
ABSENT: Arlene Adams, Lance Badwell, Jessie Brown, John Beard, Peter Lecours, NellJean Rice, Jose Sanjines, Jill Sessions, Olcy Akman, Gene Collins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Whitley advised the Senate that Jim Eason had substituted for Andy Hendrick at the March 7th meeting. A motion was made by Dave Evans to accept the minutes of the March 7th meeting, as corrected. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Whitley advised the Senate that he received an anonymous letter in a rather untraditional manner. Whitley said it may have been a legitimate letter with legitimate concerns, however, because of the anonymity of the letter, it cannot be brought to the floor of the Senate. Whitley asked that if the letter was about legitimate concerns that needs to be brought to the Senate floor, that it must follow the traditional manner of bringing it onto the floor.

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Whitley recognized Provost Idoux. Dr. Idoux gave a quick look at the current budget situation saying that we will not know anything for sure until the Legislature has completed its work and passed the budget. He said that the Governor is trying to hold higher education harmless. The Governor claims that he has identified funds, however, Dr. Idoux warned the senate that these funds that the Governor has identified are only one time funds so we could be facing the same budget cuts the year after next. Dr. Idoux said that despite the Governor’s inclinations to holding higher education harmless that Coastal was going ahead with budget adjustments. Joan Piroch asked the Provost when could suspended faculty position searches be resumed? Dr. Idoux responded that we still can not tell until after the state legislature has approved the budget at the end of June. Claudia McCollough asked whether the current budget problems would affect the newly approved Philosophy and Foreign Language minors? Dr. Idoux said that they would not be affected.

OLD BUSINESS: An item from the College of Business presented at the February 7, 2001 meeting that states: Item 39. Request for Addition to Degree Program: Change in Other: New Option for Management majors - International Tourism Management. Suggested change: The College of Business is proposing to create a new International Tourism Management Option. This option will require an articulation agreement between CCU and foreign institutions. One phase of the agreement involves foreign students completing three years in their native country and their senior year at CCU. The second phase of this option involves CCU students studying abroad during their junior year and returning to CCU to complete their senior year. The stipulation reads: With regards to Item 39. The College of Business should contact the Office of the Provost for proper implementation of the degree option. Charmaine Tomiczek explained that the issue is the detail of whether it is a program modification, how many credit hours are in that program, and what we need to do to get it properly approved through South Carolina Commission on Higher Education if we need to. Tomiczek emphasized that it had not stopped the program.
NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Whitley reported that the result of the evaluation of administrators was good. The results will be mailed the week of April 9th, with results being available for review in the offices of the Dean and Provost.

Chair Whitley announced that Faculty Senate Committee Reports are due by the end of this academic year. He asked that the reports be ready and delivered to him by April 18th for distribution with the Agenda for the May meeting. Whitley also reported that he still does not know who the chairs are of some of the committees.

Dan Ennis reported that the Festival of the Avant Garde will take place on April 18-22nd, and asked all faculty to encourage their students to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

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Faculty Senate Secretary

Janet Straub
Faculty Senate Recorder