

Faculty Conference Minutes

Recital Hall
April 21, 2000

I. Quorum

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to conduct business in the absence of a quorum. The minutes of the February 11, 2000 Faculty Conference were approved with a change to the last line of the third paragraph of President DiGiorgio's report. The minutes indicated that the House's proposed budget included a 3% salary increase for individuals with salaries **over \$3,000**. The 3% increase was for individuals with salaries **under \$30,000**. There was an insufficient number of faculty present to conduct business in the absence of a quorum at the March 17, 2000 Faculty Conference. Although approval of the March 17th report is not required, the report is on file as part of the Faculty Conference's unofficial records.

II. Opening Remarks – Dr. Thomas Moore, Chair of Faculty Conference

At the April 12th Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved two naming resolutions. The first is to name the College of Education after Richard W. Riley. The second is to rename the renovated Peabody after Lois Rhame West. The Board also approved the Master of Science in software engineering to be delivered by the Department of Computer Science. The capital campaign is presently reported at \$19.8 million. Additional major gifts are expected.

III. Report from the President – Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio

President DiGiorgio thanked the faculty for another good year. During the year, three accrediting bodies visited Winthrop. Overall, feedback from the visiting teams and other third parties has been very positive. Two newly appointed deans were recognized and congratulated. Dr. Patricia Graham, the Center for Pedagogy director, will be the first dean of the Richard W. Riley College of Education. Dr. Andrew Svedlow, President of the New Hampshire Institute of Art, will be the new dean of Winthrop's College of Visual and Performing Arts. The respective search committees and their co-chairs (Dr. Roger Weikle, Dr. Mickey Taylor, Dr. Betsy Brown, and Dr. Jeannie Woods) were thanked for their efforts.

Dr. Irene Boland, Assistant Professor of Geology, and Dr. Anne Fletcher, Associate Professor of Theater, received this year's Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Awards. Dr. Alice Burmeister was named Winthrop's Outstanding Junior Professor, and Dr. Donald Freidman was recognized as Winthrop's Distinguished Professor. A photograph by Melanie Masson, an English major with a photography minor, was awarded one of four grand prizes in a national photograph competition sponsored by Chrysler Financial Corporation. The photograph will be published in Chrysler's corporate calendar. Melanie is Dr. Phil Moody's student. A copy of the print will be displayed in either the President's office or residence. Congratulations to all recognized individuals.

The legislative update includes the flag and budget related items. The flag continues to be an issue and is unresolved at this time. The House's higher education budget for next year presently includes \$2 million of "new money." Funding proposals by the Senate exceed the House's appropriation. No objections were raised to the North and South Carolina graduate tuition proviso which should be approved for next year. Efforts will be made to make the proviso permanent.

The House and Senate have favorably responded to the \$1 million request for a new Rutledge roof and requested funds to replace windows in the remaining seven buildings built before 1942. The replacement windows will be energy efficient and maintenance free. The House has not designated any funds for the Peabody project. The Senate may still allocate some funds. In spite of the funding issues, the architect for the \$16.4 million Peabody project will be selected next month. Except for perhaps the front facade, Peabody will be a new facility. By this time next spring, the Peabody plans and funding are expected to be in place. The Governor's proposed budget does not include any funds for salary increases. The House's version includes 2 or 3 % pay increase. The Senate, which usually does better than the House, has not yet determined any compensation increases.

Winthrop's performance funding score exceeds last year's score. Winthrop was the only free-standing (not a USC branch) four-year institution to receive an "exceeds goals" rating. Although the four-year-old performance funding program has utilized different criteria each year, Winthrop is consistently at the top. As a top institution under performance funding, we receive a larger share of state budgeted funds.

The Sims renovation begins in May. The Sims related construction bids are expected to be in line with the available project funds. Because Sims will be off-line next year, changes and accommodations will have to be made. In addition to issues relating to laboratories, 30 to 50 faculty-staff parking places will be removed during the renovation period. To relieve some of the parking pressure, the University is trying to lease additional land from the American Legion. Parking regulations will be enforced. Although there is a perception that there is a parking shortage, the number of parking spaces exceeds the number of issued parking stickers.

The Faculty-Staff Awards Ceremony will be in McBryde at 9:30 next Wednesday, April 26th. On May 5th, the College of Education will be dedicated as the Richard W. Riley College of Education. A VIP luncheon will precede the 1 PM dedication. A reception follows the dedication. The dedication and reception are open to the campus community. The College of Education's convocation will be at 2:30 at McBryde on May 5th. Richard W. Riley, U.S. Secretary of Education, will give the convocation address, and the Rock Hill Elementary Honors Choir will provide the entertainment.

Approximately 600 graduates are eligible to participate in the May 6th commencement exercises. Dr. Terry Peterson, Chief Education Aide to Richard W. Riley, will give the commencement address and receive an honorary doctorate. The new Holly Self Drummond Award will be given at commencement to the female student who best combines service and academics. Holly Self Drummond was a Winthrop honors graduate who passed away last year. Her husband, John Drummond, who is the President-Pro-Tem of the SC Senate and is a strong Winthrop supporter, established the award.

IV. Report from the Vice-President for Academic Affairs - Dr. Melford Wilson

Dr. Wilson made several announcements. The preliminary performance funding scores will be available on the Web. Dr. Wilhelmenia Rembert was thanked for her service as the College of Education's acting dean. Dr. Jim Johnston was thanked for his leadership in Graduate Studies and Continuing Studies. Dr. Danny Turner and the Research Council members were also recognized for their extra effort required as a result of the additional \$50,000 in research funds. Dr. Rembert and Dr. David Franklin who is retiring after 34 years of service, will be honored at 3:30 on Monday in Johnson Hall.

V. Committee Reports

A. Academic Council - Dr. Janice Chism

The proposal to revise academic eligibility was approved. The proposal was included in the materials distributed before the conference. After reviewing the procedure for terminating and suspending an academic program, the Rules Committee determined that two separate procedures are required. The Rule Committee will review the language in the procedures before they are presented to the faculty next year. The General Education Committee requested Academic Council to decrease the natural science requirement from nine to seven hours. The request was not approved. Academic Council asked Dr. Wilson to appoint a task force to evaluate the impact of the proposed requirement change on the science competencies and the new general education competencies currently being developed.

Dr. Tom Moore indicated that Academic Council's annual activities report is available with the other Faculty Conference records in the Vice-President of Academic Affairs office.

B. General Education Task Force Update – Professor Marilyn Sarow

The proposed general education program presented earlier this year consists of an essential learning core, the inner core and the outer core. Four teams

of faculty are responsible for developing the competencies of the essential learning core. The technology competency has been completed and will be added to the web page. The written communication competency is almost finished and progress continues on the quantitative reasoning and oral communication competencies. Two teams have been assembled to develop two inner core courses, Critical Thinking and Human Experience I. The teams include Dr. Debra Boyd, Dr. Alice Burmeister, Dr. Wanda DeLeo, Mr. Alan Huston, Mr. Bud Katter, Dr. Tom Moore, Dr. Marielon Ratliff, Dr. Seymour Simmons, Dr. Jeff Sinn, and Dr. Jo Tarvers. Additional assistance will be provided by Dr. Anne Fletcher, Dr. Mel Goldstein, Ms. Gale Teaster, and Dr. Marge Tebo-Messina. Other faculty may be added later. The Task Force appreciates the large number of faculty interested in helping with the general education project. In the fall, work will begin on the outer core.

C. Committees

No other committees reported.

D. Written Annual Committee Reports

Dr. Tom Moore has asked the Committee chairs to submit their annual committee reports to him. He will be then deliver the reports to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs office.

VI. Old Business

There was not any old business.

VII. New Business

There was not any new business.

VIII. Announcements

Dr. Tom Moore thanked Dr. Jo Tarvers for serving as Parliamentarian and Dr. Michele Henderson for serving as the Secretary to the Faculty Conference during the past academic year. The graduate faculty will meet after the Faculty Conference adjourns. As suggested by Dr. John Bird, the committees will meet to elect their chairs after the graduate faculty meeting. Committee meeting times and locations were announced by Dr. Moore. Danny Turner, chair of Research Council, announced that the research grant award letters would be sent out early next week.

IX. Adjournment

The Faculty Conference adjourned at 3:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michele C. Henderson
Secretary