COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
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May 6, 2015
Wall Building, Room 309
4:30 PM

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.


ABSENT: Erin Rickard, Keith Walters, Cynthia Port, and Dan Turner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the April 1, 2015 minutes were moved by Tripthi Pillai and seconded by Aneilya Barnes. The minutes passed (47 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).

CONSENT AGENDA: All items from the May 6, 2015 Consent Agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The Provost made the following announcements:

- The Provost apologized for anyone who was inconvenienced this past week due to the parking situation. He stated that the gated lots have been opened to the students in the past during exam week in an effort to allow students to drop off projects and papers.

- The Calendar Committee will be receiving some calendars back due to problems with start dates because of requirements that contracts don’t begin until the 15th. It will not affect this fall or the next, but the Fall 2017 calendar dates will need to be adjusted. The Provost asked anyone to provide input if they have the opportunity to do so.
The following update on retention was provided:
  o First-time freshmen: currently 67 percent compared to 67.8 percent last year
  o Current students eligible to register: currently 79 percent compared to 79.1 percent last year

The enrollment projections update indicates that freshmen deposits are slightly down by two percent compared to last year and transfer deposits that were down substantially last month are now up 2.2 percent. The Provost stated they are not as concerned about the freshmen deposits being slightly down because there are two other measures that go along with admission deposits, housing and orientation deposits, and those are up.

A reminder that Honors Convocation will be held tomorrow at 6 p.m. The Provost encouraged everyone to attend.

President DeCenzo made the following announcements:

  ● The governor of North Carolina is pushing for a bill to increase faculty teaching loads to 5/5. NC State and Chapel Hill will be exempted. The President is watching this closely and will keep the Faculty Senate informed.

  ● The senate passed an amendment to explore, and a report will have to be submitted by January 2016, to have any high school graduate in the state of South Carolina be given free tuition at tech schools.

  ● Due to the weather, the President has invoked the Severe Weather Graduation Policy which is published on the CCU website. There will be four ceremonies as indicated below:
    o Friday, May 8, at 2 p.m. for the College of Business
    o Friday, May 8, at 6 p.m. for the College of Science
    o Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and University College
    o Saturday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m. for the College of Education
    o The keynote speaker will speak at the May 9 ceremony at 8:30 a.m. All other ceremonies will have the dean of their college as their keynote speaker.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Steve Madden, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report.

A. The Chair announced the date, time, and location for the summer (July) senate meeting.

B. Administrative Actions 31-38 were generated and approved without stipulations. Refer to the May 6, 2015 Order of Business for the complete listing.

C. The Chair informed the senators of the minor revisions to the CCU Mission Statement that were adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 19, 2014.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Six standing committees’ annual reports were submitted as attachments with the distribution of the May business items. The remaining reports will be included with the July business items.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Elections

1. A question was asked if it would be possible for a motion to be considered for discussion on having staggered terms for officers. The Parliamentarian instructed that it would require a change in the bylaws.

2. A motion was made by John Navin and seconded by Janice Black to go out of the order of the day to consider the question as to whether we should be electing officers for the same duration or not. This motion was not debatable and required a two-thirds vote to pass. The motion failed (21 in favor, 27 not in favor, 2 abstain).

- The senate chair opened the floor for nominations for Faculty Senate Chair. Brian Bunton, John Hutchens, and John Navin were nominated. John Hutchens was not present to accept his nomination and John Navin respectively declined his nomination. The nomination for Brian was seconded by Tripthi Pillai. A motion was made by Michael Ruse and seconded by Deborah Breede to close nominations and accept by acclamation. The motion passed with an electronic vote.

- The senate chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. A nomination for Jean French was made by Brian Bunton and seconded by Kyle Holody. A motion was made by Brian Bunton and seconded by Deborah Breede to close nominations and accept by acclamation. The motion passed with an oral vote.

- The senate chair opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. A nomination for Aneilya Barnes was made by Brian Bunton and seconded by Kyle Holody. A motion was made by Brian Bunton and Deborah Breede to close nominations and accept by acclamation. The motion passed with an oral vote.

- The senate chair announced that a new Parliamentarian would be chosen by the incoming chair.

- Steve Madden, Faculty Senate Chair, took this time to thank everyone and express how honored he has been serving as their chair and that during this time he has learned a lot about the university.
Refer to the May 6, 2015 Order of Business for complete details on the following:

B. Student Life Committee

1. Motion to accept changes to the 2015-2016 Code of Student Conduct. The motion passed (43 in favor, 1 not in favor, 3 abstain).

C. Graduate Council Committee

1. Motion to approve a Master of Education in Special Education. The motion passed (41 in favor, 2 not in favor, 0 abstain).

D. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to approve a Bachelor of Arts in Art History. The motion passed (43 in favor, 1 not in favor, 0 abstain).

E. ad hoc Faculty Manual Committee

1. Motion to accept changes to the post-tenure review process requiring a vote of the faculty and Board of Trustees. The motion passed (31 in favor, 5 not in favor, 7 abstain).

2. Motion to accept minor changes to the 2015-2016 Faculty Manual for the “V. Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure” section. The motion passed (41 in favor, 1 not in favor, 3 abstain).

F. Executive Committee

1. Motion to accept a resolution honoring Charmaine Tomczyk for her time and service as the Faculty Ombuds from 2008-2015 was moved and seconded out of committee. The motion passed with an oral vote. Steve Madden presented the framed resolution to Charmaine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Senior Celebration has been moved to Atheneum Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Steve Madden, Faculty Senate Chair