

1                                   **THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FACULTY SENATE**

2   Wednesday, October 9, 2024

3                                   This session was held in person at the Russell House Theatre

4   PRESIDING CHAIR WAYNE OUTTEN

5                                   Chair Wayne Outten called the meeting to order at 1500 EST.

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7   **Called Meeting of the Faculty Senate**

8 FACULTY SENATE CHAIR-ELECT WAYNE OUTTEN (hence: OUTTEN) welcomed the  
9 audience to the Faculty Senate meeting.

10 *Approval of the September 11, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting minutes:* Minutes were approved.

11 *President's Report*

12 PRESIDENT MICHAEL AMIRIDIS (hence: AMIRIDIS) reported that campus suffered only  
13 minimal damage from hurricane Helene. Some of the other schools in the USC system, such as  
14 Upstate, Aiken, Salkehatchie, and Union had more damage, even to their infrastructure and did  
15 not have power for five or six days. Union suffered the worst damage. Damage to sister  
16 institutions in Western North Carolina, namely UNC-Asheville and Appalachian State, was much  
17 worse, and it was even impossible to contact the universities there. AMIRIDIS said that he was  
18 very proud of the students and staff who collected materials and delivered them to the most  
19 affected counties in our state, mainly in the northwest. Just ten days after hurricane Helene, our  
20 thoughts were with the universities of South Florida and Central Florida, which are now on the  
21 path of hurricane Milton. AMIRIDIS talked to the presidents of those universities.

22 AMIRIDIS stated that he, with the provost and the vice president for research, was in the final  
23 stages of selecting the next 51 positions of tenure-track faculty, so that 100 new tenure-track  
24 faculty would be hired within two years. By spring 2027 all these faculty members should have  
25 been added. AMIRIDIS emphasized that these are new positions.

26 AMIRIDIS stated that he was in the last stages of selecting a new vice president for marketing.  
27 He decided that communications and marketing should be separated, because of the importance  
28 of marketing and branding. The media communication would be a smaller, about 10-person  
29 group.

30 AMIRIDIS reported on the master plan, approved by the Board of Trustees (hence: BoT) in  
31 August 2024. He went on to list nine large (defined here as requiring more than \$30mio)  
32 projects that had already started.

- 33           1. The new Medical School in the Bull Street district, with groundbreaking in January 2025  
34           and completion in 2027. This was, he said, a \$300mio project, with \$200mio from the  
35           state and \$100mio from the university.
- 36           2. The Brain Center, formerly a clinic for Richland County Hospital (now part of Prisma  
37           Health), requiring a \$30-35mio investment for significant renovations, all coming from  
38           the state.

- 39 3. The east tower of the science and technology building, the former law school, requiring  
40 approximately \$30mio (direct appropriations from the state).
- 41 4. The renovation of Thomas Cooper library to provide more open space for students to  
42 study, at the expense of fewer books being on the library floors. AMIRIDIS noted that  
43 book requests had decreased by 85% in the last ten years. He assured the faculty that  
44 books would be stored and made available for checkout within 24 hours of request. This  
45 project will have several phases, with the first part completed in summer 2026, and the  
46 whole project completed in summer 2028.
- 47 5. The renovation of floors two and three of Jones Physical Sciences building, with research  
48 and instructional labs, to be completed by summer 2026, funded by reserves.
- 49 6. McBride dorm destruction and replacement with a new dormitory with significantly more  
50 bed capacity, within one-to-two years, bonded.
- 51 7. Third wing of the Honors College (HC) building, to complete the original plan for the  
52 building, adding 150 beds, and bringing all HC students together, bonded.
- 53 8. Russel House (RH) renovation. The bottleneck (leading to long lines for meals) in the  
54 RH is the kitchens. The bookstore would be relocated and the project would be  
55 completed by fall 2025. This project was somewhat smaller than the others, but of  
56 particular importance for student government, AMIRIDIS said.
- 57 9. Barnwell and McKissick renovations, following a plan by the architecture firm Sasaki.  
58 AMIRIDIS said that this was approved by the BoT at its latest meeting in Beaufort and  
59 was part of the renovation of the central part of campus. A coffee shop and maybe  
60 classrooms would be added to McKissick, with more opportunities to showcase the  
61 history of the university. These projects are in Phase 1, the design phase.

62 Altogether, AMIRIDIS said, these projects would require \$500-750mio for construction in the  
63 next 3-4 years. He stated that all money was in place, except for the bonding needed for the  
64 residence halls. This was, he said, the first part of the master plan.

65 ***The floor was open for questions to AMIRIDIS.***

66 ABBAS TAVAKOLI (College of Nursing; hence: TAVAKOLI) asked how the decision to cancel  
67 classes at the time of hurricane Helene was reached. AMIRIDIS responded that, as customary,  
68 we followed the Richland county closure schedule; he noted that he was in Beaufort for the BoT  
69 meeting at the time,

70 MILIND KUNCHUR (Department of Physics and Astronomy; hence: KUNCHUR) asked for  
71 confirmation that the Jones Physical Science center renovations only affected the south side of  
72 that building. AMIRIDIS confirmed that. He noted that this followed asbestos removal there,  
73 which had taken place years ago.

74 MICHAEL STOELTZNER (Department of Philosophy; hence: STOELTZNER) asked  
75 AMIRIDIS to describe his conception of a library; will it become obsolete if everything is  
76 digitized? AMIRIDIS answered that he did not think so and stated that he liked to read books on  
77 the printed page. He noted that there needs to be a balance between availability of physical books  
78 and the demand by students and younger colleagues for open space. He observed that our

79 library does not have a lot of unique and rare books, unlike some major European libraries that  
80 he had recently visited; he expected that there would be a floor (or a part of the library) for rare  
81 books, which would continue to be protected.

82 ED MADDEN (Department of English and Women and Gender Studies Program; hence:  
83 MADDEN) asked AMIRIDIS concerning the university's follow-up to the recent Uncensored  
84 America event on campus. AMIRIDIS stated that he would listen to MADDEN's statement but  
85 would not comment because of legal advice concerning a lawsuit involving the university as a  
86 whole (not individuals) and that organization.

87 MADDEN's statement follows, in *italics*.

88 *President Amiridis,*

89 *I want to ask about follow up to the Uncensored America event.*

90 *First, thank you for your extended replies to faculty who contacted you in email, and for your*  
91 *thoughtful deliberations in response to this complex situation. I assume that most of us know*  
92 *about the lawsuit filed against the University, and most probably know that the Student Senate*  
93 *reversed their decision on funding the event.*

94 *I have two specific questions about the Uncensored America event. In order to frame those*  
95 *questions, I want to offer a very brief summary of the event and a small element of historical*  
96 *context before asking my questions.*

97 *For the sake of those in the room or online who did not watch or witness the event, I offer this*  
98 *capsule summary:*

- 99 • *The first advertised speaker perpetuated the misogynistic myth that the only way a*  
100 *woman can achieve power or career success is by performing sexual favors for powerful*  
101 *men—and he ended his speech by urging the female college students in the room to*  
102 *perform oral sex on their superiors if they wanted to advance their careers. (It was not*  
103 *clear that this was intended to be satirical.)*
- 104 • *The second advertised speaker offered a quasi-theological screed in which he described*  
105 *the vice president as “working in agency in concert with the forces of darkness,” and the*  
106 *former president, by way of comparison, serving as our savior. For this he used the work*  
107 *of French anthropologist Rene Girard on mimetic desire, though, as an English professor*  
108 *I must point out, he did so without ever citing his sources.*

109 *The problem with the trap set up by this event is that there is no good response. We have our*  
110 *ideals of free speech, we have our ideals of civil debate, and these are not the same thing. And*  
111 *while offensive, this certainly falls within the domain of free speech. Less certain to me is the*  
112 *centerpiece of the event—indeed the real point of the whole trap set by 26 students working in*  
113 *concert with the organization:*

- 114 • *The centerpiece was the second speaker's listing of the 64 people—27 students and 37*  
115 *faculty—that he intended to sue. He further provided the email addresses of some faculty*

116 *and images of all of them, and these lists were posted on social media. That is, the 37*  
117 *faculty members were explicitly targeted for further and future harassment.*

118 • *I am mindful as well that the listing of faculty went beyond ridicule and offensiveness*  
119 *(beyond the misogyny and antisemitism we likely expected) to defamatory language—two*  
120 *accused of being pedophiles, one of being a likely rapist. I wonder does the repetition of*  
121 *“I’m joking” five times take away the sting of those accusations?*

122 • *I am also mindful of the fact that some classes (including African American studies*  
123 *classes) met online rather than on campus because of their fears for safety. Student safety*  
124 *was also one of the stated reasons for the Blatt field event, since students didn't want to*  
125 *use their meal plans in a building that they feared would be filled with white nationalists*  
126 *and police security. Both of those facts suggest that this event transformed our campus*  
127 *into what was perceived to be an unwelcoming and potentially unsafe space for our*  
128 *students. Even if we grant the puerile speakers their umbrella defense of "humor," the*  
129 *actual impact of this event is not funny.*

130 *A bit of context. Twenty-nine years ago this fall, a conservative newspaper distributed on campus*  
131 *accused me of “indoctrinating students.” They published my home phone and home address, and*  
132 *they suggested that anyone concerned with my openly gay presence on the USC campus might*  
133 *find me there. It was an open invitation to a gay bashing. The Faculty Senate passed a (toothless)*  
134 *resolution at the October meeting about the harassment of lesbian and gay faculty, and — as if to*  
135 *make clear the status of LGBTQ faculty and staff on this campus — the University promptly*  
136 *denied a pending Senate motion to include sexual orientation in the University's non-*  
137 *discrimination policy. I got an unlisted phone number and an attorney. I stopped walking home,*  
138 *and within the year, I moved out of my residence near campus.*

139 *This moment does not feel very different to me. It feels potentially worse, given the high-profile*  
140 *speakers, the participation of a cadre of anonymous students, and the potential amplification of*  
141 *social media. Despite the nuisance lawsuit, I do hope this incident passes, but I don't think the*  
142 *impact will, not just because of the language used and the explicit targeting of faculty for*  
143 *ridicule, extortion, and harassment in front of the campus community, but also because of the*  
144 *precedent it surely sets.*

145 *What does it mean when 26 students can invite speakers to campus to ridicule faculty in their*  
146 *own workplace, to subject them to sexist, defamatory language and put a target on their backs*  
147 *for harassment? How does something like this shape the climate of the campus?*

148 *Given these concerns, these are my questions:*

149 • *Will there be any response to the posting of the obscene promotional material on*  
150 *campus? At the last Senate meeting and the General Faculty meeting, you noted that the*  
151 *women who had filed Title 9 claims about that promotional material had no standing*  
152 *since they had to seek out those images on social media. During the week of the event,*  
153 *those images were posted on campus—in Gambrell, in the Humanities Office Building, I*  
154 *assume elsewhere, and in the Gamecock and Free Times drop boxes outside my office*

155 *building. Indeed, is there any sense that what happened at the event falls within the*  
156 *context of an unsafe or hostile work environment?*

157 • *More urgently, is there any discussion among administration about the precedent set by*  
158 *the ridicule of faculty and the targeting of faculty for further harassment—or is this just*  
159 *to be the cost of working at a university?*

160 *Again, thank you for your extended replies to faculty who contacted you in email—and I*  
161 *especially want to thank you for your thoughtful communication with me—and for your*  
162 *deliberations in response to this difficult and complex situation.*

163 ***Applause.***

164 AMIRIDIS thanked MADDEN and stated again that he would not comment.

165 OUTTEN thanked AMIRIDIS and called Provost DONNA ARNETT (hence: ARNETT) to  
166 deliver her report.

167 ***Provost's Report***

168 ARNETT thanked the faculty for teaching despite the disruption caused by Hurricane Helene.

169 ARNETT stated that she was still holding regular Provost check-ins every two weeks; these calls  
170 educate university leadership, including department chairs, associate deans, and deans, by  
171 highlighting an initiative, with a guest speaker. She provided several examples: Michelle Bryan,  
172 who presented all the new search committee policies and recommendations, and Donald Miles,  
173 director of the office of institutional research and research analytics, who discussed the US News  
174 and World Report (USNWR) rankings.

175 ARNETT reported that we retained our number one USNWR ranking among public universities  
176 for our first-year student experience and for our international business, and we were ranked  
177 among the top four in the country for living and learning communities. She reported that we rose  
178 three spots overall in the public university ranking, where we are now number 61 and announced  
179 that she has a goal of reaching the top 50.

180 ARNETT thanked the faculty who attended the provost fall retreat; there were 160 attendees in  
181 total. She reminded us that our first-to-second year retention rate for undergraduate students  
182 reached 92% for the first time ever and restated her goal to reach 94%, which would put the  
183 university on par with the Universities of Alabama and Georgia.

184 ARNETT restated her commitment to improving professional development opportunities for the  
185 faculty, with an eye towards improving faculty retention. She mentioned Garnet and Black, the  
186 new mentoring and development program led by Associate Provost Toby Jenkins.

187 ARNETT reminded the senators that university award nominations were due on November 11.

188 ARNETT stated that the four breakout sessions at the provost retreat were very helpful. They  
189 dealt with (1) professional-track faculty and the associated changes in the faculty manual; (2)

190 high-impact practices for student retention, including the use of Circle-In; (3) opportunities for  
191 faculty development, beyond Garnet and Black; (4) how to manage faculty and staff burnout.

192 ARNETT mentioned that, following an evaluation by a new committee of the Provost and of the  
193 Instructional Development committee (INDEV), a new tool for student evaluation of faculty and  
194 courses, called Explorance Blue, would be introduced. Pilot testing would happen this year in  
195 several colleges, with rollout expected in summer 2025.

196 ARNETT asked whether there were any questions.

197 [There were no questions.]

198 OUTTEN thanked ARNETT and called invited guest Director of Parking and Transportation  
199 Services BRIAN FAVELA (hence: FAVELA) to address the senate from the podium and to  
200 answer questions from the faculty. This invitation came at the request of the Faculty Welfare  
201 Committee (FWC).

## 202 **FAVELA's address and question-and-answer session**

203 FAVELA used a slide deck for his presentation. For convenience, the content of most of the  
204 slides is used below.

205 FAVELA introduced himself:

- 206 • US Army Veteran
- 207 • 22 years – Parking and Transportation Industry
- 208 • Education:
  - 209 • Master of Arts (Management and Leadership)
  - 210 • Master of Business Administration (MBA) – emphasis in Public Administration
  - 211 • Ed.D in Educational Leadership - May 2025
    - 212 • *“The Impacts of parking procedures on the students’ learning environment*
    - 213 *at University of South Carolina”*
- 214 • Married with 3 adult children

215 FAVELA presented several achievements and new activities in the areas of communications,  
216 community involvement, and customer service introduced since his arrival in October 2023:

- 217 • Communications
  - 218 • Bi-Weekly newsletter
  - 219 • Social media
  - 220 • Direct emails
- 221 • Community

- 222 • Attend community events
  - 223 • OSC advisory board
  - 224 • Outreach involvement
  - 225 • USC Student Mentor Program
  - 226 • Customer Service
  - 227 • Consistent training for all our team members
  - 228 • Using data and dashboards to drive our decision-making
  - 229 • Paratransit and OnDemand – Available for all
- 230 FAVELA noticed that each customer request that is not addressed within ten minutes is reviewed,  
231 and processes that lead to a delay are identified and addressed.
- 232 FAVELA emphasized the need for his office to maintain a balanced approach, keeping a  
233 scorecard that includes the customer, internal processes, financial constraints, and training and  
234 development.
- 235 FAVELA presented a list of achievements:
- 236 • Pendleton Garage Stairwell Repairs
  - 237 • Blossom Street Garage Stairwell Repairs
  - 238 • Bull Street Garage – Install New Lighting
  - 239 • Osborne Lot – New Parking Lot Standards
  - 240 • Cleaner Garages – Cleaning schedules
  - 241 • Preventive maintenance programs for gate equipment
  - 242 • ADA Parking Stalls Project
  - 243 • Signage Standards
  - 244 • Greek Village – Grab & Go parking spaces
  - 245 • Moving 411 Huger – Team under one roof
  - 246 • Dashboards
  - 247 • Engagement with Darla Moore College of Business - OSC
  - 248 • Student Action Team
  - 249 • New Leadership – Hired industry experts
  - 250 • Training for staff weekly

- 251 • Start to Build Smart Parking Campus
- 252 • Parking Guidance Systems – Bull Street Garage
- 253 • ParkUSC App
- 254 • Mistall – New tech
- 255 • Funding student scholarships
- 256 • Improved access for select permits
- 257 • Increased parking compliance
- 258 • New permits
- 259 • Paratransit Services – On Demand
- 260 • Lunch Express
- 261 • “From the 411” Biweekly Newsletter
- 262 • Grew our social media
- 263 • Extended gameday shuttles

264 FAVELA stated that the new permits are consistent with best practices, given available  
265 technology at our university.

266 FAVELA emphasized the need for faculty to follow two rules when parking on campus: have a  
267 valid USC parking permit, and parking in one’s permitted zone or area.

268 FAVELA described the planned new parking guidance system for the Bull Street garage (the  
269 largest garage on campus), which would be similar to the one used at Columbia Metropolitan  
270 Airport:

- 271 • 2200 Spaces
- 272 • ParkUSC App
- 273 • Installs – October 2024
- 274 • Completion – Spring 2025

275 FAVELA presented some directions for future development:

- 276 • Continue the Smart Campus Growth
- 277 • Master Mobility and Parking Plan – Consultants
- 278 • New Policies – Continue to establish equitable governance
- 279 • License Plate Recognition (LPR)
- 280 • Address our Deferred Maintenance – Develop a 5-year plan



- 281 • Park & Go Shuttle Locations
- 282 • EV Charging Stations Expansions
- 283 • Creation of a Parking and Transportation Advisory Group
- 284 • Improved appeals process
- 285 • CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System

286 FAVELA stated that one of the goals of his office was to remove permits within two years and  
287 use a License Plate Recognition (LPR) system instead. Issues of information security were  
288 going to be addressed. FAVELA stated that his office receives three to four hundred calls and  
289 emails per day; he expected a new software-based CRM to help reducing the time needed to  
290 respond.

291 FAVELA opened the floor for questions.

292 KASEI WHITENER (Darla Moore School of Business, hence: WHITENER) asked about the  
293 delays in paving the parking lot behind the Koger Center.

294 FAVELA answered that the delays were due to underground work and rainy weather and  
295 expected paving to be completed by the end of October.

296 WHITENER asked about the rationale for changing fees for violations.

297 FAVELA stated that we would now benchmark our SEC peers and decided to up the parking  
298 violation fine to the maximum fee per day, i.e., \$20.

299 WHITENER asked about the high fine for not displaying hanging parking tags, noting that \$25 is  
300 a lot to pay for a student. She also noted that with the previous sticker system, the issue of not  
301 displaying permits was less common.

302 FAVELA answered that visual and manual checks take time and justify the fine.

303 HANS-CONRAD ZUR LOYE (Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; hence: ZUR  
304 LOYE) noted that it is difficult to hang permits on rearview mirrors of certain cars, because of  
305 various bulky sensors. He asked whether it is permitted to lay the permit on the dashboard.

306 FAVELA answered in the affirmative.

307 STEPHANIE AKERSON (Department of Biological Sciences; hence: AKERSON) asked  
308 whether faculty who have a Z permit were still allowed to park in the GS, Commuting Students,  
309 and other student parking lots.

310 FAVELA answered in the affirmative.

311 AKERSON followed up by noticing that the student lots behind the Colonial Life Arena were  
312 gated and could be opened by students with their Carolina Card, but not by faculty.

313 FAVELA answered that this issue would be investigated and resolved. He also noted that a  
314 review of parking space use was needed. The review would involve an advisory group.

315 LAURA HERBERT (College of Nursing; hence: HERBERT) asked about the waiting list for  
316 spaces in parking garages (specifically: Pendleton) and for transparency there.

317 FAVELA answered that the current waitlist program was not effective, but that the simple “sticky  
318 note” system in use seems to be working for some cases, including Pendleton.

319 AARON GLENN (School of Law; hence: GLENN) asked whether it is harder to enforce parking  
320 permits, now that they are inside the car and in front, rather than on the back window.

321 FAVELA answered that it was not particularly difficult, because the passes are color coded and  
322 have numbers on both sides. He also stated that officers often that, since stickers were affixed  
323 inside, officers sometimes had to clean windows when the previous system was in place.

324 GLENN asked how the planned LPR program would work in gravel lots, where it would be  
325 difficult to install sensors.

326 FAVELA answered that the LPR program would be a mobile one, with a vehicle going around  
327 and scanning license plates. Geofences are also planned.

328 BLAIR FLICKER (Department of Management Science; hence: FLICKER) asked about the  
329 leasing office for a new apartment building taking up spaces in the lot near the Darla Moore  
330 School of Business building.

331 FAVELA stated that 18 spaces are taken up by that office, that the leasing company was paying  
332 “premium” for that, and that the office would be relocated next fall.

333 FLICKER asked whether there were more faculty spots than permits. “Is there a spot for every  
334 Z-permit holder?”, he asked.

335 FAVELA answered that it looked like there were more faculty then spots because of the seniority  
336 permits, which allow faculty and staff who had worked for 25 years (or more) to park in any  
337 surface lot. However, he said, there were more spaces than faculty and staff (permits).

338 ANDREW GROSS (Department of Mechanical Engineering; hence: GROSS) mentioned a  
339 problem with the Horizon Parking Garage. The first two floors of the garage are now open to  
340 more members of the public and for long-term parking, and faculty must park on higher floors,  
341 he said. He also noticed that the garage is no longer “horribly underutilized.”

342 FAVELA answered that his office is in the process of fixing it. Now, employees, tenants, and  
343 USC employees were allowed to park on the first two floors. This had indeed improved  
344 utilization, but some adjustment was necessary.

345 OUTTEN thanked FAVELA and invited STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT PATTON BYARS  
346 (hence: BYARS) to the podium to describe a pilot study that Student Government had initiated.

347 ***BYARS report and Q&A session on the pilot study on excused wellbeing absences***

348 BYARS stated that, over the past few months, the office of student advocacy, ARNETT, the vice  
349 provost for undergraduate affairs, the vice president of student affairs, AMIRIDIS, and OUTTEN  
350 had worked with him on a pilot program for excused absences for student mental health and  
351 well-being. BYARS noted that the University of North Carolina has a similar program in place.  
352 He stated that students are very concerned about mental well-being and are passionate about the  
353 issue, bringing the successful recent Walkaton at Founders Park fundraising event as an example.

354 BYARS took questions from the floor.

355 EILEA KNOTTS (Department of Biological Sciences; hence: KNOTTS) stated that she worked  
356 as a lab coordinator for 40 lab sections of two biology courses, including 900 students. The  
357 students meet 10 times a semester, and each lab is worth 10% of lab grade, she said. It was  
358 important for students to realize this.

359 TAVAKOLI stated that missing five classes is too much and that freshmen should take advantage  
360 of the many resources in UNIV 101.

361 ALEXANDRIA CARRICO (School of Music; hence: CARRICO) asked about what information  
362 BYERS expected to collect from the pilot study, when the pilot study would start, and how  
363 information about wellbeing absences was being disseminated.

364 BYERS answered that they were looking to collect data on when and why mental health  
365 absences are requested. He stated that the pilot study was expected to start by the end of  
366 October. He stated that there was form similar to the “normal” one from the student advocacy  
367 website.

368 XUDHA XIRASAGAR (Department of Health Services, Policy, and Management; hence:  
369 XIRASAGAR) wondered whether it would be helpful if students were automatically expected to  
370 fill out a form in Blackboard.

371 BYERS answered that there is a danger that having a form to be filled out routinely might  
372 encourage students to take (improper) advantage of wellbeing absences.

373 LAURA BRASHEARS (Department of Sociology; hence: BRASHEARS) noted that it was  
374 difficult for students to get mental health appointments on campus and wonder what the students  
375 would do on their wellbeing day off.

376 BYERS answered that student government advocated for more mental health resources. He  
377 acknowledged that more counselors are needed and noted that now students have a right to up to  
378 ten free consultations per semester and that the university would pay an outside counselor if none  
379 were available internally.

380 FIONA HOLLIS (Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience, School of  
381 Medicine Columbia; hence: HOLLIS) asked about the maximum number of excused wellbeing  
382 and absences and whether the pilot study would collect information about how the wellbeing  
383 days were going to be used.

384 BYERS answered that there was only one absence day this semester, but the number of days  
385 would increase and that a form was going to be used after the absence was taken to collect  
386 information.

387 ***Applause***

388 OUTTEN thanked BYERS and introduced the next item in the agenda, noting that only the  
389 Committee on Curricula and Courses (hence: C&C) had a report today.

390 ***Report of Faculty Standing Committees***

391 ***Committee on Curricula and Courses***

392 MICHAEL DICKSON (Department of Philosophy; Chair of C&C; hence: DICKSON) asked for  
393 approval of the report published as an attachment to the agenda, in the online faculty senate  
394 website. In summary, the report asked for three program changes, four new courses (two cross-  
395 listed), and one course inactivation. DICKSON also stated that the vote is on the report, not on  
396 his summary. In detail, the two programs are: (a) Law and Society Interdisciplinary Minor, (b)  
397 Media Arts, BA; the four new courses are: HIST 504, PHIL 326, PHIL 363 (= HIST 363), and  
398 STAT 531 (= CSCE 588); the course inactivation is for ENCP 499.

399 There was no discussion. OUTTEN moved for the report to be accepted.

400 ***The report was accepted; the motion passed.***

401 ***Report of the Chair***

402 OUTTEN had no special report but warned the senators that some weighty issues requesting  
403 changes to the faculty manual were forthcoming.

404 ***Unfinished Business***

405 No unfinished business.

406 ***For the Good of the Order***

407 OUTTEN reminded the senators that the next meeting would be on the first Wednesday of  
408 November (November 6), again in the Russell House theater. There were no other items brought  
409 to the attention of the senate for the good of the order.

410 ***The meeting was adjourned at 16:25.***

411 [Minutes prepared by Marco Valtorta, Secretary]