Note: The remarks of the senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate Recorder’s office.


SUBSTITUTIONS: Menassie Ephrem for Debendra Banjade, Clint Fuchs for Jean French, Adam Pelty for Todd Wren, Allison Faix for Scott Bacon

ABSENT: Lindsey Pritchard, Sara Brallier, Diane Fribance, Matt Wilkinson, Logan Woodle, Min Ye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the July 11, 2018 minutes with a minor edit were moved by Susan Montenery and seconded by Keshav Jagannathan. The minutes passed (45 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President DeCenzo:

- The President wishes everyone a good start to the semester.
• The President states that Hurricane Florence may be on track to affect South Carolina. The university is watching it closely and they will alert faculty, staff and students of any weather updates.

Provost Byington:

• The Provost reviews the numbers coming in regarding the new academic year. He states that the incoming freshmen this academic year is down 2.5%. This number is consistent with last year’s freshmen. Incoming transfer students are down 12%. He suggests the bridge program that Coastal Carolina University has with Horry Georgetown Technical College will help with this number.

• Student retention has improved. Last year’s retention was 67.5% and this current year is 69%. The target number for retention is 75%.

• There are plans to be more aggressive for in-state enrollment. College in South Carolina is very expensive and many students are in debt with high student loans. It is important to get them to Coastal and to have them graduate quickly.

Dr. Daphne Holland, Assistant Provost, Student Success Initiatives:

• The Bridge Program Coastal has with HGTC has been a success so far. Coastal has enrolled 163 students from HGTC. This year’s enrollment success rate is 91.5%. Last year’s success rate was 93%.

• The Academic Coaching Experience Department has 95 students enrolled. This department assists students in developing core skills. Faculty can refer students to this department for additional academic coaching.

• The referral link can be found on the Academic Coaching Experience Department’s website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Renee Smith, Chair, reported the following:

• Approval of administrative actions 40-43 from the July 11, 2018 meeting.
• Introduction of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Parliamentarian and Senate Recorder.
• Introduction of D’Andre Fletcher, President of the Student Government Association.
• Parliamentary Procedure for Faculty Senate by Allison Faix.
• Creation of the ad hoc committee of the Status of Non-Tenure Track Faculty. Ellen Arnold will chair this committee.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Brian Bunton, chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, reminds everyone that special elections are coming up for fall. The number of current faculty will not require additional elections for Senate representatives.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Faculty Senate Executive Committee

1. Motion to add SGA President, or designee, to the Faculty Senate Membership. Change to bylaw 4.5.1 of the Faculty Manual. Any changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws require approval by three-fourths vote of the Faculty Senate members. The motion failed (35 in favor, 6 not in favor, 3 abstain).

   • A motion to reconsider was made by Brian Bunton and seconded by Drew Kurlowski. The motion to reconsider passed (39 in favor, 12 not in favor, 4 abstain).

   • The motion to add SGA President, or designee, to the Faculty Senate Membership. The motion failed (40 in favor, 12 not in favor, 3 abstain).

2. Motion to modify Policy ACAD-SENA 116-Associate/Assistant Deans. The motion passed (42 in favor, 2 not in favor, 3 abstain).

3. Motion to modify Policy ACAD-SENA 117-Faculty Transcripts. The motion passed (41 in favor, 7 not in favor, 2 abstain).

4. Motion to modify Policy ACAD-SENA 118-Faculty Qualifications.

   • An amendment was made by Keshav Jagannathan and seconded by Kyle Holody to edit certain language in policy ACAD-SENA 118-Faculty Qualifications. The amendment passed (48 in favor, 1 not in favor, 3 abstain).
Amendment: (notated in red and highlighted in yellow below)

C. Policy for alternative qualifications:

1. Applicant must submit alternative qualification documentation to the **department chair** **college dean**.

2. The dean of the College will **evaluate and** submit the documentation and letter to the Provost.

- The motion to approve the amended motion passed (49 in favor, 5 not in favor, 0 abstain).

5. Motion to modify policy ACAD-SENA 119 Evaluation of Transcripts.

- An amendment was made by James Solazzo and seconded by Keshav Jagannathan to add certain language to policy ACAD-SENA 119-Evaluation of Transcripts. **The amendment passed via voice vote.**

Amendment: (notated in red and highlighted in yellow below)

B. The following are recognized credentialing agencies:

6. Any member of AICE (Association of International Credential Evaluators) or NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services).

- The motion to approve the amended motion passed (48 in favor, 1 not in favor, 0 abstain).

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Introduction of Dr. Atiya Kai Stokes-Brown, Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Deeck, Faculty Senate Recorder
Approved by Renee Smith, Faculty Senate Chair