On Tuesday, November 27, 2012 the Faculty Senate met to discuss several items of business. What follows is a shortened, or condensed, summary of the events of that meeting. If you have any questions, please refer to the minutes of the meeting. And, as always, we welcome your attendance at the meetings.

**Old Business:**
Two items of business were discussed in this part of the meeting. The first was an update on the progress of the taskforce, which is tasked with revising the *Promotion and Tenure Policy*. The second item was in regards to revising *Policy 4000, Sabbatical Leave*.

- The Provost was asked to provide an update for the Senate on the progress of the taskforce working to revise the Promotion and Tenure policy. This group was asked to look at what faculty do in their job; what’s valued/what’s not; how workload is defined; and what is rewarded. He indicated that the group is continuing to work on this, and that they would have a draft to his office during the week of December 3rd. This policy would then be shared with the Senate for input at the first meeting in January (January 22nd).
- The revisions made to this policy from the Provost’s offices were sent to the *Sabbatical Committee* for further amendment and revision. The Sabbatical Committee was tasked with making these revisions and returning with the policy to the first meeting in February (February 12th).

**New Business:**
During this portion of the meeting, two items were presented or discussed. Senator Snow on behalf of the Teacher Education Curriculum Committee (TECC) regarding the *Changes to Curriculum* notification process brought the first. The other was a presentation made by Dr. John Ziker regarding a study (Time Allocation Workload Knowledge Study—TAWKS) he and colleagues are proposing that will investigate faculty workload.
Senator Snow indicated that the work of the TECC spans three colleges and several degree programs. When changes are made to degree programs that are part of TECC, there currently isn’t a clear path for notification of these changes. As of now, the Curriculum Change Requests go to the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), but do not include any way of notifying the TECC (i.e., the signature lines only address programs, deans, etc.), therefore potentially affected departments and programs may be “out of the loop” on the changes being made. Senators proposed several possibilities for how this might be redressed. Among the suggestions were: TECC being recognized as an existing unit/department with signature on form; a member of the TECC on the UCC as an ex officio member; etc. It was determined that this is an issue for the UCC to address, and Senator Snow’s email was sent to the UCC for recommendations on how they would like to address these concerns. The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) was tasked with bringing these recommendations to the Senate by the first meeting in February (i.e., February 12th).

Dr. Ziker simply shared a study that he and several of his colleagues are embarking on that examines the workload of faculty members (i.e, TAWKS). Senators were a bit confused as to why he was sharing his study since the Senate is not in the business of examining or vetting research pursuits (i.e., the Senate views this as the role of the Internal Review Board). At the end of the presentation, the senators wished Dr. Ziker and his colleagues well with their study. They, however, did not support nor oppose their work; since, as was previously mentioned, this was not their purview.

The last senate meeting of the fall semester will be held on December 11th, 3:00-5:00 PM, in the Barnwell Room of the SUB.