

AGENDA

Faculty Senate Meeting

3:35 P. M., Wednesday, November 18, 1981, Moore Auditorium

1. Approval of Minutes of the Senate Meeting of October 14, 1981.
2. Approval of the Agenda for the day.
3. Report of the Steering Committee -- Mr. Fred Kreimer.
4. Report on the Fall Faculty Forum Meeting - Mrs. Katherine Hoffman.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
 - a. Memorials - Ms. Roberta Ackerman
 - b. Grievance - Mr. Robert Kromhout
 - c. Curriculum - Mr. Joseph White
 - d. Undergraduate Policy - Mr. David Ammerman
6. Response of the President to previous Senate action.
7. University Welfare.
8. Announcements of the Vice Presidents, Deans and other administrative officers.
 - a. Student Affairs - Mr. Bob Leach
 - b. Other
9. Announcements of the President of the University

Announcement - The University Women's Club and The Florida State University Administration are co-sponsoring a social for all faculty and spouse or friend, immediately following the Senate Meeting on November 18, 1981. Dr. and Mrs. Sliger will be hosts for this first occasion at their home on West Tennessee. Please come. A fee of \$1.50 will be charged per person to help defray cost.

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Faculty Senate Minutes

November 18, 1981

I. Regular Session

The 1981-82 Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 1981, at 3:35 p.m. in Moore Auditorium. Mrs. Katherine B. Hoffman, Senate President, presided.

The following members were absent: Joseph Allaire, Douglas Behrman, Roger Berger, Byron Bradbury, Ron Braswell, William Burnett, Richard Chackerian, James Cobbe, Patricia Dore, John Elam, Karen Glendenning, Emily Haymes, Nickolas Heerema, Joe Hiett, Richard Hornby, Irwin Jahns, Roy Johnson, Frederick Leysieffer, Patricia Martin, Sande Milton, Wayne Minnick, Tasuku Ohazama, William Outlaw, Malcolm Parsons, Mounir Ragheb, Louis Schwartz, Peter Spencer, Fred Standley, Douglas St. Angelo, DeWitt Sumners, Larry Wollan, and James Wyatt.

The following alternates were present: Leslie Wilson, Modern Languages; Jayne Alley, Music.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for Senate Meeting of October 14, 1981, was deferred until the meeting in December since the minutes had not been circulated.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Hoffman announced the following changes in the Agenda:

1. Item 4 on the Agenda: The Fall Faculty Forum Meeting was cancelled and there is no report. Item 4 will be remarks on the budget by President Sliger and Mrs. Turrisi.
2. Item 5e was added to the Agenda: Mr. Jim Pitts will give a report from the Budget Committee.

The changes in the Agenda were approved by the Faculty Senate.

IV. Report from the Steering Committee

Mr. Fred Kreimer presented the following report:

"At its monthly meeting with President Sliger, the Steering Committee was informed that the Science Library for Florida State University has been assigned a sufficiently high priority in the list of future capital

outlays for the State University System that the appropriation of funds for planning may be expected in the next state budget. Also, the committee expressed its conviction that any allocation of funds to bring salaries in the State University System of Florida within the top quartile of states should be distributed as to bring salaries at universities in category I into the top quartile of states for this category.

"An advisory committee to the Center for Professional Development and Public Service has been appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Cliff Madsen from the Steering Committee has been named to this advisory committee. A new faculty handbook, which contains changes in rules and regulations made with the conversion to a new academic calendar, is being prepared and should be ready for distribution next summer. And at a time when many schools fear declining enrollments, Florida State University is fortunate to have a large number of applicants for its freshman class. At the next meeting of the Senate, Paul Elliott, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will report on this year's freshmen and the University's move to a more selective admissions policy.

"Finally, I want to express personally a concern which claims much of the time of members of the Steering Committee. According to the Florida State University Constitution, the Faculty Senate "shall determine and define university-wide policies on academic matters, including Liberal Studies policy, admission, grading standards, and the requirements within which the several degrees may be granted." But frequently we only learn indirectly of proposals to grant academic credit for various educational experiences or to impose new rules and regulations on the State University System. Sometimes these proposals complement initiatives taken by the Senate, but other times the will of the Senate may be thwarted. It has become common practice for authority outside the academic senates of the state universities to impose a new policy after allowing no more than a brief time for administrative officers of the affected institutions to react to a final draft of the policy. Our Vice President for Academic Affairs invites the Steering Committee to participate in our institutional response to outside proposals of new academic policies, but often the time allowed for response is too short for the Steering Committee to formulate a position which it confidently can say reflects the wishes of the faculty. Rarely is there time to refer such proposals to the appropriate standing committees of the Senate, and almost never is there time to bring a resolution before the Senate for debate. This practice abridges the collegial rights of the faculty. And yet this senate has dealt forthrightly and deliberately with academic matters, and policies formulated by this senate have guided this university to the foremost of institutions in the Southeastern United States and have become standards for the other universities of the state. It is unfortunate that there is not greater recognition of the competence of this faculty to govern itself."

Mr. DeTar expressed the same concerns as were stated in Mr. Kreimer's report. Mr. DeTar asked if Mr. Kreimer were taking any suggestions or action on resolutions ^{on} to the concerns ^{to} of the Steering Committee. Mrs. Hoffman stated that the Senate is constantly working on such concerns. Mrs. Hendrickson stated that the Faculty Professional Relations Committee is looking into the same concerns and would support any action by the Senate Steering Committee.

V. Report from President Sliger

President Sliger expressed concern over the Governor's recommendations for cuts in the Budget. He has sent a letter to the Chancellor protesting cuts. For 24 straight months revenues have exceeded estimates; the state has a comfortable surplus. The Council of Presidents has been notified concerning anticipated cuts.

Ms. Turrisi reported that while we have had nothing in writing about the cuts, that the following information has been indicated:

There is to be a cutback of \$52.7 million statewide with the SUS cutback set at \$6.5 million, and FSU's pro rata share of the cutback will be \$1,659,035. The cutback will be in base, not just for one year; this means the base for next year would be decreased by that amount also. The cutback would be from recurring expenditures.

She also indicated that there would be a meeting with the deans, Mrs. Hoffman, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, and the University Budget Committee on Thursday, November 19, at 12:15 p.m. in 201 Westcott. The University plan on the cutbacks is to be at the BOR on Monday, November 23.

VI. Report from Memorials and Courtesies Committee

Ms. Roberta Ackerman spoke of the purposes and procedures of this Committee which is financed solely from voluntary contributions. She asked that department members notify her if there is a death on the faculty. The Committee needs contributions from faculty members; a contribution of one dollar or more will be most welcome.

VII. Report from Grievance Committee

Mr. Robert Kromhout reported that he had no activity report as there had been no grievances referred to the Committee. He reminded the Senate that the Committee does exist and that the Committee plays a role in handling non-contract disputes. The non-contract disputes or grievances must involve matters not mentioned by the contract or involve faculty not in the unit. Mr. Kromhout also stated that the Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the President in grievances under the contract if the grievant desires and as the President's representative at the option of the grievant.

VIII. Report from Curriculum Committee

Mr. Joseph White presented the following report:

"The Curriculum Committee has had two meetings this semester. At the first meeting, the Committee elected the chairman, and discussed its charge and past procedures used by the Committee. The group

decided to follow basically the procedures of the former years but to indicate to schools and departments that proposals for new courses or revisions of existing courses must reach the Committee at least one week before a meeting in order to be acted on at that particular session. Proposals for revision or for new courses reaching the Committee less than a week before a meeting will not be acted upon until the next meeting.

"At the second meeting, most of which was spent in considering curriculum requests, the Committee discussed the application of "the twelve quarter rule" under the semester. "The twelve quarter rule" refers to the policy in effect since the mid 1960's concerning the deletion of courses from the curriculum inventory when the courses have not been offered for a specified period of time. The Committee agreed that the policy under the semester system should provide that any course not offered during eight consecutive semesters should be deleted from the inventory unless departments and schools present extraordinary justification for the retention of a course. The policy would not apply to DIS, Honors, Research, Thesis, Dissertation, internship courses and the like. The Curriculum Committee will notify departments and colleges when courses are to be deleted.

"The next meeting of the Committee will be December 3."

IX. Report from Undergraduate Policy Committee

Mr. David Ammerman presented the following announcements:

1. A memo has been circulated that copies of the Advanced Placement Exam are available in Instructional Support System. While some have read the exams, there is still time until November 30 for others to read the exams in 106 Seminole.
2. He suggested that the rules on changing exam schedules be eliminated. Faculty members do not abide by the rules. The rules should be eliminated or enforced.
3. Change in Basic Studies offerings

In situations where there are proposed changes in Basic Studies requirements, and there is a split vote or a tie vote in the Undergraduate Policy Committee, the item will go back to the school committee and ask the members for advice as to what to do. After the request comes back to the Undergraduate Policy Committee, if there is still a tie vote, the item will be brought to the Faculty Senate with indication of tie vote.

X. Report of the Budget Committee

Mr. Jim Pitts reported that he had no formal report but that he would like to request comments and thoughts from the Senators on the budget cuts discussion which is to be held on Thursday, November 19. Mr. Pitts pointed out that the Governor's Office is charged with the responsibility for monitoring the economy to see if there is a deficit impending and to see that we do not go into a deficit. He stated that the Governor's recommendations must go to the Cabinet; the Cabinet may or may not go along with the cuts.

XI. Announcements

President Sliger responded to several questions concerning the budget cuts.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Daisy P. Flory