied Professional Sciences; One-Year Term - Professor Duane L. Rohlfing, Department of Biology.
- The Grade Change Committee report, the Curricula and Courses Committee report, the Faculty Advisory Committee report, and the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee report were adopted.