MUSC Faculty Senate
Minutes
March 14, 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 7:48am.

2. **Approval of February 2017 Minutes**
   a. Quorum not attained; February minutes will be approved electronically.
   b. March consent agenda approved.

3. **President’s Report**
   a. Provost search: No announcement to date of Provost appointment
   b. Senate Constitution and Bylaws Revision: At its meeting February 23, Executive Committee approval of F & IR revisions was postponed pending resolution of a request that standing committee chairs be included as EC members. This question will be discussed at the March 30 EC meeting.
   c. Senate debate and voting on the Interim Provost’s proposed revision of Section 6.05 (1) of the Faculty Handbook is scheduled for April 11 Faculty Senate meeting.

4. **Current Business**
   a. Presentation of Imagine 2020 (*Darlene Shaw, David McNair, and Matt Wayne*)
   b. Presentation of New Start-Up Policy (*Michael Rusnak*)
      i. Review policy (handout provided) and provide feedback to Michael Rusnak.
      ii. Enter the “Ideas of March” competition for a chance to win $1500.

5. **Committee Reports**
   a. Communication and Education (*Elizabeth Mack*): WestEdge Town Hall on March 23 from 1-2pm in Storm Eye Auditorium (8th floor). Another Town Hall is scheduled for July; open to topic suggestions. Possibilities are North Charleston medical office building project, or Shawn Jenkins Children’s Hospital. New Faculty Welcome is scheduled for August. Promotion & Tenure workshop scheduled for September; open to suggestions for faculty panelists who serve on APT committee or have been recently promoted. Senate website suggestions/corrections should go to Dr. Habib Rizk. Request that Communication and Education committee members Jennifer Bain, Ebony Hilton, Marc Lapointe, and Susan Wilcox select a subcommittee on which to serve.
   b. Faculty and Institutional Relations (*Kristi Helke*): F & IR did not meet, and is waiting on responses from Provost’s Council regarding changes to the Faculty Handbook.
   c. Governance (*Martina Mueller, Emily Johnson*): The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws are currently being reviewed and discussed by the Executive Committee. Once this discussion is completed, proposed revisions will be shared with the Faculty Senate for review and vote.
d. Institutional Advancement (*Lisa Steed, Ayaba Logan*): The Ombudsman announcement and position description has been posted to the Faculty Senate Website. Robin Hanckel, Assistant to the Provost, will receive resumes and short letters explaining the applicants’ qualifications for the position. Ayaba and Lisa will relay applications to the Search Committee for consideration. The Search Committee consists of Ayaba Logan and Lisa Steed (IA), Philip Hall, PharmD (representing the Deans), Caroline Westwater, PhD (representing the FS Executive Committee), John Waller (former Ombudsman), and Lisa Saladin, PhD. We are still on schedule for appointment of the new Ombudsman by April 1. A complaint from a faculty member about the lack of constructive criticism provided by an IRB chair is being investigated.

6. **Electoral Unit Reports**
   a. Dental Medicine (*Raymond Kessler*): Interviewing process is continuing for the Dean of CDM and five candidates have had school visits with interviews.
   b. Health Professions (*Nancy Carson*): Nothing to report.
   c. Library Science and Informatics (*Latecia Abraham*): Ryan McHugh, General Manager of the MUSC Tech Store, stated that the store will sell Apple, Dell, and Samsung products. All University and Hospital purchases will go through the Tech Store: an ecommerce site. The elevator modernization project will last from February-June 2017. Currently interviewing for two Research Informationist positions. A candidate has been offered the Director of Information Resources and Collection Services position previously held by Randall Watts. The Library completed its strategic plan which includes five goals: 1) Innovative Services, 2) Strategic Partnerships, 3) Adaptable Spaces, 4) Right-sized and Relevant Collections, and 5) Professional Workforce.
   d. Medicine: Basic Science (*Kristi Helke*): COM senators met with Dr. Dubois and discussed the annual evaluation process in COM that is currently under review. Dr. DuBois expects that there will be a uniform process in COM, and eventually in entire institution. He is working on raising funds to support clinician scientists. He reiterated that if P.I.s are not receiving sufficient IDC returns from their chair for PPE purchases, they should let him know. An outside consultant has been hired to negotiate an increased indirect cost rate for our next cycle. Mentioned briefly the COM research strategic plan that is currently being developed.
   e. Medicine: Clinical Science (*Leonardo Bonilha*): Initiated discussion with ICCE chiefs about faculty evaluations of ICCE. Review of Medicine Faculty Evaluation process in light of discussions with Dr. DuBois, with the goal of emulating the pioneering work from Medicine and leading to a unified and transparent evaluation process in COM.
   f. Nursing (*Kathy Van Ravenstein*): Nothing to report.
   g. Pharmacy (*Marc LaPointe*): Nothing to report.

7. **New Business**
   a. No new business from the floor.

8. **Adjourn**
   a. Meeting adjourned at 8:50am.
Respectfully submitted by Faculty Senate Secretary, Emily Brennan.