

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
January 22, 2003
Dodd Hall Auditorium
3:35 p.m.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the 2002-2003 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2003. Senate President Valliere Richard Auzenne presided.

II. The following members attended the Senate meeting:

V.R. Auzenne, M. Baldwin, J. Beckham, F. Berry, S. Blumsack, G. Boggs, J. Bowers, J. Clendinning, P. Coats, J. Cobbe, C. Connerly, W. Cooper, J. Cowart, C. Darling, P. Dean, L. Dehaven-Smith, R. Deyle, L. Edmondson, B. Ellingson, J. Elsner, L. Epstein, G. Erlebacher, J. Fiorito, S. Fiorito, J. Flannery, J.C. Galeano, T. Glenn, T. Gomory, J. Grant, C. Greek, C.J. Hardiman, L. Hawkes, E. Hilinski, S. Huckaba, A. Imershein, C. Imwold, I. Jones, A. Kalbian, D. Kuhn, W. Landing, K. Laughlin, R. Leushuis, S. Lewis, R. Light, S. Losh, R. Mariscal, N. Mazza, T. McCaleb, W. Modrow, T. Ohazama, G. Peterson, P. Rawling, J. Renwick, M. Rosal, e. Schroeder, D. Seaton, R. turner, L. Van Dommelen, D. Von Glahn, V. Walker, C. Ward, S. Wood, P. Wright, P. Xiong, M. Young.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parenthesis.

D. Abood (**J. Bertram**), S. Allen, B. Atkins, R. Atkinson, G. Bates, M. Bonn, D. Boroto, R. Braswell, J. Brown, C. Conaway, P. Cottle, L. Flynn, P. Garretson, K. Glendenning, V. Hagopian, K. Harris, H. Hawkins (**E. Walker**), N. Jumonville, J. Kline, W. Leparulo, P-E. Lin, C. Madsen, T. Matherly, D. Moore, J. O'Rourke, G. Papagiannis, A. Payer (**R. Rill**), C. Pfaff, K. M-Pietralunga, D. Rasmussen, R. Reeves, R. Reiser, A. Simotes, S. Sirmans, J. Sobanjo, S. Sommer, F. Standley, J. Standley.

III. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of December 4 were approved as distributed.

IV. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

V. Report of the Steering Committee, J. Cobbe

The Steering Committee has met four times since our last Senate meeting, the last time being earlier this morning; these meetings included our first with the new President, T. K. Wetherell, and Provost Abele, which we hope and expect was the first of regular monthly meetings. In addition, four members of the Steering Committee including President Auzenne met with outgoing President D'Alemberte in December. Members of the Steering Committee participated in the Presidential Search Advisory process, with the outcome we all know, and President Auzenne is now a Trustee of the Florida State University.

At our meeting with the President and Provost, President Wetherell discussed his concerns and priorities. His greatest concern is the lack of General Revenue for education, and the consequent bleak budget outlook. In the circumstances, the one percent merit salary increase approved before the end of last year will not be implemented before the legislative session at the earliest, and caution will be followed in releasing incremental resources to schools and colleges to deal with growing enrollment. Promotional increases will be funded. The University will cease to withhold UFF and other Union dues from members' pay, in that legally the contracts no longer exist. It is hoped that PERC will clarify the situation and representation elections will be held soon.

At the time of our meeting with him, President Wetherell still expected that some PECO [construction] funds would be forthcoming, and intended to put high priority on moving the Mendenhall maintenance complex out of its central campus location, and developing a general purpose classroom building on that site. Later in this meeting, the President himself will address these issues.

Earlier, the Steering Committee discussed at length with George Bates, chair of the GPC, a proposal concerning doctoral students teaching Masters' students in professional programs under specified limited circumstances. The Steering Committee made suggestions as to what it considered a reasonable proposal, which have been incorporated in a GPC proposal that will be brought before the next Senate meeting.

The administration has established a committee to evaluate the campus bookstore; the Steering Committee has designated Senator Perrin Wright to be liaison to that evaluation committee, and faculty with views on the performance of the bookstore, or on concerns or issues that should be addressed, should communicate those views to him.

There will be a Board of Trustees meeting this Friday, 24 January, the first of the newly reconstituted Board with our Senate President as a Trustee. Friday is also FSU Heritage Day, with various activities scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. in Oglesby Union, including a special recognition of former President D'Alemberte.

The Steering Committee has also met with Dean Foss to discuss a proposed policy on faculty teaching improvement, emanating from the Council of Deans' Personnel Committee. The Steering Committee welcomes this initiative from the Deans, and we hope and expect that we will be able to agree a revised document with the Council of Deans soon. The agreed policy will be reported to the Senate.

Members of the Steering Committee participated in the interview process of the four finalists for the post of Dean of Faculties; Professor Anne Rowe of the English Department has been designated to assume that position next fiscal year, and is working with Dean Edwards already.

The Steering Committee has suggested the names of faculty members to participate in the interview process of finalists for the post of Vice-President for Student Affairs, a post the administration is trying to fill quickly.

VI. Special Order: Introductory Remarks by President Wetherell

President Wetherell thanked the faculty for their support during his transition into the office of the presidency. He was especially grateful to Senate President Auzenne for the polite, yet specific, directions she has given him.

FSU will move quickly to find a new Vice President for Student Affairs. It's good to know that the Dean of the Faculties' office will be in good hands with Professor Ann Rowe. We are all sad to see Steve Edwards retire.

Upcoming legislative sessions will focus on budget issues. Preliminary indicators are not good. Both branches have their own budgets. There is a \$17.6 million shortfall in the Governor's budget, which a tuition increase will be needed to help offset. These budgetary concerns will create new challenges for us. We have stopped summer enrollment as of today, this will put pressure on the system to provide enrollment for students.

President Wetherell encourages alumni to write to the Governor and members of the Legislature that the proposed budget allocations for Florida State University are unacceptable.

The Board of Trustees will elect a new chair and vice chair and take care of a few housekeeping issues.

Please join me in welcoming two personnel changes in the President's office. Betty Steffens will take over for Richard McFarlain who is returning to private practice. Cheryl Bakker will take over for Joanne Blackwell when she retires in a month or so.

There have been recent reports over the condition of the intramural fields after being used for by the Governor's office. We will repair the fields and notify the Republican party of the costs.

We are still discussing the possible move of the State of Florida Library to FSU. Unfortunately, we do not have the space, or the extra funds to transfer and house the costs of bringing this collection to campus.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees **a. Task Force on Evaluation, E. Walker**

Professor Walker reported that the Task Force on Evaluations has been meeting regularly and will bring a document to the Senate in February. The proposal named "Student Perception of Teaching" has 3 components. This modified instrument is based on one used by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

VIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business for today's meeting.

IX. New Business

There were no items of new business for today's meeting.

X. University Welfare

Senator Jack Fiorito gave the following statement:

*As noted at our last meeting, more than 1100 FSU faculty (65%) signed authorization cards supporting the United Faculty of Florida as their representative.

*These cards were filed with the Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC) last month to support a petition for a representation election. This filing does two things:

- 1) Initiates the PERC representation election process
- 2) Extends the nominally expired agreement and UFF representation rights until the representation question is settled.

*PERC's hearing on the petition is scheduled for early February

*Barring legal gamesmanship on the part of FSU attorneys, a representation election can be held as early as late February or March.

*Ongoing USS effort to reestablish a cooperative relationship with the Administration and Trustees are as yet unrequited, but we remain hopeful, and confident that the value of cooperation with the faculty and its chosen representative will ultimately be recognized. We look forward to negotiating an agreement tailored to the needs of FSU and its faculty.

*The need for a strong Faculty Senate and a strong independent voice for faculty are clearer than ever.

*All Senators are invited to a free UFF-FSU sponsored luncheon tomorrow at 12:30 in Room 311E Oglesby Union.

*All Senators are encouraged to read the latest Chapter newsletter, The Faculty Voice, (distributed to all faculty last week) for details on many of these matters.

XI. Announcements of Deans and administrative officers

a. Steve Edwards, Dean of the Faculties

Dean Edwards introduced Professor Ann Rowe who will take over the office of the Dean of the Faculties in July. Dean Edwards reported he is enjoying working with Ann and is confident she will work well with the faculty and the Faculty Senate.

XII. Announcements, Provost Abele

Provost Abele was not able to attend today's meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty