

CHAIR'S NOTES

Faculty Senate monthly meeting

June 4, 2002

Anne Osborne Kilpatrick, Chair

The following reports were presented at the Faculty Senate meeting:

- **Governance Committee – Francine Margolius, chair (reported by Senate chair)**
 - **Faculty Handbook:** The faculty handbook has been edited to remove errors and incorporate all previously board approved policies. This will be distributed to the Board of Trustees in early July for review prior to the August meeting.
 - **Elections are being held now:** members will overlap during the summer, and new senator orientation will take place in late August or early September. To cast their ballots, faculty need to go to the following URL:
<http://www2.edserv.musc.edu/facsen/election.las> no later than June 16, 2002.
 - **Faculty Affairs Committee – Subbi Mathur, chair.**

The Tenure and Mentoring workshop was a success, with over 80 people attending at least part of the session. Proceedings and the summary of remarks of speakers will be posted on the Faculty Senate home page, as well as tenure criteria for each college. A number of suggestions were received from attendees, including that the session be held annually, as well as for new faculty. Additionally, the committee is planning to conduct a faculty survey to identify the extent of faculty mentoring and how faculty are being mentored at present.

Congratulations to Subbi and her committee on a job well done, and thanks to the Office of the Provost on her support!

- **University Affairs Committee – Mary Mauldin, chair.** The committee will conduct a survey of faculty regarding information technology services. They have discussed the resources with various persons within the university, but need to identify specific issues affecting our faculty and their information and technology needs.
- **Gender Equity committee,** Kit Simpson chair: Presently, members are reviewing data comparing compensation and numbers of faculty at each rank by race and gender. We need more comprehensive information, which will benefit both the Gender Equity Committee, and the Academic Affairs Committee deliberations. Efforts will be made to obtain this information.

Academic Affairs Committee – Philippe Arnaud, chair. They are working on compensation equity issues, and the faculty salary increase policy. A committee meeting will be held this week.

- **Ad hoc committee on indirect costs** report – Eberhard Voit, chair. Philippe Arnaud reported that the committee has met, and is reviewing the policies on indirect cost distributions.

- **Arts and Digital Imaging** Status Report – Carlos Salinas, Chair. Subbi Mathur reported that two consultants retained to review the future of this department had identified the same recommendations presented by our ad hoc committee. Discussion reinforced the need to address the central services a university should provide to all units within the institution.

Next meeting: July 9, 2002 (-please note date change)