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: Andrew Weinbach, John Yannessa, Jason Alston, and Joseph Oestreich (election pending for his replacement).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the July 12, 2017 minutes were moved by Keshav Jagannathan and seconded by Brian Bunton. The minutes passed (51 in favor, 0 not in favor, 1 abstain).

CONSENT AGENDA: None.
PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President DeCenzo:

- Coastal is following the hurricane closely and the latest report has it shifting east and not looking good for our area. The governor began urging people to evacuate at his 2 p.m. press conference. After the meeting with the state emergency preparedness staff tomorrow, the governor will hold a press conference at 10:30 a.m. where we anticipate he may start evacuations on Saturday. If that happens, there will be announcements tomorrow afternoon about what we will do to evacuate our resident students and close campus. We will keep everyone posted.

Provost Byington:

- Make sure to sign up for CCU alerts on your cell phones and emails for announcements.
- The Provost asked everyone to remind their colleagues this is a tight semester without much flexibility on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes for make-up days. He asked instructors using alternative classroom assignments to be understanding of those students who may not have access to computers during this time.
- Enrollment/Retention reporting:
  - The Provost acknowledged Amanda Craddock, Assistant Provost for Admissions and Merit Awards, for a tremendous job with admissions. Our 2018 Fall admission applications have been open for a couple of weeks and are well over 1,000 applications. The new freshman class, as of now, is at 2,400 students. This is a 5.8 percent increase in freshman students and a 3.7 increase in transfer students from last year.
  - Continuing undergraduate students eligible to enroll for classes is down 2.6 percent.
  - Overall we are at 10,600 students, which is up 1.6 percent.
  - Sophomore-to-junior and junior-to-senior are consistently in the low 80s, however, this year junior-to-senior is at 77 percent.
  - Freshman retention is at 68 percent compared to 69 percent last year.
- The first round of slots have been released to the departments.
- Departments and academic units will have to come up with a plan of resource needs that is tied to the strategic plan with measureable outcomes. A memo should be coming out to the departments hopefully next week.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Renee Smith, Chair, reported the following:

- Approval of administrative actions 40-46 from the July 12, 2017 meeting.

- Statement of Correction for MSCI 473: Biology of Sharks.

- The results for the Fall 2017 CCU Faculty vote on revisions to promotion and tenure procedures. Download the minutes, then choose keyboard shortcut F4 to view the attachment. All six motions have been approved by the Faculty Senate and CCU Faculty, and will now be considered by the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

  Results for changes to P&T procedures

- Brian Bunton, Parliamentarian, distributed a handout and provided highlights on Parliamentarian Procedure for the Faculty Senate. The handout may be viewed on the Faculty Senate website by clicking on the following link:

  http://www.coastal.edu/academics/facultysenate/miscellaneousimportantdocuments/

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Faculty Senate Executive Committee

  1. Motion to change the faculty representation on Faculty Senate to take effect the 2018-2019 academic year. The motion failed (26 in favor, 25 not in favor, 2 abstain).

  2. Motion to clarify the Faculty Senate Executive Committee’s terms. The Executive Committee withdrew the motion.
3. Motion to edit policy ACAD-SENA 114: Academic Director/Department Chair. The motion passed (53 in favor, 0 not in favor, 0 abstain).

4. Motion to edit policy ACAD-SENA 118: Faculty Qualifications. The motion passed (53 in favor, 1 not in favor, 0 abstain).

B. Jeffry Halverson, associate professor of religious studies

1. Motion to adopt a resolution affirming support for the Paris Agreement (Accord de Paris) and recognizing the reality of man-made climate change. The motion was moved by Jeffry Halverson and seconded by Aneilya Barnes.

   - An amendment was made by Michael Ruse and seconded by Jim Arendt to replace each occurrence of “man-made” with “human-made” in the document. The amendment passed (28 in favor, 26 not in favor, 0 abstain).

   - The amended motion passed (44 in favor, 10 not in favor, 2 abstain).

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

   - The Hackler Event will be held tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Streicher, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Kyle Holody, Faculty Senate Secretary