Faculty Senate

December 6, 2017
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.


ABSENT: Jessica Doll, Austin Hitt, John Yannessa, Brian Nance substituting for John Navin, and Michael Ruse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the Nov. 1, 2017 minutes were moved by Brian Bunton and seconded by Jose Sanjines. The minutes passed unanimously by an oral vote.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items from the Dec. 6, 2017 Consent Agenda passed.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President DeCenzo made the following announcements:

- The Faculty/Staff Holiday Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 14, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Singleton Ballroom.
• January 10 will be the first of multiple budget presentations in Columbia. We will be asking for 110 slotted positions this year to continue converting faculty/staff into those positions.

• The President wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Provost Byington made the following announcements:

• Financial Services is now reporting to the Executive Vice President.
• The faculty compression study took longer than we anticipated due to the transition in how previous calculations were made. Faculty compression is about $900,000. This is encouraging considering the size of our faculty and that historically it has been as high as $1.5M. As required, this information has been reported to the Faculty Welfare Committee. We have also completed a staff compression analysis, and the funding level for that is $1.2M. We have to have either the growth of the student body or an improvement in our retention rates for us to be able to address these compressions. It is not looking good this year, but we will continue to do the compression studies annually.
• A representative from HTC came and evaluated the Wi-Fi and cellular reception in the Lib Jackson Student Union, Science 2, and new academic building. The have approved cellular service in all of those buildings. Instructions and assistance on how to use Wi-Fi Calling may be found on the University website under Faculty and Staff Quick Links or by clicking on the following link: https://www.coastal.edu/scs/wi-ficalling/.
• Public Safety is attempting to identify an individual who has been posting signs around campus, as well as other reported acts of vandalism in the library. Please report these activities as soon as you see them. It does not appear to be a student, and any assistance is appreciated.
• We have committed to taking our strategic plan and looking at proposals we have received from around campus that are related to student success, student engagement, and student achievement. We have received about $3.3M in requests. $900,000 and $1.2M are related to the compression and we will fund these based on retention, so it probably is not going to happen in this round. We have built in the budget $1.2M to address other projects that were proposed. The timeline for these are: they are now being reviewed by the Associate Provost, the Deans, and the recommendations will come to the Provosts Council. We do anticipate being able to fund some of these projects. Our goal is to get something out to the departments by the middle of January.
• There is another piece being built into the strategic plan for 114-117 thousand dollars. There was a staff compression study that was done 3-4 years ago that was to be paid out over a three year period. However, the third payment was never made. The President has made the determination that the right thing to do is to get the third payment out to the staff.

A. Mark Mitchell, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), provided an annual report on student-athletes academic and graduation success rates. The PowerPoint and supplemental documentation are included as attachments in the Dec. 6, 2017 Order of Business.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Renee Smith, Chair, reported the following:

- Approval of administrative actions 06-08 from the Nov. 1, 2017 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Calendar Committee

1. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar.
   - An amendment was made by Emma Howes and seconded by Mitchell Church to strike the “Saturday, January 9** Classes Begin for Saturday Regular Spring” date for Spring 2021. **The amendment passed (53 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).**
   - **The amended motion passed (53 in favor, 2 not in favor, 0 abstain).**

B. Faculty Senate Executive Committee

1. Motion to approve edits to policy ACAD-SENA 118: Faculty Qualifications.
   - An amendment was made by Andrew Czekanski and seconded by Wanda Dooley to edit section B. Policy for teaching graduate courses to align with section 6.11 Graduate Faculty in the Faculty Manual. **The amendment passed (51 in favor, 3 not in favor, 1 abstain).**
   
   Amendment (highlighted in yellow):
   
   B. Policy for teaching graduate/ and post-baccalaureate courses:

   To ensure the highest quality of instruction for students attending Coastal Carolina University, those faculty Faculty and associated faculty teaching graduate and post-baccalaureate courses must be designated as members of the Graduate Faculty at CCU and have one of the following credentials:

   - **The amended motion passed (47 in favor, 1 not in favor, 3 abstain).**
C. Faculty Welfare Committee

1. Motion to approve edits to policy ACAD-SENA 127: Student Evaluation of Courses. The motion passed (44 in favor, 10 not in favor, 1 abstain).

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Final grades are due by 5 p.m. on December 18.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Renee Smith, Faculty Senate Chair