



Faculty Senate
November 1, 2023
Meeting Minutes

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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.

PRESENT: April Abbot, Jim Arendt, Aneilya Barnes, Sourav Batabyal, Edurne Beltran, Andrea Bergstrom, Miranda Brenneman, Brian Bunton, Teresa Burns, David Carr, Thomas Castillo, Subhajit Chakraborty, Richard Costner, Crystal Cox, Rajendra Dahal, Jamie Deitrick, Robert Earnest Allison Faix, Paul Feirstein, Diane Fribance, Justin Guilkey, Vladislav Gulis, Siming Guo, Jeffrey Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Suzanne Horn, Lee Hunter, Keshav Jagannathan, Yun Sil Jeon, Bong Jeong, Sheena Kauppila, Drew Kurlowski, Corey Lee, Amanda Masterpaul, Kristi McIntyre, Leann Mischel, Jennifer Mokos, Susan Montenery, John Navin, Joseph Njuki, Adam Pelty, Nilo Ramos, Eric Resnis, Sara Rich, Gillian Richards-Greaves, Erin Rickard, Timothy Rotarius, Sherer Royce, Karen Sauls, Kimberly Schumacher, Lee Shinaberger, Dory Sibley, Kimberly Singleton, Benjamin Sota, Lauren Stefaniak, Andy Weinbach, Philip Whalen, Tally Wright.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Chris Ferrero for Jonathan Acuff, Callie Crawford for Michelle Barthet, Bob Jenkot for Hannah Liebreich, Renee Smith for Emily McGill, Kevin McWilliams for Amber McWilliams, Melissa Baker for Kerry Schwanz, Arlise McKinney for Hongxia Wang, Jeffrey Ranta for Wendy Weinhold, Don Sloan for Jesse Willis

ABSENT: Wanda Dooley, Brian Lee, Dora Sibley

- I. Faculty Senate Chair Drew Kurlowski called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The October 4, 2023, minutes were adopted without any edits by unanimous consent.
- III. APPROVAL OF [CONSENT AGENDA](#) -The November 1, 2023, consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. University President, Michael Benson, provided the president's report.
- Office of the President is hosting a Feast of Gratitude on November 15, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the West Zone Suite.
 - In response to the question last meeting on how profits from retail stores are being used: Creating a need based financial aid student fund.
 - Highlights from the Board of Trustees meeting last week:
 - There were two new degree programs approved.
 - Announcement was made at the meeting regarding the Coastal Commitment which guarantees admission to and free tuition for all South Carolina students that graduate at the top 10% of their class and whose families have an annual income of less than \$80k. They will also receive an invitation to enroll in the HTC Honors College without having to submit an additional application.
 - The strategic plan, master plan and newly designed website (to be released January 2024) were discussed.
- B. Interim Provost, Sara Hottinger provided the provost report.
- Open listening sessions still taking place for the academic affairs strategic plan. Nov 2 and Nov 6 are the last two sessions. Sessions with students will be early in the spring.
 - AI policy committee has met and working groups have been developed.
 - AI and current university policy.
 - Guidance for faculty teaching and research.
 - AI training and resources.
 - Academic integrity and guidance for students.
- If interested in serving in any of these, please reach out to Provost Hottinger.

After the reports, questions were brought up regarding the Faculty Ombuds and the restructuring of the position. Faculty Senate Chair, Drew Kurlowski, and the University President presented information regarding the restructure and the timeline. An email will be communicated via the President's Office this week regarding the search.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Faculty Senate Chair, Drew Kurlowski presented the executive committee report.
- Undergraduate administrative action 1 and 2 were generated and approved from the October 4, 2023, senate meeting.
 - The search committee for the provost search has convened their first meeting and the job has been posted.
 - The committee for the Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences dean search has been identified.
 - Reminder of the faculty/staff benevolence fund was mentioned and how it assists those in financial hardship. If you wish to donate you can do so via payroll deduction or go directly to the University Advancement page to donate.

VI. New Business

A. Academic Affairs Committee

- **Motion:** New undergraduate program, [Commercial and Investment Real Estate, B.S.B.A.](#)
Motion passed with 61 in favor and 2 opposed
- **Motion:** New undergraduate program, [Cyber Threat Intelligence, B.A.](#)
Motion passed with 63 in favor 2 opposed

B. Graduate Council

- **Motion:** new graduate program, [STEM Education](#)
Motion passed with 64 in favor and 1 opposed

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Concerns were brought up regarding motorized scooters and safety on campus. Auxiliary Services is in the process working on a mobility study.
- On Monday, Nov 13 from 9-5 on Prince Lawn food truck for physics mind.
- MARCOMM asks if any faculty interested in attending focus group on Wednesday, Nov 8, from 1:30 -3 p.m. Look for faculty interested in giving feedback on Coastal brand.
- Historical Talk on Plymouth Plantation on November 15 at 4 p.m. in Johnson Auditorium.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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