



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2021  
Zoom Virtual Senate Chambers**

**Call to Order**

**Monica Bubacz**

Monica Bubacz called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

**Approval of meeting minutes from February 19, 2021**

**Monica Bubacz**

There was a motion to approve the minutes from February 19, 2021 with three typos corrected. The motion was seconded. No discussion. Senate voted and unanimously approved minutes from February.

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Recommendations**

**Breeanne Swart**

A motion was made to correct items 41 and 42 in February's UCC Committee recommendations to read as COMM 216, rather than COMM 260. There were no objections and no vote needed. Exercise Science would like to change four approved electives to four general electives and three recommendations were from Education to update course requirements based on the new Gen Ed requirements.

Motion to consider all recommendations as one vote and approved.

Motion to approve all Undergraduate Curriculum Committee recommendations approved.

No discussion.

Senate voted: Passed, motion carried.

**Ad Hoc Committee to Review Faculty Senate**

**Amanda Mushal**

Robert Rabb and Sarah Tenney Sharman volunteered to join the committee (Amanda Mushal, Aaron Wimer, Wesley Jones, Amy Emm, Michael Dorko). We have good representation across campus with our volunteers.

**Standing Committees**

**Elizabeth Connor**

We are working to get all of your Committee information together before the end of the semester. Send any updates on your Committee Chair and your Charter so we can continue to make progress.

**Update from the Provost**

**Sally Selden**

The Zucker Family School of Education had their CAEP Accreditation exit interview this week and they were identified as having zero areas for improvement and zero stipulations.

Dr. Patrick Bass was named the Charleston Engineer Joint Council Engineer of the Year!

Dr. Jaye Goosby Smith has been named Pepperdine University's first Vice President for Community Belonging and Chief Diversity Officer.

Col. John Cyrulik shared a PowerPoint on the Army ROTC Program and provided the following valuable points for advisors:

- Contract students have mandatory training during the summer between junior and senior years and so can't do study abroad then.

- Study abroad is rarely approved for junior year for contract students, so they should plan to do it during their Sophomore years. (Fall of Senior year is also an option.)
- That contracts may be able to get an exemption to participate in study abroad in the Fall of their junior years on an individual basis (especially those who do not plan to be career military).
- Summer and J term tuition aren't covered by the Army.
- Also, the Army currently does not have caps on the number of contracts within specific majors.

As of Monday, March 8, all faculty, staff and student workers at The Citadel will be eligible for the COVID vaccine. We are still approved with DHEC to deliver a vaccine on campus, but we are not yet activated.

This week we randomly tested 465 cadets and we had a positivity rate of 1.5%.

We are going to have two Commencement ceremonies for the Corps of Cadets on Saturday, May 8. One ceremony will be at 9AM and one will be at 1:30PM. We will have two ceremonies for the Citadel Graduate College for both graduate students and our transfer and online students.

Each student is allowed to invite three guests and will have assigned seating.

We will honor the Honorary Degree recipients from 2020 during the morning Corp of Cadets ceremony and the 2021 Honorary Degree recipients will be honored in the afternoon.

At this time, we do not see the possibility of deans and faculty participating in graduation.

We are offering one combined Commissioning Program on Friday, May 7.

According to the White Book, cadets are allowed to take two 24-hour passes back to back. It is likely that we will have a number of cadets use these passes on March 10 and 11 because they have the 12<sup>th</sup> off. It is the responsibility of the cadet to coordinate with faculty about their arrangements and responsibilities for class.

March 23 is Giving Day.

We are moving forward with our Global Scholars Program for the Fall.

We are also rolling out our Citadel in DC program for next Fall.

The Commandant will be announcing the top 11 cadets next week.

March 12 is Change your Password Day.

Kyle Herron is working on a Strategic Plan for IT.

Kyle Herron and Kelly Brennan are discussing the implications of a laptop requirement for students.

We will be returning to a four-day work week on May 10.

We are working on a revised structure for the Provost Office. Dr. Selden provided an organizational chart of the schools and offices reporting to the Provost. She highlighted plans to merge international students and study abroad programs into a single program and to shift CSI advising into the Director of Student Affairs and Academic Services. At the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Dr. Selden discussed the recently announced restructuring of the Provost's Office and the appointment of the new Associate Provost following David Allen's retirement at the end of the academic year. She cited the structural budget gap that has been in place for the past four years and is growing slightly with the addition of Bastin Hall. She also explained that when the position of Associate Provost last came open both Dr. Allen and Dr. Kevin Bower applied for the position. Given the responsibilities of the job, which included General Education and bringing Bastin Hall online, Dr. Connie Book split the responsibilities of the Associate Provost into two positions, and appointed Dr. Bower as Associate Provost of Operations. Since the institution now plans to hire a Director for General Education the decision

was made to merge the two Associate Provost roles into one. Because Dr. Bower had initially gone through the hiring process for that position, it was decided that a new search was not needed. The institution has also created a new position, the Executive Director of Student Affairs and Academic Services, which will oversee academic services, the CAT team, and parent-student complaints. That job has now been posted. Dr. Kate Pilhuj asked Dr. Selden to address concerns raised by a number of faculty members regarding the Associate Provost decision. These centered on the decision to make appointments without following the procedures outlined in the Faculty Manual, particularly when the school recently reaffirmed that it cannot pick and choose the policies it follows in regard to the flag, as well as the fact that it has been four years since the consideration of applications for the position and the question of whether additional faculty members might have become qualified and interested in the position in the interim. Dr. Pilhuj cited the fact that a search was run for General Education Director last year and is being re-run this year. Dr. Selden replied that the Gen Ed Director search is being redone because the search was paused last year before a recommendation had been made by the search committee or an offer made to a candidate, and because one of last year's candidates will be on sabbatical next year. In terms of the Associate Provost position, Dr. Selden stated that she understood where the concern was coming from, but that the decision had been made, and had been made after talking it over with the President and legal staff. She also noted that in contrast to the positions of deans and department heads, which are five-year renewable terms, there is no term limit on the Associate Provost position.

We will not be holding a J-term this December/January.

The College of Charleston is having seven graduation ceremonies over three days in the same week as our graduation.

We will be having a normal Thanksgiving furlough this year, but we are planning on working within a COVID environment during Fall semester; everything is conditions-based.

**Senate Announcements**

None.

**Senators**

**Future Business**

Our last two meetings of the semester will be held on Friday, April 9 at 2:00PM and April 30 from 11:15-12:15PM.

**Monica Bubacz**

**Adjournment**

No other business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.

**Monica Bubacz**