
ABSENT: Kay Keels, Nancy Ratcliff, Tom Secrest, Jim Henderson, Erin Burge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 4, 2009 minutes were approved with the updates of Cathy Jones added to role and motion that was passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All consent agenda items were approved as they appeared and were presented in the November agenda.

PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Michael Ruse, Chair, gave the Senate William (Billy) Alford’s regrets for not being able to attend the November meeting.

Provost, Robert Sheehan had a couple of announcements:

- Reminder to please plan to attend Commencement.

- The Board of Trustees passed a sophomore housing requirement. This is a requirement that sophomores must live in University sponsored housing. There is a possibility that the university will purchase Campus Edge which would have many virtuous benefits including the ability to implement sophomore housing requirement. It may happen as early as 2010.

- Announced that the funding for over $78,000 in Professional Enhancement Grants had gone out and the Faculty Welfare and Development Committee should be applauded for all their hard work in getting this approved and out.
We are seriously considering purchasing another module for Datatel which is an e-advising module. It is a module that would permit us, College by College, to set certain advising rules and guidelines. By going to the web and putting present, past and desired course-work, students can actually meet many of their advising needs as well. It would be up to the individual colleges and departments whether you will need the individual signature of a department to release the advising holds. Hopefully the feature will be up by fall of 2010.

Last issue was to present Michael Ruse with a plaque for his “Outer Office” to hang on the gazebo closest to the Humanities Building by the pond side. Our thanks to Michael on leading the team on the Faculty Manual Committee. The Provost funded the sign so no public dollars were used.

Provost answered two questions in regard to sophomore housing:
1. Will there be exemptions? There is a 50 mile commuting limit, married students, and also other sets of exemptions. There was a lot of benchmarking prior to this movement, and about half of our peer or aspirant schools do have a sophomore housing requirement.
2. Are there future building plans? The most likely course of action is to purchase existing apartment style housing. When that is in place we will probably be about 500 beds short of being able to address the entire freshman and sophomore needs in another year or so. There is some discussion of putting more residence style housing on the Elvington track. It would be about 4-5 years out and would have to be funded by the Housing Foundation who currently owns the land.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Chair gave update on Academic Contingency Plan Advisory Board that was suggested at the October Senate meeting during Quasi Committee of the whole. The board was formed and met with the Provost and Senate Chair. The members of the board are Nick Twigg, Carol Megehee, Nancy Ratcliff, Teresa Burns, John Steen, Tonya Propst, Elsa Crites, Patricia Piver, and Margaret Fain.

- Decisions to cancel classes will be made by Administration.
- The University as a whole cannot close without the permission of the Governor.
- Decisions to hold Saturday classes or to lengthen class times will be made by Administration.
- Decisions pertaining to graduation exercises will be made by Administration.
- Academic issues pertaining to the assignment of grades and/or how to deal with missing course content will be decided at the Department level.
- Finals week issues will be decided at the departmental level.

The board will continue to meet in order to investigate best practices and further plan for contingencies.
The Chair updated the Senate on the Ombud Pilot Program Review Board. The board will meet and make its recommendation to the Provost. The members of the board are Erin Burge, Brandon Palmer, Emory Helms, Eliza Glaze, Darlene Slusher, Yoav Wachsman and Sallie Clarkson. The Provost will make his recommendation at December meeting.

The Chair advised the Senate of several Administrative Actions (AA’s) that had received final signatures and one that was returned by Administration.

Administrative Action #4 revising the faculty code of conduct, #5 concerning UNIV courses, #6 revising faculty titles conferred, #7 revising the forfeiture of tenure policies and procedures, and #9 containing several changes to the Faculty Manual from the consent agenda of October 2 have been signed by the Administration and received by the senate.

Administrative Action #8 has been returned by the Administration without signature on advice of University Counsel. This action pertained to the inclusion of the term “sexual orientation” as a protected category under the grievance procedures. University Counsel will be available for the next meeting of the senate to discuss the legal ramifications of the issue during Quasi Committee of the Whole.

Departmental name changes have been requested from Computer Science and Foreign Language.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dan Ennis, Chair, ad hoc Committee on Faculty Teaching Loads presented a report to update the faculty on the committee progress. He showed a power point presentation and stated that the completed report will be available on the Faculty Senate website.

Phillip Whalen, Chair, family Friendly ad hoc Committee presented an updated report on their committee and on the survey that will be available for all faculty, staff and students on the child care center. This will be the 3rd survey to touch on the child care issue so please encourage your co-workers and students to take survey seriously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maria Bachman started the discussion on the integrity statement passed at the July meeting of the Faculty Senate. The motions regarding the above were as follows:

1. Motion to reconsider the item passed supporting discussion regarding the Academic Integrity Statement faculty senate passed in the July meeting.
   
   Motion passed.

2. Motion to rescind support of the Academic Integrity Statement.
   
   a) Motion to postpone until the next meeting.
   
   --Motion was retracted.
b) Motion to postpone until the *ad hoc* committee report on Academic Integrity completes its report to Faculty Senate.  
--*Motion was retracted.*

c) Motion to amend motion 2 to read “The Faculty Senate rescinds support of the statement on Academic Integrity until the *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Integrity reports to the Faculty Senate.

--*Motion to amend passed.*

The Main motion as amended passed.

**QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

The list of suggested areas of potential faculty facilitation received from senators was projected on the screen for review. The question of how to group this list was raised and the Chair stated that the idea is to distill from the list some concrete proposals to be forwarded to Administration. A motion to exit Quasi Committee of the Whole due to time constraints and to attend to items of new business was made and seconded.

The Motion passed.

**PENDING BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Presented to Senate by Ken Small Chair, Academic Affairs Committee:

*Motion 1*  
**Catalog Change Proposal to Faculty Senate:**

**PURPOSE:** This catalog change is necessary to allow the university to accept transfer credit from unique external programs that will benefit our students. Active articulation agreements are those agreements between Coastal and other institutions which recognize and accept the transfer credit from those institutions. Using the articulation agreement process for these types of programs ensures that the academic rigor of the external programs meet the university’s standards. SACS requires that such language be incorporated into the university catalog.

**PROPOSED MODIFICATION:**

(***NOTE:** The new addition is underlined for readability; it will not be underlined in the catalog)

**Course Credit – Regionally Non-Accredited Institutions**  
With the exception of international institutions, and institutions with active articulation agreements with Coastal Carolina University, the University does not accept transfer credit from institutions which are not accredited by the appropriate *regional accrediting* association. Students may validate credits earned at an institution which is not regionally accredited by obtaining the required score on the appropriate CLEP Subject Examination. Only if the appropriate CLEP Subject Examination does not exist may a Departmental Examination be administered. See Departmental Examination section of this catalog. Specific guidelines may be found in the Credit by Examination section of this catalog.
Motion for a Friendly Amendment to strike “international institutions, and” from line one was made, accepted as friendly and then retracted after discussion.

Motion for a Friendly Amendment to add “domestic” between “and” and “institutions” was made and accepted as friendly.

Motion 1 passed as amended and reads: “With the exception of international institutions, and domestic institutions with active articulation agreements with Coastal Carolina University.”

Motion 2

Proposal for a new undergraduate course
ECON 361 U.S. Fiscal Policy (3). Prereq: ECON 201 and ECON 202 or ECON 101). This course may be used as an elective.

Proposed catalog description: This course will provide students with an in-depth understanding of economics policy during various presidencies and periods of war. Emphasis will be given to Hamiltonian Finance, the Jeffersonian approach to the debt as well as taxation and borrowing during wartime.

Justification: A course on fiscal policy will help differentiate the economics major at CCU from others across the state. A course so narrowly focused will benefit the students in that it will show them the practical application of macroeconomic theory, provide an interesting outlet for professorial research, and could be a cornerstone in a future MPA program here at CCU. Additionally, this course could be of interest to those wishing to pursue an economics minor or the impending Bachelor of Arts in Economics program.

Motion 2 passed as written.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Philip Whalen presented the Chair with a document containing excerpts from a report that came from Williams Institute in September 2009 on “South Carolina-Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law and Documentation of Discrimination” for dissemination to the relevant members of Administration for information and further discussion.

The Parliamentarian explained why the “motion to call the question” should be used sparingly.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Moe Murphy
Faculty Senate Recorder
Approved by Susan Slavik, Secretary