

TWO YEAR CAMPUS FACULTY SENATE MEETING

USC-BEAUFORT

Minutes: April 11, 1980

Call to Order and Correction and Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Beth Dunlap (Beaufort) called the meeting to order after which she asked for additions or corrections to the Minutes of the February 15, 1980, meeting. Professor Jimmie Nunnery (Lancaster) noted a correction: Academic Affairs-Faculty Liaison Committee, Page 6, third line, substitute for sentence "The Committee....." the following - - "The Committee upheld the decision not to award but requested that the Provost arrange a solution acceptable to all parties. This has been done." Vice President John Duffy also noted a correction: Page six, Academic Forward Planning Committee, fourth line, "Weasner" should state "Weasmer". There being no further additions or corrections, the Minutes were accepted.

Introduction of Speaker

Chairperson Dunlap introduced the guest speaker, Mr. R. W. "Pete" Denton, Vice President for Finances, who spoke on the budget process. He stated that state appropriations funding for 1980-81 will be computed utilizing a formula concept based on full time equivalent students (FTE), a process which will be beneficial to the Two-Year Campuses in particular. He also noted that enrollment below FTE projections will result in reduced funding, but will result in increased funding if enrollment exceeds projected budget figures. He stressed however, that other campuses in the system have not fared so well through formula funding. He speculated that the system may well have to resort to a fee increase in various areas, including tuition, if the state appropriation picture does not brighten and if federal funds are curtailed. He also acknowledged that the University is studying its personnel and program needs for the future. Vice President Denton explained the possible reduction in appropriations funding by noting the General Assembly's projection of future enrollment decline, a theory to which he personally did not subscribe due to the increase in non-traditional students and Sunbelt growth. He also emphasized that the 1981-82 funding picture is un auspicious because of possible federal aid reduction, increased state tax personal exemptions, tax indexing, and a weakened economy.

Vice President Denton also addressed the subject of faculty salaries. He observed that during President Holderman's tenure at the University, the University's appropriations have risen an enviable 39% (78% on the Two-Year Campuses), the

second highest increase in the nation. The 1980-81 salary picture looks now to be an average 7% cost of living and a 3½% merit raise, but he stressed that state monies to cover this increase have not yet been appropriated. Hence, the salary outlook continues to be somewhat vague.

Responding to questions, Vice President Denton noted that salary increases for promotions must come out of the salary increase package, that the legislature has not acted on the 1979-80 supplemental appropriations request, that State employees are eligible for a maximum 12% or \$3,000 raise, and that specific percentages are not guaranteed to any unclassified employee.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Vice Chairperson Dinford G. "Pete" Maness (Sumter) reported the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for 1980-81 Senate positions:

Vice Chairperson -----	Jim Otten, Union
Secretary -----	William Cordray, Salkehatchie
Member at Large -----	Wade Chittam, Lancaster

Special Committees

Library -----	Tandy Willis, Union
Curricula and New Courses -----	Marion Preacher, Salkehatchie
Faculty Welfare -----	Elizabeth Baldwin, Military
Academic Forward Planning -----	Larry Rowland, Beaufort
Academic Affairs-Faculty Liaison* -----	Beth Dunlap, Beaufort
Systems* -----	Jimmie Nunnery, Lancaster

*Senate recommendation; position is a Presidential appointment.

Vice Chairperson Maness noted that the committee considered talent and geographical distribution when making its recommendations. Chairperson Dunlap observed that according to the Faculty Manual the Vice Chairperson is also Chairperson elect and therefore needs no formal nomination to that position. She also stated that nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election of officers.

Comments by University Officials

Vice President John Duffy reported on several items of interest:

- 1) Vice President Duffy thanked the Senate for its work during 1979-80 academic year, particularly for its laudable endeavors in developing a system

grievance procedure. He noted that the Legislature is still considering the University's request for exemption from the state grievance system.

- 2) Vice President Duffy stated that the Systems Committee is studying the authority and responsibilities of the Two-Year Campus Senate, and it is looking into the possibility of greater autonomy in the areas of legislative and curricula authority for this body. He observed that an autonomous Senate would no longer have representation in the Columbia Senate and would assume many of the responsibilities now held by that body. He asked for input and suggestions concerning this matter.
- 3) Vice President Duffy noted that all campuses are either engaged in a SACS Self Study or updating a recently completed report. Upon completion of this process, the University will ask the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to evaluate the system and make any recommendations to improve its operation. In fulfilling Self Study requirements, Vice President Duffy emphasized the need for valid data, especially in the area of finances and physical facilities, and he urged coordination with the Vice Presidents for Finances and Facilities Planning in this matter. He also emphasized that the Self Study is not intended to be an argumentative or unrealistic document but, rather, is a planning instrument.
- 4) Vice President Duffy acknowledged a possible change in the future funding of University programs because of the possibility of reduced state appropriations. He stated that the University is considering increased private financing of its programs, and that it has retained a consulting firm to recommend the best procedure in the use of this technique. The goal of the University in this endeavor will be to insure continued quality educational programs at the institution.

Reports From Standing Committees

Rights and Responsibilities. Chairman Jimmie Nunnery (Lancaster) stated that his committee had no report to submit.

Financial Concerns. Chairman Wayne Thurman (Lancaster) stated that his committee had no report to submit.

Intra-University Services and Communications. Chairman Tandy Willis (Union) reported that the committee had one motion: "That the Intra-University Services and Concerns Committee be granted approval to coordinate a Two-Year Campus Faculty Development Workshop for the teaching of interdisciplinary study skills. This program is intended to be the first in a series of faculty development programs focusing on the specific concerns of the Two-Year Campus Faculty." The motion was approved.

Executive Committee. Chairperson Beth Dunlap (Beaufort) reported that tentative dates for the initial Executive Committee Meeting (September 12) and the initial Senate Meeting (September 26) have been scheduled for the 1980-81 academic year.

Reports From Special Committees.

Library Committee. Representative Tandy Willis (Union) reported on two meetings: January 16, when the motion to adopt the book budget as submitted was approved; and March 26, when the Movietone News acquisition was discussed and the availability of the Self Study Library Report printout was announced. Representative Willis stated that the printout was available for those interested in studying the document.

Curricula and New Courses Committee. Representative John Stine (Military) stated that the committee met several times and discussed: The new Computer Science Academic Program and its approval by the Senate; the addition and deletion of several Journalism courses; and the discussion of proposed changes in the Engineering program.

Faculty Welfare Committee. Representative Jerry Dockery (Military) was not present and no report was submitted.

Academic Affairs-Faculty Liaison Committee. Representative Jimmie Nunnery (Lancaster) stated that the committee approved a motion to reinstate Army ROTC at USC Columbia beginning in Fall, 1981, and that the Board of Trustees approved its implementation at its April 8, meeting. Dean James Camp (Lancaster) questioned whether this program will be available for the Two-Year Campuses. Vice President Duffy replied that he would investigate this possibility.

Academic Forward Planning Committee. Representative John Samaras (Lancaster) was not present but submitted a written report. The committee met March 7, and continued its ongoing discussion of future growth/shrinkage of the University. During a March 21, meeting a proposal from the College of Criminal Justice to establish a Criminal Justice Institute was reviewed and endorsed by the committee. The committee also reviewed two proposals from the College of Health: One to establish an Environmental Health Sciences Research Center; and the other to establish a Center for Medical Entomology and Parasitology at the R. B. Dominick Laboratory (The Wedge) near McClellanville. Both proposals were taken under review.

Systems Committee. Representative Beth Dunlap (Beaufort) reported that the committee met February 29, and March 21, and discussed the changing nature of the Two-Year Campus Senate. She noted that the discussion began because of a question regarding the legality of Two-Year Campus Senate Representative on Columbia Senate Committees, and gradually expanded into a discussion concerning autonomy. That discussion is continuing. (See also remarks of Vice President Duffy, above and below.)

Unfinished Business

- 1) Election of Officers. Chairperson Dunlap called for nominations for Senate offices from the floor. No additional nominations were made and she asked for a motion to elect the Nominating Committee's recommendation by acclamation. The motion was presented and approved.
- 2) A general discussion then ensued covering a wide range of topics:
 - a) Associate Vice President Robert Alexander requested a report on the Two-Year Campus Intramural Day at Salkehatchie. Professor Sheree Dryden (Salkehatchie) reported that rain hampered the activities, but it was hoped that the program would continue and expand in the future.
 - b) Professor Bruce Judd (Sumter) noting the absences of Special Committee Representatives, questioned whether Two-Year Campus Senate membership ought to be a requirement for Special Committee member selection. Vice Chairperson Maness replied that the Nominating Committee attempted to select representatives utilizing the criteria of ability and geographical distribution within the system and that he had been given assurances of diligent performance by all those selected for Special Committee positions.
 - c) Vice President Duffy noted the coming Deans' tour to the campuses and emphasized the benefits of this program, particularly in regard to the aspect of campus faculty becoming better acquainted with their Columbia counterparts.
 - d) Professor Jimmie Nunnery (Lancaster) requested a clarification of Executive Committee voting privileges. Chairperson Dunlap replied that the most recent Faculty Manual states that the Executive Committee does not have regular voting privileges and these individuals should not be included as part of the Senate delegation from a campus.

- e) Professor Vince Mesaric (Beaufort) requested a clarification of the extent of Two-Year Campus Senate responsibilities if the autonomy noted above becomes official. Vice President Duffy replied that he hoped that there would be no extensive changes. He did emphasize, however, that he supported the theory that this body should have jurisdiction over two-year campus curriculum, and he noted that this change would further clarify the role and responsibility of the Two-Year Senate.
- f) Dean Darwin Bashaw (Beaufort) asked for a clarification of rules regarding summer employment. Vice President Duffy replied that the University is committed to the employment of faculty hired before September 1, 1973, but that it is now re-evaluating its position on this matter due to recent campus summer program deficits. He stated that the University will adhere to the provisions of the Faculty Manual, and that it will also probably institute negotiation of summer salaries in the future.

New Business

Chairperson Dunlap relinquished the Chair to Chairperson-Elect Pete Maness. Chairperson Maness then asked Vice President Duffy to make a presentation. A plaque was then presented to Beth Dunlap for her service to the University while serving as Chairperson of the Two-Year Campus Faculty Senate.

Announcements

None

Chairperson Maness then asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Thomas
Recording Secretary

Jim Otten
Secretary