



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2022 | 2:00 PM**  
**Jenkins Hall Auditorium**

**Call to Order****Monika Bubacz**

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

**Approval of Minutes from 3-11-22****Monika Bubacz**

See document in the Senate meeting folder in SharePoint.

Discussion/Corrections:

- Correction to Provost's report on ranking number for the Baker School of Business (should state that it is ranked #37 in online MBA programs)

Senate voted. Passed unanimously, minutes approved.

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Recommendations****Nathan Washuta**

See document in the Senate meeting folder in SharePoint.

Discussion:

- Request from Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, & Cultures for a separate discussion on Recommendation 29, the removal of language requirements for the Nursing program.
- Motion made and seconded, this item will be discussed and voted on separately.

## Recommendations 34-58

Discussion:

- Why did Biology remove the teaching track?
  - This was done two years ago in collaboration with The Zucker Family School of Education (structural change, will now be under School of Ed instead of Biology)

Senate voted. Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

## Recommendation 29

Discussion:

- What is the procedure to remove something (is it on the school or departmental level)? What is the procedure for removing or changing the GenEd requirements for each program?
  - There are two pathways for GenEd – language and non-language (professional programs). Nursing was originally in the non-language pathway, but was then shifted to the language pathway. The change proposed by the GenEd Committee would return Nursing to the non-language pathway.
- Summary of proposal/change is therefore not accurate – it needs to be amended to reflect this process.
  - Change the language to state from “removal of requirement” to change in GenEd pathway (motion made and seconded, passed unanimously).

- UCC will meet with Dr. Gramling to amend the language of this proposal.
- Are there other programs that would fall under this re-categorization?
  - Three: Education, Engineering, and Nursing (in the original documents for these pathways). Dr. Gramling does not anticipate this happening for other programs.
  - Specific procedures for making changes such as this one need to be made clear in writing, like changes in GenEd and adapting GenEd to changes within a school.
    - GenEd is working on a revised committee charter that will include clear pathways and criteria for these – should be available before next academic year.
    - Change in the GenEd can and will happen again; this will not be a stagnant curriculum. Changes are open to discussion and will be shared with the Senate.
- What is the composition of the GenEd committee? Are there changes/differences between the professional and non-professional streams other than language requirements?
  - Current composition (in the charter) is one representative from each school and additional representatives from SHSS and SFSSM.
  - No, there are not any other significant changes (SACS does not specify, languages are lumped under Humanities and Fine Arts).

Senate voted. 26 yeas, 5 nays, 5 abstentions. Motion passed.

The UCC's last meeting of the 21-22 AY is April 19; you have one week to submit proposals for consideration.

### Senate Executive Committee Elections

**Monika Bubacz**

- **Vice-Chair – Amy Emm**
  - No discussion.
  - Unanimously approved, no abstentions. Amy Emm will serve as the next Vice-Chair.
- **The Citadel Parliamentarian – Aaron Wimer**
  - Unanimously approved. Aaron Wimer will serve as the new Parliamentarian.
- **Recording Secretary**
  - Nominations or volunteers?
    - Two things to keep in mind:
      - Recording Secretary keeps SharePoint up-to-date, produces the end of year report, manages committee notes and membership, and finalizes meeting minutes. Note Taker role is separate.
      - It would be nice to have representation outside of SHSS (SHSS is already represented by other executive committee officers)
    - David Greenburg volunteered.
  - Unanimously approved. David Greenburg will serve as the next Recording Secretary.

### Update from the Provost

**Sally Selden**

Enrollment: we sit at 645 deposits as of today. We are on task and are campaigning for more deposits. Almost 340 families visited for preknob today, which is the largest group yet.

Today was a hard day due to the loss of a cadet this week. Campus leadership recognized this and prepared visitors accordingly. Cadet Col. Christmas [regimental commander] did a very nice job recognizing Cadet Gabriel Grills (Class of '22, History major), and there will be a spirit run

today in his honor. On Tuesday, another cadet took a fall off Vandiver Hall and has been hospitalized; the conditions of the fall are still unknown.

Dr. Selden and the Senate Executive Committee distributed information on counseling and mental health support on campus. The Department of Psychology is offering extra assistance due to current conditions. We are paying special attention to the members of the units most closely impacted by this situation. If you are aware of cadets that may need special attention, please share that with leadership (academic accommodations should go through Dr. Robinson). Reach out to HR if you are aware of faculty/staff with difficulties.

Legislative Barbecue this week with The SC Senate Finance Committee:

The presentation went very well. No news yet from Senate Finance. Chair of finance committee ensures they will work to protect money for engineering projects. We continue to work on our campaign (Mighty Citadel 2026): student scholarships, faculty endowed chairs, engineering building (close to 50% cost of the physical building). We hope to engage departments regarding other aspects of Mighty Citadel 2026, including executive education (Faith Rivers James is heading this). We are launching a transfer task force to look at evening and online transfer programs, and another one soon for graduate programs. Embedded in both of those are veteran programs.

Registration opens on April 11 for seniors. Students who do not register for classes will be put on a waitlist for barracks and may be placed in visiting team barracks until rooms open up. A barracks deposit will not be required to register for classes. Please share this information with your departments and professional advisors.

Update from Dr. John Robinson (See slideshow in the Senate meeting folder in SharePoint)

Two primary programs of focus this year: CSI and Online Orientation.

CSI is a head start for cadets. Two sessions are on offer this year (June 6 – July 1 and July 5 – July 30). Online Orientation launches April 23 (Admitted Student Day) and lasts until Matriculation Day on August 13. We are working hard to prepare our cadets over the summer before they matriculate. Surveys have circulated among students and this work is a result of the responses to those surveys. We want to help them succeed through Challenge Week and the beginning of classes.

Refunds for students who dropped out: if they drop after the first week of classes, they can still get a full refund on tuition (moved back from previous deadlines).

We are going back to normal operations, which includes the Faculty Milestone Dinner and the All Faculty Meeting. This year's leadership team will recognize the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at the next Senate meeting. Thank you to those joining the committee next year. Thank you to Elizabeth Connor for her service (retiring this year).

### **Faculty Open Educational Resources (OER) Survey Results**

**Aaron Wimer**

See document in the Senate meeting folder in SharePoint.

We received fifty responses. Thank you to those who responded.

About 80% of respondents had little/no knowledge of OER. If we move forward with OER initiative, faculty would need to be trained on these resources and how they can aid you in

classrooms. If you have questions about OER, please feel free to reach out to any of the Daniel Library librarians, accessible through the LibGuides page of the library website.

We are holding off on this initiative until after SACS, but a coalition will be formed in preparation; if you are interested in helping with training, please reach out to Aaron. This is something that can help save cadets hundreds of dollars each academic year. Survey responses will be made available in the Faculty Senate SharePoint.

### **Standing Committees**

**Elizabeth Connor**

Department heads and deans were contacted to update membership information on Senate standing committees so people will know their responsibilities next semester.

### **Update from *The Gold Star Journal* editors**

**Suzanne Mabrouk**

We are particularly proud of this year's group (new editors) for their outstanding work; they have accomplished more than any group has done before. These students took ownership of the conference and journal. There was no editor-in-chief; the editorial team was diversified. If you did not get a copy and would like one, please reach out to Dr. Mabrouk.

Three of the seven editors (Alyssa Reckdenwald, Trey Stevens, Dylan Young) were present at this meeting.

The cadets expressed their pride in the publication and thanked Dr. Mabrouk, the multimedia office, leadership and editorial staff for their assistance. They also thanked the Provost and leadership for a new editorial workspace.

The Gold Star editors evaluate and showcase the excellent work of the Corps of Cadets. The editors made two requests to senators: please make sure your students are aware of the editorial opportunities and to please submit papers. Review of submissions is unbiased as no names are revealed during the process. Art submissions are also an option. The most current issue contains eight papers in addition to the work of six separate photographers and artwork from Cadet Kaitlyn McCord (first non-photography artwork ever published in the Journal).

### **Future Business**

**Monika Bubacz**

- Spring Meetings: Friday, April 29, 12pm, Jenkins Hall Auditorium
- In-person Senate meetings will follow the campus COVID guidelines – please share needs for special accommodations before each meeting.

### **Senate Announcements**

**Senators**

- Question from Dr. Scott Lucas: while advising a MECEP freshman, Dr. Lucas discovered that the student was told to take strands classes in different strands. Faculty would like clarification on advising MECEPs for strands.
  - Dr. Joel Gramling: all day students (other than those in the Honors Program) will pick a strand and take only classes in that strand throughout their degree program.
    - As freshmen, students will pick their strand. The plan is to have them select their strand during LDRS 101, but this is not yet in effect.
    - MECEPS will select strands during advising in first year. Faculty and students can view students' strand selection in DegreeWorks (below major requirements).

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 2:59PM.

**Monika Bubacz**