

Meeting of the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate

April 7, 2000

Beaufort South Carolina

I. **Mary Barton, Chairman, Opening Remarks**

Chairman Barton opened the meeting by welcoming the Senate to the Beaufort meeting and introduced Dean Jane Upshaw of USC Beaufort.

Dean Upshaw also welcomed the Senate to the Beaufort campus and introduced the morning's speaker, South Carolina State Senator Scott Richardson.

Senator Richardson expressed his strong support for higher education in South Carolina. He emphasized his particular support for four-year status for the Beaufort Campus. He suggested four areas on which USC Beaufort could focus: marine biology, hotel and restaurant management, cinematography, and high technology.

He suggested the confederate flag issue would be resolved and further gave his opinion that "several branches of the University of South Carolina...aren't economically feasible."

Questions from the body:

Professor Bob Costello, Sumter, asked if the Beaufort campus should remain a part of the University or split from the University as Coastal Carolina did when it attained four-year status.

Senator Richardson doesn't believe that would be necessary, and may involve unnecessary duplication.

Professor Danny Faulkner, Lancaster, asked if the Senator wanted to be specific about which campuses were "economically indefensible". Professor Faulkner suggested that the Regional Campuses saved the University money by providing educational resources that the campus in Columbia does not have to add to its program.

Senator Richardson declined to be specific about which campuses were not economically feasible. He agreed with Professor Faulkner's suggestion that the Regional Campuses provide economic value beyond the traditional calculations.

Carolyn A. West, Associate Vice Provost, asked why costs of producing graduates at the technical schools isn't considered when discussing the costs of higher education in South Carolina.

Senator Richardson stated he didn't know the figures for the technical schools, but responded that he was concerned about the technical schools expanding their programs into areas that duplicate what is already being taught by campuses of USC. He also suggested that as long as the State of South Carolina was running surpluses in its budget, that Regional Campuses of the University were not threatened. If the budget situation

changed, and the University's budget had to be reduced, then the Regional Campuses would be looked at, he added.

Dr. West pointed out that Regional campuses only take 1.84 percent of the higher education budget of the state, and cutting campuses in that area may be a "false economy".

Dean Upshaw expressed concern about the funding for scholarships that goes to private institutions.

Senator Richardson responded that given the academic backgrounds of legislators, who attended the private institutions, he didn't foresee any changes in the system of appropriating funds for scholarships to the private institutions. He did state he wasn't a fan of funding education through a state lottery.

Professor Bonnie Lawrence, Beaufort, suggested that any budget surpluses should be appropriated to the public schools given the deficiencies our students have when they come to our campuses.

Senator Richardson suggested that the funding system for education in the state might be better if the public schools were funded statewide.

Senator Richardson concluded by thanking the faculty senate for being low-paid over worked educators.

Chairman Mary Barton thanked Senator Richardson for his comments and directed Senate committees to retire to their deliberations.

Afternoon session

II. Correction and approval of minutes of February 18, 2000
Minutes were approved as submitted

III. Reports from University officers

A. Dr. Chris Plyler, Vice-Provost and Executive Dean
Attachment 1

B. Dr. Carolyn West, Associate Vice-Provost
See Attachment 2

Dr. West emphasized the need for grievance committee members and the system Tenure and Promotion committee members to be elected before the end of the spring term and the results forwarded to Kathy Gué.

C. Campus Deans Reports
Attachments 3 through 6

IV. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Rights and Responsibilities – Professor John Catalano (Lancaster)
See Attachment 7

B. Welfare Committee – Professor Duncan McDowell for the Chairman.
The committee elected Professor Noni Bohonak as Chair for the 2000-2001 academic year. Submitted recommendations to the Faculty Senate regarding technological resources. See Attachment 8

C. System Affairs – Professor Bette Levine
Reported on the Distance Education survey conducted by the Welfare committee. Most faculty were responsive to the idea of distance education provided they are given the necessary training financial support, and rewards. See attachment 9 for the complete results of the survey. Professor Chris Borycki (Sumter) was elected Chairman of the Committee for next year.

V. Executive Committee – Professor Tye Johnson

The Executive Committee discussed the problem of getting a representative of each campus to serve on the Executive Committee. Some campuses have problems getting to faculty to serve on this committee. The Executive Committee also discussed the Palmetto College concept and its implications for the operation of the Regional Campus Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate meeting dates for 2000-2001 academic year:

Executive Committee Retreat	Aug. 11, 12, 13
Senate meeting in Columbia	Sept. 15
Executive Committee	Nov. 3
Senate meeting at Union	Nov. 17
Executive Committee	Feb. 2
Senate meeting at Lancaster	Feb. 16
Executive Committee	April 6
Senate meeting Beaufort	April 20

VI. Reports from Special Committees

A. Committee on Libraries – Professor David Bowden (Academic Credit Programs)
See Attachment 10

B. Committee on Courses and Curricula – Professor Robert Castleberry (Sumter)
See Attachment 11

C. Committee on Faculty Welfare – Professor Bruce Nims (Lancaster)
See Attachment 12

D. Faculty Board of Trustees Liaison Committee – Linda Allman for Ellen Chamberlin.
See Attachments 13 and 14

E. Research and Productive Scholarship Committee – Professor Todd Scarlett (Lancaster)
The committee has completed its work for this year and has not met.

F. Other Committees

1. Conflict of Interest Committee – Professor Wayne Chilcote (Salkehatchie)
An updated list of committee members is being prepared in Columbia.
The Committee has not met.
2. Educational Foundation Committee – Professor Charles Denny (Sumter)
See Attachment 15
3. Regional Campuses Academic Advisory Council – Professor Logue for
Professor Barton.
See Attachment 16 and 17

VII. Special Orders and Elections

See Attachment 18 for the Report of the Nominating Committee. Additionally, Professor Catalano (Lancaster) nominated Professor Wayne Chilcote for Vice-Chair from the floor. Professor Todd Scarlett withdrew from consideration for the Research and Productive Scholarship Committee. Professor Scarlett nominated Bob Costello for this position.

Professor Cox (Salkehatchie) expressed the sentiment of the Salkehatchie faculty and delegation in support of Professor Johnson for Vice-Chair.

The Chairman called a vote for Vice-Chair, and a 10-minute recess was called while the votes were tallied.

Professor Johnson (Salkehatchie) won the election for Vice-Chair.

The Senate approved all other nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

VIII. New Business

The first motion presented by the Rights and Responsibility (See Attachment 7) was discussed and approved.

The second motion was ruled substantive by the Chair and a motion to suspend the rules was offered. Costello (Lancaster) opposed suspension of the rules. Logue (Sumter) supported suspension of the rules. Denny (Sumter) said Sumter already followed the proposed rules. A vote to suspend the rules was passed by the Senate.

The second motion (See Attachment 7) was discussed and passed by the Senate.

IX. Announcements

Professor Lisa Rashley (Lancaster) announced a new web based course she is developing using “BlackBoard”. The course is Women Studies 111, “Women and Culture”. She

asked that students from all campuses be informed in order that they have the opportunity to register for the course. Information is available on the Lancaster Academic Web page.

Susan Smith (Union) announced that Professor Mary Barton was elected Professor of the Year on the Union Campus.

Dr. Plyler reminded the Deans that the campuses strategic plans should be available on the campus web sites.

Professor Johnson invited the Senators to attend "Feast Day" on the Salkehatchie Campus on April 13th.

Dr. Plyler recognized Professor Mary Barton for her leadership of the Faculty Senate during a difficult time and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service.

In recognition of Mary T. Barton for distinguished service as Chair person for the Regional Campus Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina, 1999-2000.

Chairman Barton passed the gavel to incoming Chairman Danny Faulkner (Lancaster). Professor Faulkner adjourned the meeting at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted, this 21st day of July 2000.

Tye Johnson, Secretary
Requiescat in Peace