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 and Records Center.

PRESENT: Lola Adebayo, Janice Black, Monica Fine, Richard Martin, Tom Secrest, Lee Shinaberger, Jay Teets, Sam Wathen, Kimberly Carroll, Vin Porter, Lindsey Pritchard, Nancy Ratcliff, Aneilya Barnes, Adam Chamberlain, Suheir Daoud, Mark Flynn, Yun Sil Jeon, Steve Madden, Stephanie Miller, Denise Paster, Triphiti Pillai, Gwendolyn Schwinke, Renee Smith, Jonathan Trerise, Dan Turner, Jesse Willis, Ogul Arslan, Brian Bunton, Wanda Dooley, Michael Dunn, Jean French, Vladislav Gulis, Jenna Hill, Jennifer Jackson, Fang-Ju Lin, Megan McLeravay, Kevin McWilliams, Erin Rickard, Sherer Royce, Dustin Thorn, Sandy Wilson, Margaret Fain, Allison Hosier, Ellen Arnold, Keshav Jagannathan, and John Beard.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Ken Small for Bomi Kang, Elena Andrei for Todd Cherner, Wes Fondren for David Kellogg, Alberto Perez for Cynthia Port, Gwen Fowler for Brian Roessler, Robert Jenkot for Sara Brallier, and David Duncan for Rajendra Dahal.

ABSENT: Deborah Breede, John Navin, and Erin Burge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the March 5, 2014 minutes were moved by Brian Bunton and seconded by Kevin McWilliams. Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items on the April 2, 2014 Consent Agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Provost Byington:

- The Provost thanked everyone for their support of the Celebration of Inquiry and for allowing us to have this event. It has gone extremely well and truly has been a wonderful day and a half.
- There is nothing new to report on the budget concerning the South Carolina legislatures. We are still looking at a 1.5 percent pay increase and of course that is subject to change. We are still waiting on the final word on that.
- We had released some of the previously “frozen” positions initially in the first round and now have released another set of positions in the second round. The good news is that the positions that we really need to put as a priority are being filled pretty quickly.
- The Provost receives reports every morning from Chris Mee’s office and he reported that registration is alive and well. We are currently at 30 percent for eligible students that have registered. Last year at this same time we were at 29.2 percent. The Provost encouraged everyone to reach out and also pass along to their colleagues to make sure the students who are eligible to register do so as quickly as possible.
At this time the Provost opened the floor for questions.

**Question:** I saw the announcement that that the online courses are still going to be reduced tuition for out-of-state students for this coming May, Summer I, and Summer II. What about hybrid courses, is that not considered an online course or is that a separate category?

**Answer:** That is a separate category and the only thing that was passed last year by the board was the one summer tuition rate for taking online courses during summer semesters for all students (in-state and out-of-state). Hopefully we will do well in these courses and can make the case to expand in other areas as needed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Steve Madden, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report. Refer to the April 2, 2014 Order of Business for complete details.

A. Administrative Action 11 was generated and approved without stipulations from the March 5, 2014 meeting.

B. Revisions to courses ARTD 305 and ARTD 306 that were approved by the Faculty Senate on February 5, 2014 were returned to the department at their request. For complete details, see the April 2, 2014 Order of Business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Academic Affairs

ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 course revision proposals were postponed from the March 5, 2014 meeting. The Academic Affairs forms were returned to the department for corrections and then forwarded back through the approval process. Refer to the April 2, 2014 Order of Business for complete details.

1. After a short presentation and some discussion, a vote was taken on the motion to approve the proposed revisions to ENGL 101 and ENGL 102. **Motion passed (39 in favor, 9 not in favor, 1 abstain).**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Refer to the April 2, 2014 Order of Business for complete details on the following:

A. Graduate Council Committee

1. Motion to approve a certificate in Business Foundations. **Motion passed (50 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).**
2. Motion to amend the current CCU Faculty Manual and add a new subsection of I. Graduate Faculty to the major section V. Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure. Motion passed (46 in favor, 2 not in favor, 1 abstain).

B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to approve a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies. Motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.
2. Motion to approve a minor in Sport Coaching. Motion passed (47 in favor, 0 not in favor, 2 abstain).
3. Motion to approve SPAN 115, ITAL 115, FREN 115, and GERM 115 as new undergraduate courses. Motion passed (43 in favor, 6 not in favor, 3 abstain).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chair announced that a short discussion could take place at this time:

- The topic of discussion concerned minors requirements of 18 credit hours. The discussion included the fact that some minor requirements require more hours than majors. The question was asked if there would be any way that at the senate level there could be discussion at some point for lowering the requirement for minors to possibly 12 hours.

Response: Dr. Beard, the Associate Provost, informed the senate that there would not be a CHE issue on this matter. CHE’s definition of a minor is 6-8 courses but does not have any other rules or issues. The rule in the catalog is a Coastal catalog rule and he suspects that it was grandfathered in when we were with USC because it has been there for a very long time.

Response: Dean Ennis advised that unless the catalog is changed, there is an option of creating a concentration that can be assembled that is smaller than a minor that has a disciplinary focus.

- A concern was made about the number of minors that claim to be 18 credit hours and are not 18 because of the prerequisites of the courses in the minors. When faculty are advising students and encouraging them to take minors and then all of a sudden there are these “extra” courses that need to be taken. It is very deceptive advertising and is really a problem that as faculty should be addressed.

Response: Another senator responded by saying that the hidden prerequisite issue should be considered and addressed by the individual departments or colleges. It is not something that we can address as a body. There are courses that have to have certain prerequisites.

- Federal regulation allows students to receive federal student aid up to the 120 hours required for graduation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Steve Madden, Faculty Senate Chair

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