

Faculty Conference
February 15 2002 2pm
Frances May Barnes Recital Hall
Minutes

I The meeting began at 2.03pm with 63 faculty in attendance. A unanimous vote was taken to conduct business in the absence of a quorum. The minutes of the November 9th Faculty Conference, having been distributed electronically, were approved.

II The Chair's Report:

Jim Johnson reported from the February 8-10, 2002, Board of Trustees retreat in which the following initiatives were approved:

- (a) Faculty Salary Improvements: Reflecting a major shift in policy, the Board charged the President to work out details to establish a funding source and a plan to increase faculty and staff salaries.
- (b) Technology: This fee would continue to be charged in order to up-grade computers
- (c) Capital improvements: projects related to each of the following will be undertaken over the next 3 years:
 - i. State Bond Money
Two areas of on-going development – the Lois Rhame West Center and campus-wide Window Replacement
 - ii. Education and General Budget
Bancroft Renovations to start in the Summer 2002 (\$500,000) and Kinard Language Lab (\$85,000) to start Spring 2002
 - iii. Auxiliary Funds
From student housing fees, this will total approximately \$4.9 million over the next 3 years and will be used to renovate all the Residence Halls (bedrooms) and will create a new parking deck (313 spaces) and Public Safety offices.
 - iv. Institutional Bonds
\$8.8 million in bonds, paid for by increased student fees to renovate the following: Dinkins, The Shack, Old Stone House, the new Tennis Complex, Coliseum renovations, Intercollegiate Track and soccer field
 - v. Real Estate Foundation
\$18 million for new 404-bed dormitory on Water St, to be completed by Jan 2003

The Board identified the following Capital Improvement projects that will be part of future bond bill requests: Thurmond Auditorium, Breazeale, Dacus Library, Brynes Auditorium and Bancroft Tower Addition. Other items to be funded from future auxiliary funds include Myrtle Drive reconfiguration, Java City expansion and renovations to Stewart House.

During Jim Johnston's report, Karen Kedrowski proposed a vote of thanks from the faculty to Bill Rogers and Dwight Dimaculangan for their work on the recent Faculty Salary study.

III Report From The President

Due to a previous commitment the President was unable to attend the conference, but his remarks had been distributed by email the previous day to faculty and staff.

IV Report From the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr Wilson spoke about Performance Funding, informing the faculty that 40 States now participated in this. He emphasized the importance for 'Evaluation of Course and Instructor' forms to be completed by every single course taught by both full and part-time faculty. He also commented, praisingly, on the large percentage of internships and coops across campus.

Dr Wilson concluded by referring to the accreditation processes currently underway in the Art and Design and Music Departments.

V Committee Reports

- (a) Budget Priorities This report was covered by the Board of Trustees report.
- (b) Academic Council Julian Smith referred the faculty to his recent email containing the Minutes of the January 25th Academic Council meeting, summarized as follows:
 - i. The new proposed GENED program was tabled to allow for further discussion within Arts & Sciences.
 - ii. CUI-there were 3 items (# 1 & 2 taken together), all relating to program changes, upon which the faculty voted as follows:
 - To modify the BA in Mass Communication (passed)
 - To modify the BS in Integrated Marketing Communication (passed)
 - To add the BA in Economics (passed)
 - iii. Academic Council passed a motion on the nature of cultural events, in which a list of all **denied** proposals be available to all faculty on the web site.
- (c) General Education Will Thacker referred to the tabled GENED proposal already mentioned under V (b) (i) above, and the awaited response from Arts & Sciences.
- (d) Rules Committee Pat Ballard reported on two items:
 - i. Approval by the committee of a change in bylaws of the Teacher Education Committee pertaining to the composition of its Appeal Subcommittee.
 - ii. The committee's answer to the charge by the Faculty Personnel committee regarding tallying procedures.

In addition, two recommendations, one regarding electoral procedures and the other relating to the computer program on the Kerley method, are to be voted on at the March 22 Faculty Conference.

The faculty voted to place both these items on the agenda for the March meeting.

- (e) Faculty Concerns Janice Chism announced that the Faculty Concerns Committee was to have a meeting with the President March 20 and invited concerns to be forwarded to herself or Alice Burmeister.
- (f) Faculty Personnel Committee David Bradbard announced that Bill Nautilus had been elected to replace Dorothy Thompson on the Faculty Personnel committee, and thanked the faculty for their quick response at short notice.

VI Old Business

There was no old business

VII New Business

There was no new business

VIII Announcements

Homecoming was to take place at the Coliseum at the weekend. The faculty was encouraged to attend.

Tim Drueke made an announcement from the Commencement Committee that there would be a separate ceremony for graduate students this year on Thursday May 2 at 7pm in Tillman auditorium, followed by a reception in McBride.

Jo Koster announced that the Graduate Faculty Assembly was to meet directly at the conclusion of faculty conference.

IX Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.38pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Moody