



Faculty Senate
March 13, 2024
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: Jonathan Acuff, Jim Arendt, Michelle Barthet, Edurne Beltran, Andrea Bergstrom, Miranda Brenneman, Brian Bunton, Teresa Burns, David Carr, Thomas Castillo, Subhajt Chakraborty, Richard Costner Crystal Cox, Rajendra Dahal, David Duncan, Robert Earnest Allison Faix, Paul Feirstein, Justin Guilkey, Vlad Gulis, Siming Guo, Jeffry Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Suzanne Horn, Emma Howes, Lee Hunter, Keshav Jagannathan, Bong Jeong, Sheena Kauppila, Drew Kurlowski, Brian Lee, Amanda Masterpaul, Emily McGill, Amber McWilliams, Leann Mischel, Jennifer Mokos, John Navin, Joseph Njuki, Adam Pelty, Gillian Richards-Greaves, Eric Resnis, Erin Rickard, Kimberly Schumacher, Kimberly Singleton, Lauren Stefaniak, Hongxia Wang, Andy Weinbach, Wendy Weinhold, Jesse Willis, Lisa Winters, Tally Wright

SUBSTITUTIONS: Alana Turner for Jamie Deitrick, Chian-ann Lu for Alex Lefevre, Shannon Stewart for Kristi McIntyre, Martha Eddings for Susan Montenery, Hsing-Wen Hu for Nilo Ramos, Hannah Coffman for Sherer Royce, Dorothy Thompson for Karen Sauls, Mel Baker for Kerry Schwanz

ABSENT: April Abbot, Aneilya Barnes, Sourav Batabyal, Steven Bleicher, Wanda Dooley, Diane Fribance, Corey Lee, Tripthi Pillai, Sara Rich, Timothy Rotarius, Lee Shinaberger, Dory Sibley

- I. Faculty Senate Chair Drew Kurlowski called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The February 7, 2024 minutes were adopted without any edits by unanimous consent.
- III. APPROVAL OF [CONSENT AGENDA](#) -The March 13, 2024 consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. University President, Michael Benson, present the president's report.

- HGTC has offered classrooms for us to use in the fall.
- Retirement reception March 21.
- Groundbreaking for new PGM facility is on March 25 at 2 p.m.
- Higher Ed day at the capitol is on April 9 in Wheelwright at 5:30 p.m..
- Sustainability Summit Keynote is on April 9 at 5:30
- Senate debate on state budget begins in April.

B. Interim Provost, Sara Hottinger, provided the provost report.

- Honors Convocation is on Thursday, May 2 at 11 a.m.
- University Commencement is on May 2 at 6 p.m.
- Individual college graduations on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.
- Orientation scheduled for the beginning of June through the first week in July
- Priority registration incoming students May 13.
- Open reg for incoming May 15.
- Currently have a record number of applications, however, still not sure on numbers as currently we do not have FASFA data.
- Faculty are asked to work with college deans and chairs to be flexible with course caps for the fall as they are subject to change.

C. Amanda Craddock provided enrollment update

- Spring 2024 Highlights
 - Continuing undergraduate enrollment is up 7.1%
 - Total undergraduate enrollment is up 7.2%
 - Graduate enrollment is up 4.9%
 - Total enrollment is up 7%
- Fall 2023 to 2024 preliminary retention is at 91.7%
- Fall 2024 freshman applications:
 - Freshman applications are up 21.6%
 - Freshman acceptances are up 18.2%
 - South Carolina acceptances are up 15.9%
 - Deposits are up 3.7%
- Transfer 2024 applications
 - Currently down by 1.6%
 - Transfer acceptances are up 2.7%
 - Deposits are up 8.7%
- New FAFSA launched Dec 30. To date CCU does not have any data on applications. Hoping to have information by late March.

D. Gabriel Ryder provided SGA report

- Vote 1954 (voting campaign) is being launch for the 2024 election season with goal of 1,954 voters.
- The candidate showcase will be on March 18 at 4:30 p.m.
- Election announcements will be in Singleton Ballroom on April 1 at 5 p.m.
- Will have radio show March 22-28 during election.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Faculty Senate Chair, Drew Kurlowski, presented the executive committee report.
- Undergraduate administrative actions 15-17 and graduate administrative actions 4-5 were generated and approved from the February 7, 2024, senate meeting.
 - Attended information meeting for South Carolina Faculty Governance Leaders in February. Trying to create analog with AAUP.
 - Spoke to BOT on importance on tenure at the February meeting in.
 - April senate meeting change to April 10 as outlined in email.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Academic Affairs Committee/Graduate Council
- **Motion:** [Edit ACAD 125 to automate Archive and Deleting courses](#)
Motion passed with 60 in favor and 0 opposed.
- B. Office of the Provost, Teresa Burns
- **Motion:** [Changes to the Faculty Manual, sections 4.1 Membership, and 6.3.2 Associated Faculty](#)
Teresa Burns moved to approve the changes to faculty manual. Brian Bunton seconded.
Motion passed with 59 in favor and 0 opposed.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- AI discovery Lab in Library at 2 p.m. March 14, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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