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FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The University Faculty

FROM: R. G. Silvernail *R. G. Silvernail*
Secretary of the Faculty

RE: Annual Summary of General Faculty and
Faculty Senate Actions and Events

As called for in the Faculty Manual, page 14, an annual summary of actions taken by the General Faculty and Faculty Senate is to be transmitted to the faculty. The period covered in the report is 3 September 1986 through 8 July 1987.

It should be repeated that this is a summary of actions taken. Complete details may be obtained from the minutes of the General Faculty and Faculty Senate. For continuing committee reports such as Curricula and Courses Committee and Grade Change Committee, only the notation of action taken is given, not the separate corrections and changes.

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SUMMARY - GENERAL FACULTY AND FACULTY SENATE ACTIONS AND EVENTS
ACADEMIC YEAR 1986-1987

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING - September 3, 1986

- President Holderman announced that Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina through their presidents had issued a challenge to the state leadership in the form of a proposed Research Investment Act. The RIA is a five-year plan to improve higher education opportunities, a higher quality of life for South Carolinians and real jobs with sustained economic growth in the state. This plan calls for about \$250 million over a five-year period concentrating in the area of trade and economic development, advanced science and technology, mass communication and information management and education.
- President Holderman also spoke of the role of the humanities, the arts and social sciences in the university. He said "Without liberal arts education, we are not a university, we are just a group of professional schools strung together for the purpose of offering technical and professional degrees. Our commitment is to be a university truly worthy of the name; to be an institution in which the breadth of the individual is the defining characteristic; breadth combined with depth in a particular field. Our best graduates are those who manage to work those two specific ingredients together."
- President Holderman answered several questions from the faculty wherein he noted that he recognized a need for more funds for the library, an increase in the salaries of the faculty and more space for the Art Department.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - September 3, 1986

- Provost Borkowski reported on promotion stipends for faculty, issues being studied by the Task Forces of the Commission on Higher Education; and the possibility of federal funding for a major science research complex.
- Professor John Herr, Biology, was nominated to fill a three-year term on the Faculty Advisory Committee.
- Approved as distributed, the report of the Grade Change Committee.
- The Curricula and Courses Committee withdrew Section I, a new degree program in Sports Administration after a motion by the Department of History was approved asking for its withdrawal. Section II was approved.

- Professor Richard Silvernail, Geography, was nominated as Secretary-elect and Professors Rufus Fellers, Engineering, and Gunther Holst, Foreign Languages, were nominated as chairman-elect of the Senate.
- It was announced that a special meeting would be held on September 11th at which time both the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor or their representatives would speak to the faculty on the future of higher education in South Carolina.
- Professor John Herr, Biology, was declared elected to a three-year term on the Faculty Advisory Committee.
- Professor Richard Silvernail was re-elected Secretary of the Faculty Senate. It was announced that the election of a new chairman would be held at the October Senate meeting.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - October 3, 1986

- President Holderman reported that the University was a strong candidate for a \$16,000,000 grant for developing a science research complex; his concern about the release of information on faculty salaries under the Freedom of Information Act; and on the future of the Research Investment Act which was still being actively supported by the University, Clemson University, and the Medical University of South Carolina.
- The report of the Grade Change Committee was adopted as presented.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee's resolution to endorse and support Senate Bill #487 pertaining to an optional retirement program and a choice of options by faculty with five or fewer years of service as well as offering the choice to new faculty was approved.
- The Committee on Curricula and Courses report which included the B.S. degree in Sports Administration as well as a hand-out was adopted as amended.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee reported on several items being studied by the task forces of the Commission on Higher Education which affect the University.
- The Admissions Committee reported that undergraduates would be notified of their acceptance by February 15th.
- A ballot was distributed to all members in attendance for the position of chairman-elect. Professor Rufus Fellers, Engineering, was declared elected.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - November 5, 1986

- President Holderman reported on salary questions raised by the Freedom of Information Act; the visibility to attract outside support by the University; and also on the tangible results of non-state monies to the University.
- The Faculty Senate Steering Committee's motion to amend the Elements of the Student Contract for the Provisional Year Program as follows: "5. A student who withdraws from the Provisional Year Program for legitimate medical reasons may be permitted to return to complete the program. Both medical withdrawal and reinstatement must be approved by the College Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions." was approved.
- The Steering Committee's motion to establish the Provisional Year Program as an approved program in the College of Applied Professional Sciences as mandated by the Faculty Senate in February 1984 was referred by a substitute motion back to the committee for additional data.
- The report of the Grade Change Committee was approved; and the Courses and Curricula Committee's report which was composed of experimental courses was presented for the Senate's information.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee provided an update to the earlier report on the Commission on Higher Education Task Force dealing with admissions, standards, and assessment.
- The Secretary announced that the last date for action on items to be incorporated into the new catalog will be the May 1987 meeting.
- The Safko/Becker motion as follows: "That the chairman of the Faculty Senate through an appropriate standing or newly created committee assure the faculty, in cooperation with the administration, of a direct and active participation in the setting of priorities for the University. These decisions should involve at least the expenditure of monies and guidelines for faculty salaries. The Chairman of the Faculty Senate shall inform the Senate of the workings of the committee no less than twice a year." was referred to the Faculty Advisory Committee by the Chair.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - December 3, 1986

- Provost Borkowski reported on the budget reduction problem; the availability of information on University expenditures

to the press as approved by the Board of Trustees; and the status of the Commission on Higher Education's recommendations which affect areas such as admission policies and evaluations.

- The Faculty Senate Steering Committee nominated Professor Eddie Gaffney, Applied Professional Sciences, to fill a one semester term on the Student Affairs Committee.
- The Steering Committee's recommendation to establish the Provisional Year as a permanent program in the College of Applied Professional Sciences was approved by voice vote.
- The Grade Change Committee's report was approved as was the Committee on Curricula and Courses report as amended along with a handout. This included a delay in implementing the Core Curriculum to Fall 1988.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee and the Admissions Committee presented a resolution requesting the University administration's representatives to express our strongest concerns for the continuation of these respected faculty responsibilities and privileges and express our strongest and gravest objections to any efforts on the part of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to have any external bodies determine standards for admission of, retention of, and assessment of the people of South Carolina, and other states and countries, who may wish to attend the University of South Carolina." This resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- The updated Faculty Manual which includes policy items which have been approved, editorial changes--including gender references, and factual changes such as dates and telephone numbers--was approved.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee reported on its role and charges relative to financial governance of the University.
- The Faculty Welfare Committee stated it is making progress on the question of faculty benefits and that a questionnaire would be sent to all faculty regarding their opinions on benefits. The committee is also investigating the question of faculty salaries.
- A motion was made and approved requesting the Library Committee to prepare a library status report including the Committee's recommendation for future development of the Library's resources.
- Professor Eddie Gaffney, Applied Professional Sciences, was declared elected to a one semester term on the Student Affairs Committee.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - February 4, 1987

- President Holderman discussed the University's appropriations for FY 87 and the proposed appropriations for FY 88.
- The Faculty Senate Steering Committee announced it was preparing a slate of nominations for vacancies on faculty committees. The committee also stated they would follow a policy of making known to the Senate at the first available meeting of a committee vacancy and that the Committee will make nominations and request additional nominations from the floor at the next Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee also informed the Senate that at the next Faculty Senate meeting they would recommend the establishment of a standing committee of the Faculty Senate for a Committee on Libraries.
- The Grade Change Committee and the Curricula and Courses Committee's report was approved as distributed.
- A change in admission and progression requirements for the College of Education and the College of Business Administration was presented by the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee.
- The University Library Advisory Committee presented their report on the current status of the library. A motion was then approved to have representatives of the Administration respond to this report with some plans to reverse these trends.
- The Athletic Advisory Committee reported on some statistics showing the academic progress of the University's student athletes.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - March 4, 1987

- President Holderman reported on the status of the proposed budget for 1987-88.
- Provost Borkowski responded to the motion requesting representatives of the administration to respond to the Library Committee report with recommendations to reverse these trends.
- The Senate was informed of one year vacancies on the Student Organization Judicial Board and the Student Organization Judicial Appeal Board.
- The Faculty Senate Steering Committee presented its slate of nominations to fill vacancies on faculty committees and also

appointment of committee members. The Steering Committee's recommendation for the establishment of a new Library Committee was passed by voice vote.

- The Grade Change Committee's report was approved. The Committee on Curricula and Courses report was approved as amended. Section III, Department of Foreign Languages, curriculum change was withdrawn and will be resubmitted at the next Senate meeting.

The Committee's amendment to the Core Curriculum to modify the Humanities and Social Sciences component to read: "C) HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES -- twelve credits, with at least two fields represented." was approved.

- The Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee presented the College of Journalism's new requirement that all students entering the program must take the USC English Writing Proficiency Test.
- The Student-Faculty Relations Committee presented the Student Discipline System document as amended. The document was approved by voice vote.
- There being no further nominations for committee vacancies the Steering Committee's nominees were declared elected.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - April 1, 1987

- The President reported on the current status of the budget along with a handout entitled "Funding Comparison."
- It was announced that the Student Discipline document had been sent to the Administration for implementation.
- Professor David Cowart, English, was appointed to the Student Organization Judicial Board and Professor David Lawrence, Geology, to the Student Organization Judicial Appeal Board.
- The Steering Committee presented the following nominees to the new Faculty Committee on Libraries: Daniel Barron, Library and Information Science; Matthew Bruccoli, English; Benjamin Gimarc, Chemistry; John Herr, Biology; Charles Mack, History; and Oliver Wood, Business Administration.

The following names were placed in nomination from the floor: Owen Connelly, History; James Keith, Health; Willard Sharp, Geology; Rudy Jones, Physics; JoAnne Herman, Nursing; William Nolte, English; and Heidi Mills, English. A mailout ballot was sent to all faculty.

- The report of the Grade Change Committee was approved as was the Committee on Curricula and Courses report as amended. The Committee's amendment to the Core Curriculum to modify the Numerical and Analytical Reasoning component to read: "NUMERICAL AND ANALYTICAL REASONING -- six hours, three hours of Mathematics at the level of 120 or higher and three additional hours from either Mathematics at the level of 120 or higher, computer science, statistics, or philosophy (110, 111)." was not approved.
- The Faculty Advisory Committee's proposal to establish a Faculty Budget Committee was approved.
- The Department of History moved the following motion to rescind the amendment of the Humanities and Social Sciences component of the core curriculum.

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING - May 5, 1987

- President Holderman reported that the administration was attempting to increase faculty salaries by a 4% average and that he was "cautiously optimistic" about the financial future of the university.
- President Holderman announced the awards received by Professors David Cowart (English), Bruce Dunlap (Chemistry), Ross Roy (English), Anthony Huang (Biology), Donald Puchala, (Government and International Studies), Margaret Reese (Math), Sam Greenly (Beaufort-Psychology) and Lyle Campbell (Spartanburg - Science and Math).

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - May 5, 1987

- Provost Borkowski responded to questions concerning the new summer schedule.
- The following vacancies on committees were announced: Grievance Committee - a one year term; Curricula and Courses Committee - a two-year term and a one-year term; Academic Responsibility Committee - two one-year terms.
- The following nominees were elected to the new Faculty Committee on Libraries: Professor Daniel Barron, College of Library and Information Science; Professor Matthew Brucoli, Department of English; Professor Benjamin Gimarc, Department of Chemistry; Professor John Herr, Department of Biology; and Professor Oliver Wood, College of Business Administration. A run-off election for the sixth position

between Professor Owen Connelly, History, and Professor Charles Mack, Department of Art will be held.

- The report of the Grade Change Committee was approved.
- The report of the Curricula and Courses Committee was approved as edited.

FACULTY SENATE MEETING - July 8, 1987

- Provost Borkowski reported on the Pope's visit to Columbia on September 11. He also commented on the budget and responded to questions by various faculty members.
- Professor Owen Connelly was elected in the run-off election for the Library Committee.
- The following persons were nominated and elected to fill several vacancies: Grievance Committee - Professor Owen Connelly (History) - a one-year term; Curricula and Courses Committee - Professor Cleo Pass, (Nursing) - a one-year term and Professor Wolfgang Elfe, (Foreign Languages) - a two-year term; and Academic Responsibility Committee - Professor Gerald Wallulis (Philosophy) - a one-year term and Professor Frank Carruccio (Geology) - a one-year term.
- The report of the Grade Change Committee was adopted as presented.
- The report of the Curricula and Courses Committee was approved with several editorial changes.
- The following deadlines for materials to be included in the Faculty Senate agenda were announced:
 - 12 August for 2 September meeting
 - 16 September for 7 October meeting
 - 14 October for 4 November meeting
 - 11 November for 2 December meeting
- The Faculty Senate expressed their appreciation to Professor David H. Rembert, Jr. for his service as Chairman of the Faculty.