



Faculty Senate
November 29, 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: Jim Arendt, Aneilya Barnes, Michelle Barthet, Sourav Batabyal, Edurne Beltran, Andrea Bergstrom, Miranda Brenneman, Brian Bunton, Teresa Burns, David Carr, Thomas Castillo, Subhajit Chakraborty, Crystal Cox, Jamie Deitrick, Wanda Dooley, David Duncan, Robert Earnest Allison Faix, Paul Feirstein, Diane Fribance, Justin Guilkey, Vladislav Gulis, Siming Guo, Jeffry Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Suzanne Horn, Lee Hunter, Keshav Jagannathan, Yun Sil Jeon, Bong Jeong, Sheena Kauppila, Drew Kurlowski, Brian Lee, Corey Lee, Amanda Masterpaul, Emily McGill, Kristi McIntyre, Leann Mischel, Jennifer Mokos, Susan Montenery, John Navin, Joseph Njuki, Adam Pelty, Nilo Ramos, Sara Rich, Gillian Richards-Greaves, Erin Rickard, Timothy Rotarius, Sherer Royce, Karen Sauls, Kimberly Schumacher, Kerry Schwanz, Lee Shinaberger, Dory Sibley, Benjamin Sota, Lauren Stefaniak, Hongxia Wang, Andy Weinbach, Wendy Weinhold, Philip Whalen, Jesse Willis, Tally Wright.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Ryan Rezek for April Abbot, Jordan Roberts for Jonathan Acuff, Menassie Ephrem for Rajendra Dahal, Matthew Wilkinson for Hannah Liebreich, Samantha Duncan for Eric Resnis

ABSENT: Steven Bleicher, Richard Costner, Amber McWilliams, Kimberly Singleton

- I. Faculty Senate Chair Drew Kurlowski called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The November 1, 2023, minutes were adopted without any edits by unanimous consent.
- III. APPROVAL OF [CONSENT AGENDA](#) -The November 29, 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.
 - Presentation on campus master plan was given.
 - Horry County Delegation luncheon on January 3, 2024.
 - Welcome back convocation on January 4, 2024 at 9 a.m.

- B. Interim Provost, Sara Hottinger provided the provost report.
 - Fall 2024 freshman application: Received 399 early decision applications of which 251 were accepted. Next deadline is November 15 for early action. So far have received 14,635 application which is a 44% increase from this time last year.

- C. Faculty Athletics Representative, Mark Mitchell, presented the athletics report.
([click here](#) for presentation information)

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Faculty Senate Chair, Drew Kurlowski presented the executive committee report.
 - Undergraduate administrative actions 3-5 and graduate administrative action 1 were generated and approved from the November 1, 2023, senate meeting.
 - Campus master plan is nearing completion of work, more to come at convocation in January.
 - Email will be going out regarding strategic plan.
 - All three motions that went out as general faculty vote from the July 2023 senate meeting have passed and administrative actions are complete.
 - The University Ombuds search had 23 applications in total. Faculty and staff senate executive committees have reviewed and the plan is to have virtual interviews December 11 and 12. A website will be set up next week along with links to sessions.

VI. New Business

- A. Academic Affairs Committee
 - **Motion:** New undergraduate program, [Marketing \(Completion Program\), B.S.B.A.](#)
Motion passes with 63 in favor and 2 opposed.

 - **Motion:** New undergraduate program, [Public Relations & Strategic Communication, B.A.](#)
Motion passed with 64 in favor and 2 opposed.

 - **Motion:** Undergraduate program change: [Communication & Media, B.A.](#)
Motion passes with 65 in favor and 1 opposed.

- **Motion:** Undergraduate program removal pending final CHE approval on new program and program change:
 - [Communication: Health Communication Concentration, B.A.](#)
 - [Communication: Interactive Journalism Concentration, B.A.](#)
 - [Communication: Public Relations/Integrated Communication Concentration, B.A.](#)
 - [Communication: Sports Communication Concentration, B.A.](#)

Motion passes with 67 in favor and 0 opposed.

- **Motion:** [Add a section to the catalog addressing State Proviso 117.152](#)
Teresa Burns moved to amend and add the following sentence to the end of original motion: *SCTR XXX is elective credit only, and cannot be substituted for any course requirements in any major.* Tally Wright seconded, and the amendment passed with 61 in favor and 3 opposed.
The motion as amended passed with 62 in favor and 3 opposed.

- **Motion:** [Revisions to the ACAD - 136, 137, and 140 policies](#)
Teresa Burns moved for unanimous consent for the following amendments:
 - In ACAD 140 correct section B-1 change Academic Freshman Alert to Academic Advisory
 - In ACAD 136 make section C-3 and D-3 a stand-alone sentence (rather than numbered item under section)
 - In ACAD 137 make section D-3 a stand-alone sentence (rather than a numbered item under section)
 - In ACAD 136 section D-1, change “*an Academic Success Workshop or attend the Dean’s Academic Success Seminar*” and in 137 section D-1 from “*an Academic Success Workshop or attend an Academic Success Seminar*” to “*a GCOS academic success workshop*”.

There were no objections.

The motion as amended passed with 64 in favor and 0 opposed.

B. Graduate Council

- **Motion:** New graduate certificate: [Evaluation of Education, Community, and Social Programs Certificate](#)
Motion passed with 66 in favor and 0 opposed.

C. Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee

- **Motion:** [Need for clarification regarding Artist/Writer/Executive-in-Residence.](#)
Teresa Burns moved for unanimous consent to refer the motion back to the committee as the relationship between the in-residence titles and employment appointments need to be clarified. There were no objections.

- **Motion:** [Principal Lecturer edits](#)
Diane Fribance moved for unanimous consent to amend and add Principal Lecturers to page 58 section 9 so it reads “*Notification of non-reappointment of Senior Instructors, Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, and **Principal Lecturers** in the second or subsequent consecutive years of service will be given in writing by the second Friday in December (or the second Friday in April for a second semester appointment)*”. There were no objections.
The motion as amended passed with 63 in favor and 0 opposed.
- **Motion:** [To address the difference between the faculty manual and university's policies on faculty taking courses](#)
Kyle Holody moved for unanimous consent to amend the motion and add the word “member” after faculty. There were no objections.
John Navin moved to amend the motion and strike word undergraduate from the policy. Kris McIntire seconded. The amendment passed with 61 in favor and 2 opposed.
The motion passed as amended with 64 in favor and 0 opposed.

D. University Calendar Committee

- **Motion:** [Proposal to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)
Aneilya Barnes moved to extend meeting until 6:30. Diane Fribance seconded. It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it and the motion passed.

Subhajit moved to refer motion back to committee for further discussion on all issues that have been discussed. Erin Rickard seconded.
Philip Whalen moved to amend the motion and give instruction that the committee report back at the next meeting in February. Kyle Holody seconded.

Aneilya Barnes moved to extend meeting until the end of business. Kristi McIntyre seconded. It is the opinion of the chair that the I's have it and the motion passed.

The amendment passes with 49 in favor and 4 opposed.
Andrea Bergstrom asked for unanimous consent to called to question. There were no objections
The motion as amended passed with 47 in favor and 12 opposed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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