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: Chris Becker, Janice Black, Monica Fine, Bomi Kang, Richard Martin, Lee Shinaberger, Kimberly Carroll, Richard Costner, John Delport, Vin Porter, Ogul Arslan, Sara Brallier, Brian Bunton, Michael Dunn, Vladislav Gulis, Jenna Hill, Jennifer Jackson, Fang-Ju Lin, Megan McIlreavy, Kevin McWilliams, Sherer Royce, Dustin Thorn, Richard Viso, Sandy Wilson, Aneilya Barnes, Deborah Breede, Adam Chamberlain, Mark Flynn, Daniel Hasty, Kyle Holody, Yun Sil Jeon, Steve Madden, Stephanie Miller, John Navin, Tripthi Pillai, Cynthia Port, Brian Roessler, Renee Smith, Terri Artemchik, Jennifer Hughes, Ellen Arnold, and Michael Ruse.


ABSENT: Tom Secrest and Suheir Daoud.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the December 3, 2014 minutes were moved by Brian Bunton and seconded by Aneilya Barnes. The minutes passed (46 in favor, 0 not in favor, 2 abstain).

CONSENT AGENDA:

- The proposal for changes to the Graphic Design major was removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business for discussion.

- All remaining items from the February 4, 2015 consent agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Jim Luken, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies, reported the following items on behalf of the Provost:

- Institutional Research has predicted, as best they can, that the Fall Freshman enrollment will be up slightly, suggesting about a one to two percent increase. Transfer admissions will be down. The Provost is particularly optimistic the admissions standards, in particular the SAT scores on average, are going to come up for the Fall incoming class. He’s hoping for about 30 points on the SAT, but it is very difficult to predict.
• We have a Bridge Program in place and there will be about 50 students for the Fall. It is a residential Bridge Program.

• Retention is about 86.4 percent, which is a little lower than last year, but still an increase from previous years.

• New programs going to ACAP in the next several weeks and hoping to have in place very soon:
  1. Bachelor of Science in Digital Culture and Design
  2. Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science
  3. Educational Specialist in Instructional Technology

• The Provost has extended his appreciation to everyone who attended the Hackler social event last week.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Steve Madden, Chair, presented the Executive Committee Report.

A. Administrative Actions 10-14 were generated and approved without stipulations from the December 3, 2014 meeting. For the complete listing, refer to the February 4, 2015 Order of Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Refer to the February 4, 2015 Order of Business for complete details on the following:

A. Graduate Council Committee

  1. Motion to approve a Master of Science in Information Systems Technology with a concentration in Security and Analytics. The motion passed (43 in favor, 1 not in favor, 0 abstain).

B. Academic Affairs Committee

  1. Motion to amend the wording of the Incomplete Grading Policy presently used in the University Catalog. The motion passed (45 in favor, 3 not in favor, 5 abstain).

  2. Motion to approve a Geospatial Technologies Certificate (Distance Learning). The motion passed (42 in favor, 1 not in favor, 1 abstain).

C. Faculty Manual ad hoc Committee

At this time, the Chair thanked all of the Faculty Manual ad hoc Committee members for all of their work on the manual.
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1. Motion to add the Shared Governance Statement to the 2015-2016 Faculty Manual (moved by Brian Bunton and seconded by Renee Smith). The motion passed (43 in favor, 1 not in favor, 0 abstain).

2. Motion to include all University Academic Policies (ACAD-) to Appendix A of the 2015-2016 Faculty Manual (moved by Renee Smith and seconded by Brian Bunton). The motion passed (42 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).

3. Motion to accept minor revisions (A-J) to the 2015-2016 Faculty Manual (moved by Renee Smith and seconded by Brian Bunton).
   - An amendment was made by Renee Smith and seconded by Michael Ruse for three minor editorial revisions to the original motion. The revisions are highlighted in green on Administrative Action number 20 (AA-20 2014-2015). The amendment passed by an oral vote.
   - The amended motion passed (39 in favor, 2 not in favor, 0 abstain).

4. Motion to add standing committees meeting days/times to the 2015-2016 Faculty Manual (moved by Renee Smith and seconded by Deborah Breede). The motion passed (27 in favor, 6 not in favor, 3 abstain).

D. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to approve changes to the Graphic Design major. This proposal was removed from the consent agenda and added to new business for discussion. Following the discussion, the motion passed (40 in favor, 4 not in favor, 1 abstain).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Michael Ruse announced there would be a call going out for the formation of University Honors Program Council for interested faculty in three areas: honors curriculum, the fellowships and scholarships in research opportunities for honors students, and honors experience advising and campus life. As they move forward, they are hoping to have the first curriculum when the new core curriculum goes into place in Fall 2016. They are hoping to be well on their way to having an Honors College within the next five years.

- Brian Bunton announced that an e-mail will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks, but for those who would like to plan their schedules he provided the following information:

  1. The AAUP Spring meeting will be held on March 26 in the afternoon. There will be a short business meeting to elect a new secretary and treasurer.

  2. A special program will be held on April 16 at 4 p.m. in the HTC Center. Dr. Becky Flannagan, Faculty Chair from Francis Marion University, will be the guest speaker on shared governance.
Nancy Ratcliff stated that there have been no applications yet for the Ombuds position. She encouraged the senators to spread the word throughout their colleges to the faculty who may be interested in this position.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Deborah Cunningham Breede, Faculty Senate Secretary