
ABSENT: Tom Secrist, Alan Case, Richard Dame

ELECTION FOR FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: For the Office of Chair, Rich Koesterer and Dave Evans were nominated. A motion was then made to close nominations. By a vote of secret ballots, Dave Evans was elected Chair for the AYs 2003-04 and 2004-05 by a count of 19 to 16.

For the Office of Vice Chair, Prashant Sengsirip was nominated. A motion was then made to close nominations. Prashant Sengsirip was elected and will serve as Vice Chair for AYs 2003-04 and 2004-05.

For the Office of Secretary, Steve Sheel was nominated. A motion was then made to close nominations. Steve Sheel was elected and will serve as Secretary for AYs 2003-04 and 2004-05.

At the request of Dave Evans, Koesterer continued the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim Eason, seconded by Dave Evans to accept the July 9, 2003, minutes as mailed. Koesterer asked the senators that when they arrive late, to advise the secretary they are present. The motion to approve the minutes passed

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Koesterer reported that Administrative Action – 21 had been returned from the Administration with the following stipulation: 3. Request for Addition or Change in Emphasis: Change in Placement as follows: on page 151 of the catalog, we should add the following statement: “French, German and Spanish 350 (Language Study Abroad) cannot be used to fulfill the foreign language requirement in the core curriculum.” ADMINISTRATION REVISED THIS TO READ: cannot be used to meet the foreign language proficiency requirement.” Rationale for change: These courses (350) are not taught by Coastal faculty and result in the awarding of a certificate, not a grade.

Provost Barr thanked the senate in advance for the hard work they will be doing over the coming year. He reported that we are trying out the smart-thinking tutorial to help students in a variety of different disciplines. The other thing is to remind you that we’re doing a trial with free distribution of USA Today, New York Times, and Sun News and should that prove to be successful, they will be happy to come down and work with faculty in ways of generating that into the curriculum.

Regarding the discussion of student numbers verses social security numbers maintaining more privacy for the students, we can make that conversion, Barr said. Some of the schools in the state have been successful with that, and we’d like to take a look at that first, and then decide how to best make that change.

With the first football game approaching, there was a discussion on the expected behavior of all attendees.
Koesterer reported there will be an election this fall to cover two things: first, we have additional faculty members that warrant the additional senators be elected from the various colleges. Those are: College of Business will increase from 4 to 6 representatives; College of Humanities and Fine Arts will increase from 17 to 18 representatives; College of Natural and Applied Science will increase from 14 to 15 representatives; and the Library will increase from 1 to 2 representatives.

Second, last years election results held in the spring had ties for positions that will be re-advertised and re-done in order to resolve the ties. Koesterer said the turnout on those elections have been really low. Virginia Levensen reported they are trying to set it up so that when you vote, we know that you have voted - but not who you voted for. For those faculty members that do not vote, perhaps they will then send out emails as a reminder that you have not voted.

Koesterer recognized Dr. Lynn Willett, Vice President for Student Affairs. Willett said she is very pleased to be here at Coastal and working with the senate.

Koesterer recognized student officers from the Student Government Association attending the senate meeting. They are, Taurean Davis, Student President, Drew Bird, Student Vice President, and Lisa Sharp, Student Treasurer.

Koesterer said the attendance and participation of students on committees are sometime up and down, sometime it's active and sometimes it's not. Part of the reason has to do with the way we as faculty sort of organize and set-up these committees. Koesterer said this year we are asking that when the committees are formed, if they will, as soon as possible, establish a meeting time, and after the meeting time has been established, send those student vacancies over to the SGA President and they can make sure they sign up for a committee that they can meet with on a regular basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Retention and Assessment Committee, Teresa Burns. The report from this committee is available upon request from Teresa Burns, ext. 2225 or email her at tburns@coastal.edu. This report is approximately 30 pages in length.

Philip Schneider requested that the senate look into a web page for reports.

Koesterer reported that the email list for senators is being prepared and it will be called “Senators”. Only current senators will have access to this list.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Steve Sheel reported that the Committee for the Celebration of Inquiry has been hard at work this summer. The web-page is up now for the Celebration of Inquiry. This year’s theme is Seeing the World Anew and will be held in February 2004. Sheel thanked Rick Matthews, a recent graduate of our newly accredited Computer Science Department at Coastal Carolina University, and a Communications Committee member with his excellent design of the web-site. The web-site is www.coastal.edu/inquiry.

Parking for football games was discussed. There is printed information on the Coastal Noticeboard regarding this.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Evans thanked Koesterer for taking over today’s meeting. Evans in his opening remarks thanked the faculty for their support. He also underscored the need for committees to elect their new chairs in the next two weeks and forward the information to him over that time frame. Likewise, the senate chair would like to be apprised of any major initiatives you have coming or any exciting developments that are going on. Similarly, committee reports and minutes from last year’s meetings need to be in the Library as previously mentioned. He will also be looking at those committees which appointments need to be made and solicit the names of those who would be willing to serve. He concluded his remarks by saying that he looks forward to a good year and he is real excited about working with the administration and the senate.
The Senate will be advised of the meeting time for October 2003 by e-mail.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Steve Sheel
Faculty Senate Secretary on September 18, 2003

Janet Straub
Faculty Senate Recorder