The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:50 AM in Gazes Auditorium.

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:**

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College of Nursing:  Present:  Sharon Bond, Carol McDougall, Martina Mueller (Alt), Charlene Pope (Alt), Ruth Stockdell
Excused:  
Absent:  AnneMarie Donato

College of Pharmacy:  Present:  Roger White
Excused:  
Absent:  Amy Thompson, Shannon Drayton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December minutes were approved without amendment.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

I. Business:

Roger Poston—IT update:

The Faculty Student Portal is operational in CHP (test case). Once the bugs are resolved, the OCIO will implement it in other colleges (hopefully, this summer). The research portal has been up for a year now. There is a group working on an electronic CV database that keeps all curriculum vitae, resumes, etc. The device can be formatted for each College. The plans are that this database will ultimately replace the Provost database. The Linux research cluster has been operating successfully and its average demand is 70%. The OCIO is trying to secure additional funding to double its capacity. The OCIO has installed a 25TB storage system dedicated to research. E-Value is working well. If anyone has had any problems please let Roger Poston know. In response to a question from B. Conway, R. Poston did not know the exact timeline for replacing Practice Partner. Please email him with any questions related to Practice Partner and he will forward them on.

Committee Reports:

Faculty & Institutional Relationships—J. Mintzer

F&IR met with HR representatives about the Code of Behavior. HR did not realize that the code was in all of the faculty contracts. They are going to work on narrowing it down to eight bullet points. Since broad points will be open for interpretation, a committee will be formed to resolve ambiguities. HR will be coming to the next Faculty Senate meeting to discuss this issue. Any questions will be addressed at the next meeting.

While meeting with HR, F&IR discussed tuition reimbursement for faculty. Currently, faculty are not eligible for tuition reimbursement. HR agreed that this was not a good policy and will be looking into it. W. Limehouse pointed out that faculty tuition reimbursement is spelled out in the handbook, but was suspended due to budget problems. Either way, it is ultimately up to the individual’s department if they will reimburse tuition.

F&IR also discussed the Conflict of Commitment policy. They want to make sure people can do what they need to do while protecting the individual and the university. L. Cousineau said she would like to hear why something like this is needed.

Governance Committee—P. Jacques
The Senate Constitution and Bylaws need to be ratified. The Governance Committee reviewed these and recommended no changes. The committee passed it on to the Executive Committee and they did not have any changes either. A motion was passed to suspend the rule that requires senators to be presented with information 10 days prior to a vote. A motion was then passed to accept the constitution and bylaws without amendment.

**Institutional Advancement—C. McDougall**

The committee met last week. They have a list of standing University committees and J. Stone (Provost’s Office) is updating the list of chairs for each committee. The IA committee will then ensure that the Senate is represented on each of these.

In addition, the committee looked at the summary of the faculty survey from last year and agreed the information was still valid. The goal now is to use this information to develop a strategic plan for the Senate. Currently, they are looking for a facilitator to help guide this process (no fee).

**Communication & Education—G. Freeman**

The committee is working on a constituency list (i.e. a senator is assigned to report back to a specific group of faculty). The goal is to provide a list by department/by college. Due to its large size, the COM is the most complicated.

The New Faculty Welcome is February 8th. The wine and cheese reception will be around 4-4:30 p.m. in Colcock Hall.

For the Faculty Orientation, February 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, or 24th are being considered as dates. Please let G. Freeman know if there is something else going on that would prevent new faculty from attending.

The Promotion/Tenure workshop will be scheduled during the first week of May (in conjunction with Women’s Scholars).

A summary of Senate business is now being published in the Catalyst. The deadline is Friday for the following week’s edition.

**Updates:**

**Faculty Contract negotiations:** M. Wargovich reported that the negotiators will be meeting on Thursday and he will be presenting an amended contract. He will then probably call a meeting on Friday for the ad hoc faculty contract committee to discuss the reactions.

**College of Medicine’s Dean search:** W. Limehouse reported that the search committee was in the process of interviewing five candidates. Each candidate will come to MUSC to meet with deans, chairs, and students. There are two remaining interviews. The committee will meet on January 22nd to narrow the choices down to three. Dr. Greenberg and Dr. Raymond will make “reverse” site visits and then offer a candidate choice to the Board of Trustees.

**Disaster Plans:** M. Mauldin spoke with J. Taylor and there is a university-wide disaster plan, but it is confidential. However, each department has its own disaster plan, so check with your department.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM
Next meeting: 7:45 AM, Tuesday, February 9th, 2010. Room 125, Gazes Auditorium.
Respectfully submitted by:
Edie Hering