

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
May 9, 2017

1. Call to Order: The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m. by President Amy Lawton-Rauh. Guests introduced themselves at the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes: The Faculty Senate meeting minutes dated April 11, 2017 were approved as distributed.
3. “Free Speech”: None
4. Special Order of the Day: None
5. Provost Robert H. Jones wanted to talk about two main points. The first is discussing Shared Governance. He discussed the importance of having the Faculty Manual be easily understood by all members of the faculty. He was pleased to hear the annual reports from last year’s term committees discussing Shared Governance. He also discussed the importance of meeting with Senate leadership and continuing the growth of the relationship. Provost Jones also discussed the College of Science receiving adequate funding and finally receiving a financial model to sustain the college. The university has done complete analyses of each college’s budget to ensure that college is receiving the funding that it needs. Strategic planning prioritization is to solidify the university as a Top 20 university and improving the university as a research institution simultaneously.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - Finance – Immediate Past Committee Chair Jennifer Ogle talked about how the committee is working on bettering the finance model in each college. The committee will continue to meet with deans of colleges to help with this effort.
 - Policy – Committee Chair Danny Weathers discussed that the committee will address recommendations from the Status of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers *ad hoc* committee including voting rights for lecturers in the Senate, integrating the AAOC to the Faculty Manual, and editing the Grievance Process and Shared Governance in the Faculty Manual.
 - Scholastic Policies- Immediate Past Committee Chair Jan Holmevik reported that the committee developed a good relationship with Dean Griffin and the office of Undergraduate Studies. The committee is hoping to carry out the recommendations of the two ad hoc committees (Diversity & Inclusion and Status of Lectures and Senior Lecturers)
 - Research – Committee Chair Joshua Summers discussed that research is embedded in the Strategic Plan. The committee plans to work with different administrators to improve the research atmosphere at the university.
 - Welfare – Committee Chair John Whitcomb reported that committee is working on Faculty mentoring including the emeritus college and healthcare benefits. The committee’s first meeting will be to meet with Human Resources upon returning in August. The committee also reviewed all of the items that were worked on last year. The committee hopes to hone in on a few bigger projects

instead of many smaller projects. The committee plans to get newer faculty and retired faculty engaged.

ad hoc Faculty Senate Committees

a. Athletic and Academic Oversight Committee- Chair Bob Brookover gave an overview of what the committee's purpose is to the body. He shared that if anyone has concerns he would be happy to work on those items.

University Commissions and Committees

a. Women's Commission- Secretary Ogle reported that she is no longer the chair of the commission. Her successor is Tina White, past Staff Senate president. There are four open positions on the commission. If anyone would like to join or has nominations she would like for you to email her (ogle@clemson.edu).

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees- Dr. Thompson Mefford plans to give more information than what is disseminated from the Board through email. The Educational Policy Committee introduced new educational programs. Past president Mary Beth Kurz presented at the Research and Economic Development meeting. Dr. Mefford gave a report about the need for more Faculty hires and the changes to Appendix B.

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business:

a. Part V Section H

There was a motion to review the piece of policy. There was no discussion. The change passes.

b. Part VII Section B2C

There was a motion to review the piece of policy. There was discussion. The change passes.

c. Part VII Section B3

There was a motion to review the piece of policy. There was no discussion. The change passes.

9. President's Report: President Lawton-Rauh reported that new Faculty Manual Consultant is Immediate Past President Mary Beth Kurz. She emphasized the role of lead senators and the bond of each college.

10. Announcements:

a. HR Faculty Employee Appreciation Lunch

b. May EAC Meeting

c. June Faculty Senate Meeting

11. Adjournment: President Lawton-Rauh adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

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