Senators Present: Dr. Lucinda Barron, Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Prof. Avery Daniels, Dr. Thomas Dempster, Dr. Omari Dyson, Dr. Legun Emmanwori, Prof. Stephanie Felks, Dr. Janice Hawes, Dr. Jean Michelet Jean-Michel, Prof. Carlana Kohn-Davis, Dr. Samuel Littlejohn, Dr. Bonita Manson, Dr. Linda McIntyre, Dr. Abdul Miah, Dr. Muhammad Mustafa, Dr. Justin Niati, Dr. Crystal Nixon, Dr. Bobbie Perdue, Dr. Nikunja Swain, Dr. Larry Watson, Dr. Reginald Williams

Call to Order:
Faculty Senate (henceforth FS) President Cassidy called the meeting to order at 3:43 P.M., at which time a quorum was declared.

Adoption of the Agenda:
Senator Williams made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended; Senator McIntyre seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes:
Senator Williams made the motion to approve the minutes as amended; Senator Mustafa seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report:
A copy of the treasurer’s report was provided by Dr. Crystal Nixon, treasurer. It showed cash on hand in the amount of $2198.83 as of March 4, 2014.

Report of Committees:

Executive Committee—No report at this time.

Membership Advisory Committee—Report received as information.

Elections Committee—No report at this time.

Educational Policies Council
- Dr. Larry Watson, Professor in the Department of Social Sciences proposed the following:
  - New course—H320 Hip Hop Culture and Politics, an elective for History majors.
    Senator Perdue made the motion to approve the new course; Senator Mustafa seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.
  - Course title revisions:
    - H310 from European History, 1500-1815 to Early Modern Europe, 1500-1815
    - H312 from European History 1815 to the Present to Modern Europe, 1815 to the Present
    - H333 from History of Women in the West to History of Women in Europe
  - Course description revision—H415—Revolutions in Modern History
    Senator Perdue made the motion to approve the course title and description revisions; Senator Mustafa seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.
  - New concentration—History: International Studies
Senator Fields made the motion to approve the new history concentration; Senator Dyson seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.

- New concentration—History: African American Studies
  Senator Perdue made the motion to approve the new history concentration;
  Senator Daniels seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.

- Dr. Jae Hong, Professor in the Department of Industrial and Electrical Engineering Technology proposed a new degree program—BS, Industrial Engineering
  Senator Watson made the motion to approve the new degree program; Senator Mustafa seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.

Planning and Projects Committee—No report at this time.

Educational Facilities Committee—No report at this time.

Graduate Studies Council—No report at this time.

Welfare Committee—No report at this time.

President’s Report—FS President Cassidy reported on:
  - Campus safety—According to the University Chief of Police, crime on campus has declined over the past three years, and University police is reviewing procedures after the campus shooting in January.
  - Board of Trustees (henceforth BOT) Presentation—FS President Cassidy made a presentation to the Academic Affairs sub-committee of the BOT highlighting needs on campus (i.e., additional faculty, enriched working conditions for faculty, student scholarships, credible University structure, protection of shared governance).
  - Provost Search Committee—President Elzey expanded the committee to include one member of the FS Executive Committee.
  - FS Executive Committee meeting with President Elzey—The committee met with the President February 7, 2014, at which time President Elzey indicated a $500K cut from Academic Affairs was necessary. The FS Executive Committee drafted a response, which was sent to President Elzey.
  - Faculty Handbook
    o Ed Policies will consider the draft, submitted by the Faculty Handbook Committee, March 6, 2014.
    o Dr. Luke asked the FS to consider the draft March 18, 2014.
  - FS Constitution—The Constitution needs to be updated, and decision must be made as to whether or not it is to be included in the Faculty Handbook.
  - Faculty Luncheon—FS President Cassidy thanked the committee, panelists and participants for a successful luncheon.

Action Items
  - Senators were asked to review and vote on the statement submitted by the College of Charleston’s Faculty Senate regarding academic freedom. Senator Perdue made the motion to approve electronic voting; Senator Rahman seconded. Vote: unanimously approved.
    o March 20, 2014, FS President Cassidy sent an email indicating the FS, through electronic vote, approved the following statement, 23-0.
      We strongly support the vital importance of academic freedom in our institutions. This freedom and the occasional controversies it can cause are vital to the pursuit of knowledge and truth in every discipline. Further, securing this freedom is a key obligation to accrediting bodies of our faculties, institutions, and governing
boards. We therefore condemn any effort on the part of the government or other parties to restrict, through legislation or other ways, free academic inquiry.

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- A Faculty Constitution ad hoc Committee—Senators Cassidy, McIntyre, Nixon, Rahman, and Watson—was formed. The committee’s charge is to update the Constitution, as well as decide whether or not to include it in the Faculty Handbook.

- A Program Evaluation ad hoc Committee—Senators Niati, Perdue, Smith and Dr. Sligh-Conway—was formed. The committee’s charge is to look at how programs on our campus are assessed.

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 5:24 P.M.