MUSC Faculty Senate
Minutes
January 10, 2017, 7:45-9:00 am
Gazes Auditorium, room 125
Strom Thurmond Building

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

2) Approval of Minutes
On attaining a quorum, December minutes were approved without objection.

3) President’s Report
a) Provost search: Search committee continues activity following withdrawal of Dr. Richard Larson. Dr. Cole expected to make an announcement about the status of the search.
c) Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) issue: PPE not allowed to be purchased with direct costs under MUSC’s F&A agreement with NIH. Dr. Saladin said that PIs having difficulty in buying PPE should talk to dept chairs and deans to remind them that IDCs should be used to buy PPE. MUSC is renegotiating F&A agreement with NIH in 2018 so that should resolve this issue.
d) Blue Ribbon honor council Panel: Recommendations are due by early March.

4) Current Business
Faculty Handbook Section 6.05(1) and Faculty Evaluation Task Force recommendations (Kristi Helke): Evaluations will be carried out in June and this discussion centers on how evaluations will be carried out and how a post-tenure review may be triggered. Faculty and Institutional Relations committee tabled discussions of Post-Tenure Review pending recommendations of University Evaluation Task Force. F & IR intended to share with Faculty Senators today the Task Force recommendations and Executive Committee responses, but Dr. Saladin requested that the Senate table discussion pending further clarification of the Task Force’s charge.

5) Committee Reports
a) Communication and Education (Elizabeth Mack): There will be a Town Hall on the WestEdge Project, on March 23 from 12-1 pm in Storm Eye Institute Auditorium.
b) Faculty and Institutional Relations (Kristi Helke): F & IR did not hold a meeting in January because of earlier tabling of discussion regarding Section 6.05 of the Faculty Handbook. Committee is reviewing peer institutions’ Post-Tenure Review policies, and encourages others to ask colleagues at other institutions how they define tenure and their PTR process, and forward responses to Adam and Kristi.
c) Governance (Martina Mueller, Emily Johnson): The Executive Committee will review the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws once the Faculty Handbook PTR discussion is finalized. The committee just sent the E.C. a tracked-changes version of Constitution and Bylaws so it will be discussed and hopefully approved at upcoming E.C. meeting.
d) Institutional Advancement (Lisa Steed, Ayaba Logan): Awaiting response from Dr. Saladin on request for clarification for ombuds job description. Dr. Smolka reminded committee that they should be engaged in Imagine 2020 strategic planning.
6) **Electoral Unit Reports**  
   a) **Dental Medicine (Raymond Kessler):** CDM has hired several part-time faculty. Other candidate searches are continuing, including the Dean search. Airport interviews for Dean position are upcoming. There are four other Dean searches going on nationally. May be held up by Provost search.  
   b) **Health Professions (Nancy Carson):** The first cohort of the Master of Science in Health Informatics (MSHI) program graduated last month.  
   c) **Library Science and Informatics (Latecia Abraham):** Recruiting for Director of Information Resources and Collection Service. The Library is remodeling the second floor of the EL Building. An Apple technology store is being built on EL’s first floor; expected to open by May 2017. Interprofessional Day for students is January 20 (contact: Jennifer Bailey). DLSI faculty met on December 5, and a department name change is on hold. Two DLSI faculty were promoted.  
   d) **Medicine: Basic Science (Kristi Helke):** Kristi reminded faculty to contact Deans or Department Chairs for PPE issues. The quarterly meeting between COM Senators and Dean Dubois is scheduled for February 27.  
   e) **Medicine: Clinical Science (Leonardo Bonilha):** As noted earlier, the quarterly meeting between COM Senators and Dean Dubois is scheduled for February 27. Leo posed the need for a formal way to evaluate ICEE chiefs (especially by pharmacists and non-physicians) since chiefs are currently evaluated by the division but not as ICEE managers. There is no formal way to evaluate ICEE chiefs. Dr. Smolka charged Leo and Dan Wray to develop recommendations on how we are going to get evaluations and feedback from people supervised by ICEE chiefs. Unit reps should solicit feedback from faculty.  
   f) **Nursing (Kathy Van Ravenstein):** CON concluded the Associate Dean for Practice interviews.  
   g) **Pharmacy (Marc Lapointe):** S.C. Commission on Higher Education approved proposed curriculum so American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy will visit this spring for reaccreditation. There has been an increased teaching load for existing faculty and have yet to see how this will effect clinical and research activities of faculty.

1) **New Business**  
   No new business from the floor.

2) **Adjourn**  
   Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 am.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Brennan, Faculty Senate Secretary.