

[Faculty Senate](#)  
Meeting Minutes  
[March 1, 2023](#)

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*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.*

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**PRESENT:** Jonathan Acuff, Jim Arendt, Ariana Baker, Aneilya Barnes, Michelle Barthet, Deepak Basyal, Edurne Beltran, Andrea Bergstrom, Miranda Brenneman, Amanda Brian, Brian Bunton, Teresa Burns, David Carr, Subhajit Chakraborty, Richard Costner, Crystal Cox, Rajendra Dahal, , Wanda Dooley, David Duncan, Diane Fribance, Paul Gayes, Matthew Gilbert, Justin Guilkey, Siming Guo, Jeffry Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Suzanne Horn, Emma Howes, Yun Sil Jeon, Sheena Kauppila, Robert Killins, Drew Kurlowski, Brian Lee, Corey Lee, Justin Lovich, Amanda Masterpaul, Emily McGill, Amber McWilliams, Leann Mischel, Susan Montenery, John Navin, Adam Pelty, Eric Resnis, Sara Rich, Erin Rickard, Jose Sanjines, Kimberly Schumacher, Lee Shinaberger, Kimberly Michelle Singleton, Lauren Stefaniak, Hongxia Wang, Andy Weinbach, Lisa Winters, Frederick Wood, Tally Wright

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** John Hutchens for Vladislav Gulis, Michael Latta for Arlise McKinney, Jesse Rouse for Gillian Richards-Greaves, Skye Woestehoff for Kerry Schwanz, Tim Fischer for Jesse Willis

**ABSENT:** Steven Bleicher, Thomas Castillo, Victoria DePalma, Kelly Elliot, James Everett, Kristi McIntyre

- I. Faculty Senate Chair, Brian Bunton, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- II. Roll call was taken by Faculty Senate Secretary, Wanda Dooley.
- III. Brian Bunton introduced special guest, Head Football Coach, Timothy Beck.
- IV. The February 1, 2023 minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.
- V. The March 1, 2023 consent agenda was approved without any edits by unanimous consent.
- VI. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
  - A. President Benson provided Presidents report:
    - Thanks was given to all faculty and staff that participated in the climate survey.
    - Architectural firm out of Columbia, BOUDREAU, has been hired to assist with the campus master plan. There will be opportunities coming up where faculty and staff can provide feedback. More information to come.
    - Penny Hall renaming ceremony will be on March 27 at 10 a.m.

- March 28, 2023 at 4 p.m. Faculty Scholars Lecture Series at the Edwards Recital Hall.
- B. Provost Dan Ennis provided report
- Search updates:
    - The Director of QEP search is complete and Dr. Simone Gause will start March 15.
    - Conway Medical Center College of Health and Human Performance dean search is underway and all three finalists have been to campus. Waiting on recommendation from committee by the end of the week.
    - Arrangements being made to meet with faculty of Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences to begin the dean search.
  - The Commission of Higher Education will be meeting on March 2, 2023 and the university will be considered for the designation of Professional Doctorate University. This will not change anything operationally for the university but allows for CCU to propose additional doctorate degrees without going through the formal mission change.
  - Tuition incentive package passed at the recent Board of Trustees meeting and information was given to deans and chairs.
- C. SGA president Gabrielle Ryder presented information on progress on SGA
- All committees working on various projects.
  - Since last meeting, 21 students have been appointed to committees, thus filling almost all needed student seats on Faculty Senate committees.
  - Elections are coming up, encourage all students to get involved.
- D. Vice President for Enrollment Management, Amanda Craddock
- Spring 2023 enrollment update:
    - Continued undergraduate enrollment up 3%.
    - Undergraduate enrollment up 1.4%.
    - Total enrollment down 0.6% (55 students)
    - Start of spring 2 numbers will slightly increase.
  - Retention for fall 2022 to spring 2023 is up 90.1%.
  - Fall 2023 Freshman application update:
    - Applications up 7.1%
    - Acceptances up 16.1%
    - South Carolina acceptances up 10.1%
    - Deposits down 6.1% (still early in the cycle and this number will change).
  - Fall 2023 Transfer application update:
    - Applications up 9.4%
    - Acceptances up 4.2%
    - South Carolina acceptances up 6.9%
    - Deposits up 23.5%
  - Admissions will be holding various spring 2023 enrollment events on campus. Be on the look out for prospective students and families on campus.
- E. Associate Vice President for University Marketing and Communication, Ashley Holloway

- Marketing and Communication Department is currently working to overhaul current strategy with an emphasis on research. Email [ccustories@coastal.edu](mailto:ccustories@coastal.edu) if there are new items to share.
  - Looking to ensure all have access to photo shelter, system used to deliver photos that are taken. If you need new photos and/or need access to photo shelter, email [photography@coastal.edu](mailto:photography@coastal.edu).
  - Brand guide is in progress with more information to come.
- F. Professor/Director of Undergraduate Research, Aneilya Barnes
- Two new programs in undergraduate research:
    - Summer research fellows program (starting summer 2023) that will fund students involved in high impact, experiential leaning research projects. Call for applications going out soon.
    - Fellows program starting in the fall. With assistance of financial aid and admissions, incoming freshman who qualify for federal work study will be identified. The top third of those students (85 – 90 students) will be paired with faculty mentors to work with them on research.

## VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Faculty Senate Chair, Brian Bunton provided executive committee report:
- Undergraduate Administrative Actions #17-23 and Graduate Administrative Action #4-5 were generated and approved from the February 1, 2023 meeting. Refer to the February 1, 2023 Faculty Senate Order of Business for complete details.
  - Statements of Correction generated for Administrative Actions 10 and 13 (2022-23) to correct the name of the new programs.
  - Congratulations to those who were granted promotion and tenure.
  - Working with Institutional Research to begin administration evaluations. Emails should be going out around March 13.
  - Great Colleges to Work for survey going on next week. Random sample of faculty and staff will receive the email.
  - General elections need to be done end of April.
  - Important dates:
    - Spring break, March 5 – 11, 2023
    - Faculty Showcase is on March 22
    - Next Faculty Senate will be on March 29
  - Looking at faculty retention over past 10 years.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

## IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

## X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Academic Affairs Committee (moved and seconded in committee)
1. **Motion:** Guaranteed admission for AAS graduates

Motion passed with 58 in favor and 1 opposed

B. Distance Learning Committee (moved and seconded in committee)

1. **Motion:** Piloting a new set of online learning items for the student evaluation of teaching instrument.

Motion passed with 49 approved and 9 opposed

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- There are 135 students in the undergraduate research competition this year. If you are interested in being a judge for the competition, please contact Aneilya Barnes.

XII. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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