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MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE
NOVEMBER 13, 1990

1. Call to Order. President Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes. The Faculty Senate minutes of October 9, 1990 were approved as written.

3. Class of '39 Award for Excellence. Russ Marion was appointed as the Faculty Senate representative to assist Dr. Maxwell with the ballot count. A secret ballot vote was taken, ballots were collected and given to Senator Marion to present to Dr. Maxwell for the count. The recipient of the Class of '39 Award for Excellence will be announced at the December Graduation exercise.

4. Special Order of the Day. President Dunn introduced Joyce Christenbury, President of the Extension Senate, who provided information on the Extension Senate. County offices are located in each of the 46 counties in the State and are staffed by professionals who are in the areas of agriculture, home economics or related areas. The Extension Senate is a representative body of these professionals comprised of those who reside here on campus, those stationed at the Educational Research and Education Centers throughout the State, and the county professional staff in the State. Ms. Christenbury reminded us that we share the same mission to "protect and preserve what we have to provide for a better environment for the people we represent relative to their work situation." Encouragement was given to continue to cooperate and support each other on issues and concerns that are pertinent to our respective Senates.

5. Motion was made and seconded to move a portion of Old Business (Faculty Manual Revisions) to the end of today's Agenda.

6. Committee Reports
   a. Senate Committees
Policy Committee. Senator Milstead reported that this committee has reviewed the Athletic Council Policies and Procedures Draft and has offered suggestions. The Patent Policy was not approved by the Vice Presidents and Trustees so the current Patent Policy continues to be in effect at this time. The Policy Committee was asked to review the Substance Abuse Policy. The Committee submitted many suggestions to Ray Thompson's Office and all were accepted. The current draft of the Substance Abuse Policy should be circulated soon.

Research Committee. Senator Graham stated that the committee continues to work on agenda items. A new item was presented from Vice-President Gogue regarding institutional compliance. He will attend the next Research Committee meeting to explain this draft. All are welcomed to attend this meeting.

Scholastic Committee. Senator Louderback made reference to the committee's written report (Attachment A). Senator Conover reiterated that he awaits any comments from the Senate concerning the statement of policy on undergraduate education.

President Dunn announced that Provost Maxwell will send an official request to the Faculty Senate to look at the situation regarding the deadline of evaluations, and to make a recommendation to the Administration.

Welfare Committee. No report given.

b. University Commissions and Committees

Facilities and Planning Committee. Senator Luedeman stated that at the last meeting the Vice President for Business and Finance proposed to streamline the building of buildings around campus; and believes that a new Associate Vice President and staff will be necessary for this endeavor.

Committee on Committees. Senator Murr hopes to bring a report to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

7. Senate President's Report. President Dunn made reference to the President's Report (Attachment B).
8. **Old Business**

a. Senator Luedeman reported that the Task Force for the Recognition of Credit for Public Service is making progress and will bring recommendations to the Senate for consideration. The definition and evaluation of service are two areas of concentration for the task force.

b. Senator Luedeman stated that a letter regarding the Centennial Professorship and contributions has been mailed, and that a second letter will be mailed after Christmas to remind people to donate in time for tax deductions. Senator Luedeman also mentioned that the total monies received reported in the President’s Report is actually lower due to duplicate and incorrect information received from the Development Office.

c. Senator Zehr called attention to the Motion from the ad_hoc Committee to Review Senate Organization and Governance (Attachment C). He emphasized that the possible structure that this committee introduced last month is not what we are voting on today. The motion Senator Zehr wants to introduce is simply a statement of whether or not we wish to involve administration in our Faculty Senate. Senator Zehr moved that this motion be accepted, it was seconded, and the floor was opened for discussion. After discussing the appropriateness of Administration being on such a body, the following substitute motion presented by Senator Harris was seconded and passed by the Senate (Attachment C).

"The Faculty Senate directs the ad_hoc Committee to Review Senate Organization and Governance to explore mechanisms by which the role of power and influence by faculty and university governance will be expanded."

d. Senator Marion made a motion to support the proposal for funding academic computing facilities as presented by the University Computer Advisory Committee. This motion was seconded and passed without dissent FS90-11-1 P (Attachment D).

9. **New Business**

a. President Dunn expressed hope that the Senate Special could be started again in the near future to assist with our communication efforts among the faculty.
b. "Walk on Wednesday", a driveless day, will be held on November 28th to show support and provide encouragement for the military in the Middle East. This event has been approved by the Student Senate and the Commission on Classified Staff Affairs. A discussion was held and questions were answered by Professor John Bednar and Michael Hunt, a student supporter. Senator Hare presented a motion, which was seconded, for the interest and action for "Walk on Wednesday."

"We commend the Language and International Trade 127 Class for their interest and action for "Walk on Wednesday."

Motion passed with no dissent.

c. Senator Milstead, Chair of the Policy Committee, presented to the Faculty Senate changes that will serve as the core of revisions, and made a motion for adoption of these revisions as presented. Senator Milstead informed the Senate that these revisions do not represent substantial changes in the Manual, which will go through regular change procedures. Discussion followed, with notations for change from the Senate. Motion was made and seconded to accept the changes presented to and offered by the Senate from the Policy Committee. Thanks was expressed from Jeri Milstead, Chair of the Policy Committee, to the Faculty Manual Committee and Kenneth Murr, Chair, for the quality and quantity of their work on this very important committee item.

10. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Kenneth R. Murr, Secretary

Cathy T. Sturkie, Staff Secretary

Senators absent: B. Baron, K. Dieter (J. Waldvogel attended)
The Committee met on October 29.

The chair wrote to Vice-President Lomax in response to his letter regarding the policy for athletic admissions. (Copy attached)

Student evaluations were much earlier this semester than in the past and some affected faculty have complained. The Committee is pursuing this matter.

Senator Conover is writing the first draft of the statement of policy on undergraduate education and asks for any comments to be sent to him in 294 Lehotsky Hall.

Vice-President Reel has formed a committee of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies to investigate the senate's proposed change in the first drop date (to move it up to before the add date) and the Scholastic Policies chair is also chair of that committee.

In response to a request from President Dunn, the Committee is developing a policy on emphasizing global matters in curricula.
October 27, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: Manning N. Lomax  
   Vice-President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

FROM: Joseph G. Louderback  
   Chair, Faculty Senate Scholastic Policies Committee

President Dunn has asked me, as chair of the Faculty Senate Scholastic Policies Committee, to respond to your memorandum of August 20 regarding admissions standards for scholarship athletes.

The Senate believes that two points are important. One is that there seems to be no need for faculty members to review applications simply to determine whether the applicant meets NCAA guidelines. In our view, this procedure does not constitute faculty review of exceptions as ordinarily understood.

The second point is that the policy of admitting such athletes is both unwritten and an orphan. No one acknowledges paternity, but everyone relies on it. The Senate believes that such an important policy should be written and adopted formally.
SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
NOVEMBER, 1990

1. On October 30th, Senator Baron, Dr. Maxwell, administrative staff members, concerned faculty, and myself met with Mr. Purvis Collins, Director of South Carolina Retirement Systems and Mr. Don Overholser, George Buck Company actuary, to discuss the Optional Retirement Program (ORP). Currently, Clemson has approximately 294 employees in the ORP, and approximately 72% of all new faculty and administrators are selecting the program. The discussions were frank and open, and some of the information received was that for the last two years bills have been introduced into the Legislature to establish a rate of 6% for the program and that these were judged to be too expensive for the State, these would have been acceptable only if the universities substantially supported the program financially. At present the norm for states such as Virginia, Georgia, and Mississippi is 4%; and currently, there is no floor for South Carolina's program. The Retirement System opposes allowing individuals who are in the ORP to switch to the state retirement system. It was concluded that Clemson would survey the rates in other states, investigate the possibility of establishing a "floor" of 4.25% for the state's program, and determine support for a "floor" at other state universities.

2. Concern continues to be expressed by faculty, staff, and administrators over the proposed purchase of computer software by the Vice President for Business and Finance. At this point, it is unclear if the new system is needed or not, for it has not been demonstrated that the existing system is inadequate. The projected cost of the new system is 2 to 3 million dollars, and this may not be a full accounting of the total cost which will be incurred in conversion and maintenance of the new system. Also, it has not been shown how this expenditure will impact academic programs. It is imperative that a complete analysis, including involvement of campus expertise, be conducted to ensure that this change is warranted and in the best interest of Clemson University.

3. At its October 29th meeting, the President's Cabinet reviewed the Senate's resolution on the removal of smoking materials and ashtrays from campus. The main concerns expressed were the loss of revenues, negative reaction from tobacco companies, and inconvenience. Copies of the resolution have been sent to the Student Government, Commission on Classified Staff Affairs, and the Extension Senate.
4. Linda Rice, Director of Risk Management and Safety, gave an overview of the University's Risk Management Program to the Executive/Advisory Committee at its November 1st meeting. Attached is an informational sheet detailing the property and liability insurance coverage for Clemson faculty.

5. The jointly-sponsored forum with the Student Senate on the balance between teaching and research will be held on November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Lee Hall Auditorium. Please encourage your colleagues to attend. This topic is of interest to many faculty members and students, and the forum will be informative.

6. Please continue to encourage colleagues to contribute to the Centennial Professorship. We will only be successful if Senators push the campaign. Our current total is $62,383.00.

7. Congratulations to Dr. Ed Olive, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, who was chosen as one of the top academic advisors in the nation by the American College Testing/National Academic Advising Association. Ed received a 1990 Certificate of Merit from the Association, and has served as advisor for the College of Education's English education and language students for 19 years.
MOTION FROM THE ad_hoc COMMITTEE

TO REVIEW SENATE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

Moved: To restructure the Faculty Senate to include broader faculty representation and academic administration (deans and department heads); to promote a streamlined, effective process for establishing academic policy by eliminating the Academic Council and other university commissions and committees responsible for faculty governance.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

The Faculty Senate directs the ad_hoc Committee to Review Senate Organization and Governance to explore mechanisms by which the role of power and influence by faculty and university governance will be expanded.
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

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Whereas, The University Computer Advisory Committee has determined that in order to maintain and improve remote academic computer facilities, a student computer use fee is required,

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate concurs with the recommendation of the University Computer Advisory Committee.
PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING ACADEMIC COMPUTING FACILITIES
University Computer Advisory Committee
10/18/90

Whereas the microcomputing, VAX, and communications network facilities (hardware and software; hereafter referred to as the academic computing facilities) at Clemson University are in heavy demand by faculty and students;

Whereas more than 200 of the computers in our micro labs are currently outdated and in need of replacement, and the remaining microcomputers will become so within the next four years;

Whereas the computing technology changes at such a rapid rate that equipment must be upgraded at least every four years to avoid obsolescence;

Whereas up-to-date academic computing facilities are a necessity for remaining competitive in the educational technology market;

Whereas the academic computing facilities at Clemson serve not only an educational function but, since they are used by every student for course pre-registration, an administrative one as well;

Whereas the demand for use of academic computing facilities for class lectures is increasingly difficult to meet;

Whereas there currently exists only minimal revenue, and no specific funding, for maintaining the University academic computing facilities;

The Clemson University Computer Advisory Committee makes the following recommendation:

The University should provide additional funding specifically for maintaining and upgrading the academic computing facilities operated by the Division of Computing and Information Technology, the account to be administered by the Vice-Provost for Computing and Information Technology;

A student computer use fee should be collected along with tuition each semester to fund this account.
TEACHING vs RESEARCH FORUM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1990

7:00 p.m.

LEE HALL AUDITORIUM

*Bring your questions about the conflict between teaching and research at Clemson University*

*Does research conflict with undergraduate education?*

*How important is teaching at Clemson University?*

*Will Clemson’s future be in the Classroom or laboratory?*

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