MUSC FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

April 11, 2017, 7:45-9:00 am
Gazes Auditorium, Room 125
Strom Thurmond Building

1. Call to Order (Adam Smolka, President)
Meeting called to order at 7:49 am.

2. Approval of March minutes
Minutes approved pending minor change.

3. President’s Report
   a) Provost search: No formal announcement of Provost appointment as yet but probably imminent.
   b) Ombudsman search: Search committee has completed its review of two candidates, and has recommended one. Dr. Saladin will announce in due course.
   c) Blue Ribbon Council: Still awaiting final recommended revisions of the Honor Council process.
   d) Senate Constitution and Bylaws revision: Executive Committee has approved the majority of revisions recommended by the Governance Committee. Two remaining questions (whether standing committee chairs should be EC members, and sanctions for poor Senate attendance) to be resolved at the next Executive Committee meeting.
   e) Faculty Handbook revision: Still awaiting input from Provost’s Council members, specifically COM Dean, CGS Dean, Interim Provost and University Council. Following final approval by Executive Committee and Provost’s Council, the process of installing the Handbook on a searchable database will go forward.

4. Current business
   a) Senate debate and vote on the Interim Provost’s proposed revision of Section 6.05 (1) of the Faculty Handbook.
   b) Current and proposed versions of Section 6.05 (1) and Senate-solicited faculty input was presented and distributed to Senators, and posted on the Senate website.
   c) Motion (Michael Schmidt, seconded by Ann Simpson): “To approve the Interim Provost’s proposed revision to section 6.05 of the Faculty Handbook as distributed to the Senate.” Debate ensued.
   d) Question called (Michael Schmidt)
   e) Voting by paper ballot: 17 in favor, 32 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion failed.

5. Committee and Unit Reports
   Committee reports
   a) Communication and Education (Elizabeth Mack): A Town Hall on the Shawn Jenkins Children’s Hospital is scheduled for this summer.
   b) Faculty and Institutional Relations (Kristi Helke): Discussed at April 10 meeting Senate-solicited faculty input on proposed revision of Section 6.05 (1) of the Faculty Handbook.
c) Governance (Martina Mueller, Emily Johnson): The April 27 meeting of the Executive Committee should finalize Governance Committee recommendations regarding Senate Constitution and Bylaws, moving proposed amendments to full Faculty Senate consideration.

d) Institutional Advancement (Lisa Steed, Ayaba Logan): Ombudsman search committee reviewed two candidates, and selected one. Dr. Saladin will announce the appointment in due course.

Unit reports
a) Dental Medicine (Raymond Kessler): Dean search is underway. Three candidates will be on-campus for interviews between April 11-May 4. Recently hired faculty in Department of Orthodontics, and Pediatric Dentistry. The college’s anniversary is April 28, which coincides with the re-opening of the Macaulay Museum of Dental History.

b) Library Science and Informatics (Latecia Abraham): New Association Director for Collection Services and Information Resources, Jean Guedenas, will begin July 3.

c) Medicine, Basic Sciences (Kristi Helke): Nothing to report.

d) Medicine, Clinical Sciences (Leo Bonilha): No report.

e) Nursing (Kathy Van Ravenstein): Dean Stewart is retiring June 2018. Search for a new dean will be initiated shortly.

f) Pharmacy (Marc Lapointe): Successfully competed accreditation visit.

g) Health Professions (Nancy Carson): No report

6. New Business
Katherine Ruzhansky (COM-CS) noted faculty concerns about COM implementation of funds flow-driven plans for physician reimbursement. Leo Bonilha (COM-CS electoral unit leader) has been charged with investigating the repercussions of funds flow and will report back to the Senate Executive Committee.

7. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned 8:44am.