COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
September 3, 2014  
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.

PRESENT: Lola Adebayo, Janice Black, Monica Fine, Richard Martin, Lee Shinaberger, Kimberly Carroll, Todd Cherner, Richard Costner, John Delport, Dodi Hodges, Vin Porter, Lindsey Pritchard, Aneilya Barnes, Deborah Breede, Suheir Daoud, Kyle Holody, Yun Sil Jeon, David Kellogg, Steve Maddin, Stephanie Miller, John Navin, Cynthia Port, Brian Roessler, Gwendolyn Schwinke, Renee Smith, Jonathan Trierise, Dan Turner, Jesse Willis, Ogul Arslan, Sara Brallier, Brian Bunton, Rajendra Dahal, Wanda Dooley, Michael Dunn, Jean French, Jenna Hill, Jennifer Jackson, Megan McIlreavy, Kevin McWilliams, Erin Rickard, Sherer Royce, Dustin Thorn, Keith Walters, Sandy Wilson, Terri Artemchik, Ellen Arnold, Michael Ruse, and John Beard.


ABSENT: Bomi Kang, Tom Secrest, and Adam Chamberlain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the July 9, 2014 minutes were moved by Sherer Royce and seconded by Dodi Hodges. Motion passed (40 in favor, 0 not in favor, 2 abstain).

CONSENT AGENDA: none.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President DeCenzo:
The President welcomed everyone back and reported that his office has been handling student complaints and visits from the media due to the new designated faculty and staff parking lots that were put in over the summer. It would take several years, but ultimately, the President would like to see the horseshoe become as pedestrian only as possible. This would involve keeping the gated lots for faculty/staff and adding gates on Chanticleer Drive so that only faculty, staff, and shuttle buses could enter/exit. In order to make this happen, the possibility of other things would need to also happen, such as turning the track into a multi-level parking garage so that it would fill the parking needs on that side of campus. You would have to have a pass to get in and really make it pedestrian only. The safety of our students as they move around campus is a primary concern.
Provost Byington:

The Provost made the following announcements:

- The current freshman class is about 2400 students. Last year we had 2084, and two years ago 2200. This is substantial growth from two years ago at about 13 percent growth overall. Currently, our overall student body is at 9,881 which is 6.6 percent growth.

- The Provost stated that retention is looking strong and he publicly thanks everyone for what they are doing in helping with retention efforts. The retention numbers would not be increasing without the efforts from all of the faculty and the staff. Currently, our retention rate is at 67 percent. Last year at the same time, we were at 63.4 percent. That is a substantial increase in our retention. We can expect a little bit more slippage where it could possible go down to 66 percent or maybe even to 65 percent; but it does look very positive from this standpoint. Right now, the two retention numbers we must end up with for compression and for merit is 64 percent; 65 percent is the other number for the additional one half of one percent increase in January.

- The Provost has charged the two retention committees from last year to come together as a single committee to work on our retention strategic plan and our admission strategic plan. They are going take a look at how to move forward with bringing our next group of students in, but also our long term strategic plan on bringing those students in.

The Provost opened the floor for questions:

**Question:** Are teaching associates included in the one half of one percent increase in January?

**Answer:** It is for lecturers and tenure/tenure-tracked faculty only.

**Question:** Over the summer some courses didn’t make due to low enrollment. Do you think this is due to increased distance learning courses and the deal received for taking them? Is this a concern to you or is this a misconception?

**Answer:** The Provost responded that it is not his goal to move us away from the traditional experience on campus. He reported that the degree-in-three has a very specific on-campus component in the third year. Dean Jadallah in the College of Education reported there was a 30 percent increase in summer enrollment and the in-class courses remained stable for his college. Dean Roberts in the College of Science reported only having to cancel maybe two or three classes due to low enrollment. Associate Dean Carol Osborne in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts commented that she believed there may have been some increase in cancellations in their college.

**Question:** Along the same topic, has there been any discussion about offering in-state tuition for courses for students who stay and work here all summer?

**Answer:** It is a valid question, but from a financial standpoint the concept is to try and get the students who were going back home and taking courses at other institutions. Students who go back home during the summer can take courses at CCU and not have to worry about transferring them back in with the benefit of paying the in-state tuition discounted rate. In addition, we will be changing the policy next summer so that internships taken during the summer will be treated as distance learning courses; meaning they will be billed at the in-state tuition rate. We did this as a trial basis this past summer where if a student took an internship of 6 hours or more, it counted as distance learning.
Questions: Is the in-state rate for distance learning courses only for the summer?
Answer: Yes, the program is designed for students who return home during the summer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Steve Madden, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report.

A. Administrative Actions numbered 25 through 28 were generated and approved without stipulations. For the complete listing, refer to the September 3, 2014 Order of Business.

B. The senate was notified of a Statement of Correction concerning an editorial revision to the name of the University-Wide Distance Learning Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Refer to the September 3, 2014 Order of Business for complete details on the following:

A. Intercollegiate Athletic Committee

1. Motion to approve revisions to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee’s membership and purpose. **Motion passed (43 in favor, 0 not in favor, 4 abstain).**

B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to temporarily adjust the start time of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings for the Fall 2014 semester only. **Motion passed (42 in favor, 1 not in favor, 2 abstain).**

C. Aneilya Barnes, Associate Professor, Department of History

1. Motion to approve a resolution on Academic Freedom moved by Aneilya Barnes and seconded by Brian Bunton.

   A motion was made by Senator Brian Bunton to accept by consensus. Senator John Navin supported the resolution, but objected to accepting the motion by consensus. He suggested the vote be made by secret ballot citing the loss of anonymity.

   **Voting was done anonymously using the electronic ResponseCard clickers and the motion passed (46 in favor, 2 not in favor, 0 abstain).**

D. Michael Ruse, Associate Dean and Director of the University Honors Program, reported that last year there were 275 honors students in the program compared to 370 now. At this time last year there were about 65 students still searching for honors seats compared to 35 now. Dr. Ruse thanked the faculty and department chairs for working with the University Honors Program to ensure the availability of more H-seats in Webadvisor prior to registration.
E. Debbie Conner, Vice President of Student Affairs, encouraged everyone to sign up for the house calls program this Tuesday, Sept. 9th. She explained that the Freshmen are very active and they are working hard to keep them engaged. She instructed everyone to go to their e-mail inbox and search “house calls” and register. They will treat you to dinner, give you some training so that you will be prepared, and she believes you will find the experience very rewarding.

OTHER:

- A motion to move into Executive Session was made by John Navin and seconded by Wanda Dooley to discuss personnel issues. The motion passed unanimously with an oral vote.

- The Chair instructed the recorder to turn off the digital recording device and asked everyone who was not a senator to please exit the meeting.

- The senate moved from Executive Session and no action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Deborah Cunningham Breede, Faculty Senate Secretary