

Minutes for the Meeting of the Committee of Nine – October 21, 2020
Submitted by Stacie Davenport

Mark Cooper, Chair of the Faculty Senate, chaired the meeting. The meeting began at 1:00pm.

Members Present:

Prof. Mark Cooper
Prof. Derek Black
Prof. Gloria Boutte
Prof. Tena Crews
Dr. Heather Heckman
Prof. Coretta Jenerette
Prof. Marco Valtorta
Prof. Thomas Vogt
Prof. Patrick Wright

Non-voting members present:

Prof. Alexander Beecroft
Prof. Shirley Staples Carter
Prof. Susan Cutter
Prof. Carol Harrison
Prof. Scott Weiss

The following were also present:

Mark Bieger
Tayloe Harding
Trena Houp
Dennis Pruitt
Joe Sobieralski

EAB:

David Attis
Elizabeth Cass

Professor Cooper opened the meeting.

The minutes from the October 14th meeting were approved and will be placed on the Faculty Senate webpage found here:

https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/committees/committee_of_9/index.php

Following the approval of the minutes Professor Cooper then turned the meeting over to David Attis.

Mr. Attis presented on enrollment growth opportunities. The presentation included information on enrollment trends, state workforce demands, online programs and potential growth segments.

Discussion followed on online programs. This included challenges, need for incentives and the type of infrastructure needed. There was also recognition that a conversation related to online is currently underway, independent of the work of the Committee of Nine.

A period of discussion and questions and answers followed.

Over the course of the discussion, factors mentioned included:

- Alignment of current program offerings with workforce needs based on publicly available job advertisements, and why certain areas may not be advertised, but are still in demand (e.g. education) and possible opportunities.
- Need for investments in new programs vs. desire to generate new revenue.
- Safeguards to avoid dilution of program quality.
- Balance between revenue production and providing more quality educational opportunities for students (particularly related to Online.)
- Need to protect investment in new educational program from being redirected to other areas

It was requested that David continue to quantify revenue expectations related to these opportunities.

Dr. Cooper asked committee members to send any proposed revisions or suggestions to either himself or Mr. Attis.

The final scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 28 at 1:00pm.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned just after 2:00pm