



Faculty Senate

September 2, 2020

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: Subhajit Chakraborty, Jessica Doll, Robert Killins, Arlise McKinney, Leann Mischel, Nicholas Rhew, Lorraine Runion, Jake Voegel, James Davis, Suzanne Horn, Hsing-Wen Hu, Nilo Ramos, Jim Arendt, Ellen Arnold, Aneilya Barnes, Elizabeth Baltes, Susan Bergeron, Steven Bleicher, Adam Chamberlain, Jeffry Halverson, James Everett, Emma Howes, Drew Kurlowski, Anna Oldfield, Alejandro Munoz-Garces, John Navin, Kate Oestreich, Shari Orisch, Kimberly Schumacher, Don Sloan, Renee Smith, Jonathan Wentz, Min Ye, Miranda Breneman, Brian Bunton, Wanda Dooley, David Duncan, Kelly Elliot, Menassie Ephrem, Diane Fribance, Clint Fuchs, Paul Gayes, Justin Lovich, Kelly Johnson, Jakob Lauver, Brian Lee, Susan Montenery, Michael Murphy, Tally Wright, Kerry Schwanz, Matt Wilkinson, Daniel Williams, Roi Gurka, Sara Rich, Ina Seethaler, Ariana Baker, Allison Faix, Holley Tankersley

SUBSTITUTIONS: Rhonda Miller for Susan Foley, Dory Sibley for Benjamin Sota

ABSENT: Andy Weinbach, Doug Van Hoewyk

Brian Bunton, Chair, introduced the new chair of the Horry County Higher Education Commission, Vicki Blair, as well as the new SGA President, Darwin Flores.

Drew Kurlowski, Parliamentarian, reviewed Robert's Rules of Order regarding parliamentary procedure. A full guide can be found on the Faculty Senate website: <https://www.coastal.edu/academics/facultysenate/resources/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 8, 2020 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items on the September 2, 2020 Consent Agenda passed by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President DeCenzo:

- The President thanked the faculty for getting the students off to a good start virtually in this new fall term.

- 583 students will be moving into residence halls this Labor Day weekend.
- The President is hopeful that the SGA leadership will get the word out to students about COVID-19 prevention efforts and the need for social distancing and mask wearing.

Provost Ennis:

- Provost Ennis acknowledged Vicki Blair from HCHEC, and the work the university did with them on budgeting and aid. With their input, 143 special decision offers were made to Horry County students. This was \$152,000 worth of aid that was offered and the replies and commitments from these students to Coastal made a difference.
- The fall enrollment update is as follows: 2,062 new freshman (-11%), 646 new transfers (-8.9%), 636 graduate students (+2.6%). The total enrollment, as of August 31, 2020, is 9,988 students (-3.6%).
- Provost Ennis introduced Katherine Byron, Academic Advisor, Wall College of Business, to give a retention report. The retention report is as follows: freshman retention in 2001 was 72.5%, this past December 2019 it was 67% and currently for fall 2020, the university sits at a freshman retention rate of 73.4%.
- Provost Ennis recognized the collective efforts of thousands to make this current rate happen.
- In addition to this impressive retention rate, readmits are up as well, from 176 to 203. This is a 15.3% increase.
- Looking ahead, September 8, 2020 is when fall face-to-face instruction begins, and September 9, 2020 is the tuition refund date.

Travis Overton, Chief of Staff:

- Chief of Staff Overton gave an update on the Presidential Search. The search has resumed and the Board of Trustees are currently evaluating candidates that were selected by the Presidential Search Committee.
- The Board of Trustees are working towards making an announcement regarding the next President of CCU after the October 22, 2020 Trustee meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Brian Bunton, Chair, reported the following:

- Approval of undergraduate administrative actions 43-54 from the June 17, 2020 and July 8, 2020 meetings.
- An amendment to the February 5, 2020 Faculty Senate minutes was presented. The amended minutes passed with unanimous consent.
- Steve Madden, former Faculty Ombuds, has recently retired. The call for nominations of a new Faculty Ombuds will begin shortly.
- A discussion about having a socially distanced October Faculty Senate meeting was broached. A straw poll was set up in Moodle for Senators to vote for if they would attend an in-person meeting or continue participating virtually.
- Special elections have started this fall. Chair Bunton requested all senators to encourage their constituents to serve in Faculty Senate and other standing committees. Due to the increase in faculty, faculty senators will increase from 62 to 68.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The Standing Faculty Committees have submitted their 2019-20 annual reports and they may be accessed through the “Standing Committees” quick link on the Faculty Senate website: <https://www.coastal.edu/academics/facultysenate/committees/>
- Faculty Senator, Arlise McKinney presented regarding the Access, Inclusion and Diversity Council



AIDC Presentation

- Ad hoc Committee on Academic Integrity



Academic Integrity
Comm Report

Faculty Senator Drew Kurlowski moved to extend the meeting time until the conclusion of business. This motion passed with unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Calendar Committee

1. Motion to modify the definition of quorum in the faculty manual. **The motion passed (50 in favor, 1 not in favor).**

B. Student Life Committee

1. Motion to modify the 2020-2021 Code of Student Conduct. **The motion passed (48 in favor, 0 not in favor).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fall commencement on December 11, 2020 will be a virtual ceremony.
- The faculty/staff benevolence fund is always open for applications and donations.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Deeck, Faculty Senate Recorder

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Approved by Brian Bunton, Faculty Senate Chair