



University of South Carolina Upstate
Faculty

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE
GENERAL FACULTY
MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2009**

TIME: 2:15 P.M.
PLACE: CLC BALLROOM

I. Call to Order

Dr. Faruk Tanyel recognized and expressed gratitude to Happy Montgomery, who is retiring, for her contributions to Faculty Governance over the years.

A. Approval of Minutes: August 29, 2008 (attached)

Minutes approved as amended.

B. Unfinished Business

Report from General Education Committee (Dr. Angie Davis, Chair): All new General Education assessment will now be through the new program guidelines as posted.

C. New Business

1. Elections – Ballot (attached)
When there was a single nominee for a slot then accepted by acclamation.
Everything else is unit representation.
2. Proposed Senate Roster 2008-2009 (attached)
3. Annual Committee Reports from Faculty Committees (posted on Faculty Governance website)
4. Motions List 2008-2009 (posted on Faculty Governance website)

D. Administrative Updates

1. Chancellor Stockwell – Budget: State appropriations has decreased 25% over the last fiscal year, far worse than any other state cuts in a state with lower state funding than most. We are projecting an enrollment increase of 2% and a 3.6% tuition increase and also assuming that stimulus money will be available and as a result we may be slightly above this year. Tuition and fees have increased over time while state funding has not. The 700 million stimulus funding (a) may be turned back by the governor and (b) is only one-time funding. Other ways to handle the cuts:

- Every 1% increase in enrollment equals \$300,000 in revenues. Put the brakes on Capital projects and other projects. We hope to avoid furloughs at all costs.
- Course Fee Requests: Decisions are made by Academic Affairs not Cabinet.

Dr. Carmen Harris asked that as we discuss increasing enrollments are we also discussing lowering academic standards. The Chancellor responded by saying that was not the case and he was talking more about bringing in transfer students and increasing retention rates. Dr. Tanyel would like to go on record publically thanking the Chancellor, deans, colleagues and all involved for their extraordinary efforts in accomplishing the “no-furlough” practice.

2. Senior Vice Chancellor Dowell
Announced the formation of the Center for Teaching Excellence & Distance Education Task Force with a projected task completion date of fall. Dr. Jan Griffin asked what happened to the External Review and Scholarship Task Force and the Graduate Task Force. Senior Vice Chancellor Dowell stated that it has all gone over to the Graduate Committee.
3. Interim Vice Chancellor Puckett-Boler
Thanked the Student Affairs Committee for their work in funding academic and service-related initiatives for the “Women’s and Gender Studies”. Awards will be allocated next week.

Summer hours for the Welfare Center will be shorter. She encouraged everyone to attend the Student Affairs awards night.

Sanctions for academic integrity violations belong to the faulty member (including the X violation).

II. Announcements

Dr. Tanyel asked those in attendance to please try to fill empty committee and Senate slots over the summer.

III. Adjournment