Note: The remarks of the Senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The taped recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate office or in the University Archives.


ABSENT: Holley Tankersley and William Jones.

GUESTS: Derek Frimpong, Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association and Michael Smith, a Coastal Carolina University 2011 Alumni and graduate student from Georgia Southern University.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 1, 2012 minutes were approved. (Moved by Wes Fondren and seconded by Brian Bunton.)

CONSENT AGENDA: All items on the February 1, 2012 Consent Agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Provost Sheehan:

- President DeCenzo extends his regrets for not attending the meeting as he continues his diligent work with the building projects. He has received positive votes including an initial vote on the Elvington property where additional residence halls will be built.
- Dr. Sheehan reminded everyone that SACS will be onsite next week and will be particularly interested in faculty knowledge of and awareness of Experiential Learning.
- Dr. Sheehan reported that the progress of the COHFA Dean search has stalled and may have failed. Three candidates were brought to campus and one was made an offer and declined. At this time, the remaining two candidates do not have the full support of the Search Committee or the Administration. Following today’s meeting; Dr. Sheehan will be meeting with the Board of Visitors for the college for suggestions on moving forward. He stressed that COHFA is a healthy
college, not in distress, and that it would be best to wait for the right candidate, whether it be internal or external.

- There were two items reported from the Board of Trustees meeting:
  1. Notifications have been received of the Board of Trustees actions on the P&T decisions and one tenure alone decision. The Board was extremely impressed with the quality of the dossiers that were presented to them and the decisions that were asked of them.
  2. The Board made a motion that was accepted in Academic and Student Affairs and was then brought forward to the full Board to return a procedure to the P&T process that it had initiated a few years earlier but had not fully enacted. The procedure was to require external letters of references for candidates whose materials were going forward for promotion from Associate Professor to Professor using the same guidelines currently in the external letters of support for post tenure reviews at the exceptional status. This is a procedural change and not a criteria change. A discussion has taken place with the Senate leadership on how and when to incorporate this into the Faculty Manual. The Board of Trustees would like for this to be completed as the next set of dossiers come forward this summer for Fall 2012. The Board also expressed their desire for the college to return to the normal load process and was advised that we have done so.

- The Dean of the College of Science presented an alternative proposal to the Administration a few months ago. Currently the science building projects include Science I, which is the science building under construction now, there is Science II that is included in the penny sales tax, and there is Science III that remains hopeful of the state issuing a bond bill (which hasn’t been done in 15 years or more.) The purpose is to move the remaining classroom facilities back to the main campus from across Highway 501. The Dean proposed to increase the amount from the penny sales tax to add a third floor onto the science II project. This would be the building that is across from the current annex. The proposal was accepted. Therefore, the cost of that building went from 14 to 25 million. It delays the actual physical building of Science II by about 1 year but Dr. Sheehan is optimistic that it may be completed earlier. There will no longer be waiting necessary for the completion of the third building (Science III) in order to bring the Marine Science Departmental offices and classes over to the main campus. However, the labs will remain across Highway 501 in the Coastal Science Center. This will complete the major science building projects and will reduce our further reliance on the facilities across Highway 501.

- Thanked everyone for their part and reminded that SACS is good for all of us: faculty, staff, and students.

**Michael Ruse, QEP Director:**

- The promotional blitz campaign is in full swing now. The Experiential Learning Fair was very successful last week and the news is successfully reaching the students.

- Faculty who will be teaching in the Wall College of Business on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday need to make sure that their students know what our QEP is, what it is about, and what is in it for them because SACS representatives will be set up in the Board room in the WCOB and will likely come into contact with those students.

- News concerning Funding for Experiential Learning projects:
  1. The colleges have received their disbursements and their targets on their budgets. Originally there was an April 1 deadline, but it has been changed to a rolling deadline so that the colleges can be strategic on how they plan and what they will be funding in the terms of the first year, the kickoff for the QEP.
2. There will be some funding forums that will be offered for the faculty so they can learn which types of things provide effective funding to reach as many students as possible. More information will be coming soon.

- There are 39 courses that will be offered as Experiential Learning that will be designated in the undergraduate catalog as either a Q course (all sections) or Q* (selected sections).
- There was great attendance at the workshop. Upcoming videos will be offered and training available for the faculty. The training is more of an orientation in training on how to execute what is necessary for the QEP.

- There are three sessions available:
  1. Friday, April 6 (this is a student holiday)
  2. Thursday, May 10
  3. Thursday, June 7

There will be compensation for the faculty. The training will educate you on how to fill out the assessments, what is happening, and Experiential Learning.

- Everyone was encouraged to help to get the word out and educate the students about Experiential Learning.

- A question was asked whether SACS would be requiring the University to achieve a certain number of students and/or courses on an ongoing basis for Experiential Learning and would there be a target that must be met and held?
  - Answer: There are a number of targets: some deal with the improvement of critical thinking skills on the ETS proficiency profile, some deal with the students’ abilities in higher order thinking from the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement). From the first cohort coming in this year, we would like 75 percent of those students who graduate in their fourth year to have taken at least two Experiential Learning courses beyond UNIV 110. Our target is to double the number of Experiential Learning courses available by the third year from our baseline of what is in effect the first year. These are our targets that we set through the design implementation and assessment teams.

- A question was asked about the next deadline for the Q designation courses for the Spring 2013 semester for Experiential Learning?
  - Answer: Designation for Experiential Learning courses can continue to come forward but they won’t be in the catalog. Follow the same procedure and the QEP can approve course designations through June so that they would be ready by July 2012 for the final passing.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Keshav Jagannathan, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report.

A. Administrative Actions numbered 16 through 37 were generated and approved without stipulations from the February 1, 2012 meeting. Please refer to the March 2012 Order of Business, held on February 29, 2012, for the complete listing.

B. The senate was notified that a Statement of Correction was approved to change the course title of MGMT 484 because it had previously been approved with the same course title as CSCI 475.

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C. Keshav asked the committee to be aware of the following issues:

1. There is a trend on campus where students are falsifying medical records. These records are not necessarily prescriptions but are the slips professors ask their students to turn in when they visit the Student Health Center on campus. Once the student changes the date and/or the time, it is considered a potential felony offense. Keshav asked all senators and faculty members to please inform their classes that this is a serious matter and that the penalties for falsifying records are very severe. He stressed that it is really important to inform all students of the ramifications of this action.

2. The Office of Accessibility and Disability Services provides testing at The Testing Center for students who require alternative testing accommodations with learning disabilities. In order to take a test at The Testing Center, a proctor sheet must be completed by the student’s instructor and turned in five days prior to the date of the test. If this is not done, the University is legally permitted to refute the accommodation. Another issue is that faculty will often write “as long as the student needs for the duration of the test” for the instructions for The Testing Center. Keshav asked that instructors please be more specific, so that effective scheduling for the staff proctoring the tests can be done. Guidelines for students and faculty can be found at http://www.coastal.edu/disabilityservices/testingcenter.html.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
None

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following motions were moved and seconded out of their respective committees. For complete details on the motions, refer to the March 2012 Order of Business, held on February 29, 2012.

A. Academic Affairs

1. Motion to add CBAD 120 to the Business Core Requirements (Lower Level) for the B.S.B.A. programs of Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing, and Resort Tourism Management. **Motion passed (35 in favor, 3 not in favor, 3 abstain).**

2. Motion to approve changes to the B.S.B.A. Management Major. **Motion passed (38 in favor, 2 not in favor, 3 abstain).**

3. Motion to approve changes to the B.A. Communication Major. **Motion passed (40 in favor, 2 not in favor, 1 abstain).**

4. Motion to approve changes to the B.S. Information Systems Major. **Motion passed (38 in favor, 0 not in favor, 3 abstain).**

5. Motion to (1) replace the current catalog description on page 26 under the heading of Probationary Admission, (2) instruct the Faculty Admissions Committee to employ an alternative admission policy, and (3) insert the following charge in the Faculty Manual (Section III.E.6) concerning membership of the Faculty Admissions Committee. **Motion passed (37 in favor, 3 not in favor, 1 abstain).**
B. Calendar Committee

1. A motion to approve the 2013-2014 Academic Calendars. Due to questions concerning the May 2014 calendar and no representation for the Calendar Committee present, a motion was made to postpone this motion until the April 4, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. (Moved by Deb Breede and seconded by Michael Ruse.)

The motion to postpone passed.

C. Building and Grounds Committee

1. Motion to request the addition of bustop pullouts as part of campus reconstruction projects. Motion passed (42 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).

2. Motion to request the investigation of the addition of bicycle lanes as part of campus reconstruction projects. Motion passed (41 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).

D. Sherer Royce, Associate Professor of Health Promotion

1. Motion to approve a Resolution supporting a 100% Smoke-Free Campus was moved by Sherer Royce and seconded by Richard Johnson. After much discussion, the motion passed (21 in favor, 16 not in favor, 4 abstain).

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

None

OTHER:

- A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Ken Small and seconded by Dodi Hodges to discuss personnel and contractual matters that cannot be discussed in an open forum. The motion passed.

- The Chair instructed the recorder to turn off the digital recording device and asked all others to please exit the meeting.

- A motion was made by Deb Breede and seconded by Wes Fondren to go out of Executive Session. The motion passed.

With no further business and time constraints, the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder
Approved by Dodi Hodges, Secretary