



The Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida 32306

Faculty Senate

AGENDA  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Moore Auditorium  
January 15, 1986  
3:45 p.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes of the November 13 and December 4, 1985 meetings
- II. Approval of the agenda for the January 15, 1986 meeting
- III. Report of the Steering Committee, J. Carey
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees
- V. New Business
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. Special agenda item
  - a. Strategic Planning and Budgeting, Vice President Turnbull
- VIII. University Welfare
- IX. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
  - a. ~~Robert Johnson, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research~~
  - b. Gene Sherron, Associate Vice President, Computer and Information Services
- X. Announcements of the President of the University

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ANNOUNCEMENT: The School of Nursing and the University Club will host the University Club Wednesday Social in the Faculty Lounge, 472 Nursing Building, immediately following the Senate meeting. All University friends are invited to attend. A charge of \$1.50 will be collected to help defray expenses.



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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
January 15, 1986

I. Regular Session

The Faculty Senate met in regular session on January 15, 1986 in Moore Auditorium at 3:45 p.m. Merrill Hintikka, Senate President, presided.

The following Senators were absent. Alternates are listed in parenthesis following the Senator they represent. J. Bailey, M.L. Baker, G. Bates, N. Betten, G. Brudenell, J. Bryant, R. Chatel, R. Dalton, T. Denmark, M. Driscoll(J. Hill), H. Fletcher, G. Gorniak, L. Gould (A. Bassin), V. Green, G. Heald, P. Johnson, G. Kleck, A. Krothaplli, A. Lang, M. Launer, C. Lilly, C. Madsen, E. Mann, J. Markarian, P. Martin, T. Matherly, U. Ozanne, W. Pelham, R. Pestle, A. Rasher, D. Rasmussen, D. Redfield, S. Rollin, R. Rubino, W. Schmidt, R. Smith, S. Stage, F. Standley, J. Standley, J. Steen, J. Taylor, K. Vinson, V. Walker, J. Wyatt.

Jamie Cook was incorrectly listed as absence at the December 4, 1985 meeting.

II. Approval of the minutes

The Senate minutes of November 13, 1985, were approved as circulated.

III. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the following correction: Dean Robert Johnson will not make a presentation today.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, J. Carey

"Despite the fact that the University was closed down a good bit of the time since our last Senate meeting, the Steering Committee has continued to meet regularly, and we had a productive session with President Sliger and Vice-President Turnbull on January 7. We have a number of items to bring to the attention of the Senate today, some brief and a few which are more complex.

1. A number of concerns about the timing and procedures involved in the Strategic Planning and Budgeting process have been expressed to the Steering Committee. We discussed these at some length with President Sliger and Vice-President Turnbull in our meeting on January 7. Many of those same concerns had already been expressed to Dr. Turnbull through various meetings with department chairs, and some were reported in the Tallahassee Democrat. We did note, however, that in the original memo describing what university offices and programs would be evaluated, the offices of the various vice-president's offices were omitted. We were assured by Dr. Sliger and Dr. Turnbull that this was a "glitch", and that the work of the various vice-presidents' offices will also be included in the Strategic Planning and Budgeting evaluations.
2. We have received from Pete Metarko of the Admissions Office a report about the new applications from incoming freshmen and transfer students for 1986. We noted with pleasure that increase of applications for both the Spring term of 1986 and the Fall term of 1986 over comparable statistics from 1985. Obviously our recruitment efforts are bearing fruit and we want to commend the administration and the Office of Admissions for their work.
3. We have spent some time talking about the problem of the academic calendar, and the difficulty posed for the Spring of 1986 when the last two days of finals overlap with the beginning of the Passover season. The problem impacts on the entire state university system. The difficulty, of course, is that with the state university system's commitment to year round operation and the Department of Education's mandated beginning periods (or "windows") for each term, we do not have much flexibility in terms of recasting the dates of the academic calendar. We shall, however, keep the Senate posted on what happens in this area.
4. We are glad to announce that the Student Academic Relations Committee has elected Bruce Thyer from the School of Social Work as its chair.
5. Ms. Patricia Martin of the School of Social Work has resigned from the Steering Committee because of her plans to be away from the campus on research leave for the remainder of this academic year. Following the Bylaws and the long custom of the Senate in this matter, she has been replaced by the person who ranked next highest in the election for the Steering Committee, Mr. Martin Roeder of the Department of Biological Sciences.
6. This item deals with 'when Senate Committees are appointed' and it is a bit lengthy and complicated. It requires no immediate action, and is reported on today just to put the Senate on long-ranged alert.

Since the summer of 1985, it has come to the attention of the Steering Committee that the calendar according to which the Steering Committee has nominated, and the Senate has confirmed, appointments to the various Senate Standing Committees does not well serve the efficient functioning of several of these committees. For many years, nominations have been made during the summer and presented to the Senate for confirmation at its first meeting in the fall term. This schedule was followed during the years of a quarter system calendar. In the years since we have been on a semester calendar, actual terms of membership have begun on the third Wednesday of September. The Graduate Policy Committee has been most adversely affected by this calendar. To have its program review teams ready to function in the fall, GPC tells us that it should be able to identify which GPC members will serve on which review committees during the summer, in order to build the remainder of the committees around the GPC representatives. The Steering Committee, therefore, has discussed with each of the Standing Committees the impact on the conduct of its business of having terms of membership begin after the first meeting of each Senate, held in April, rather than after the second meeting of each Senate, its September meeting. No Committee expressed any difficulty with this change in the term of office. Some Committee chairs also thought that such a change would facilitate their business.

The Steering Committee therefore proposes this year to make nominations for Senate Committees in the Spring semester, and to present them for confirmation at the first meeting of the 1986-87 Senate, in April. No change in the Bylaws is required; the Bylaws do not specify beginning or ending dates for terms on standing committees. Nor is the term of office for which the Senate confirms nominees to standing committees specified any more precisely than by year of expiration. The Bylaws state that nominations shall be distributed to the Senate two weeks prior to the meeting at which a decision is to be made. This list would therefore be distributed with a slate of nominees for the Steering Committee which results from the nominations by members of the Senate which is to take office in April. No Senate action is required to implement a new calendar for nominations; however, there are two reasons to bring the matter now to the attention of the Senate. First, letters of appointment to all present members of Standing Committees indicated terms of office ending in August; the proposed calendar would result in a term shorter by four months for all present members of Standing Committees. Second, the present Steering Committee would assume the responsibility and make two sets of nominations to Standing Committees, one last September and one in April. The Steering Committee would appreciate your comments, and indications of any problems which we may not have seen.

7. Finally, Senators will share the Steering Committee's frustration at the apparent inability of the Office Services to produce and distribute Senate agendas and Senate minutes in a timely fashion, in spite of frequent assurances to us that they will do so. By the morning of today's meeting none of us had received either the agenda for today's meeting or the minutes from our December meeting. The Senate budget would be hard pressed to pay

off campus production of agenda and minutes, but more importantly Office Services surely should be providing acceptable and prompt services to all University agencies. Although the Steering Committee has not discussed this problem at length, it is likely that we will create a small ad hoc committee to look into Office Services, parallel to the ad hoc Bookstore Committee which will report to us at our February meeting. The poor work of this office is clearly an administrative embarrassment.

Senators having any concerns that they would like to have discussed or investigated by the Steering Committee should contact Dr. Hintikka or any member of the Steering Committee. This semester the Steering Committee is meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Mondays in the Conference room of the School of Social Work, 150 Bellamy."

APPENDIX TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT:

"It was inadvertently left out of the above report that since our December meeting the Steering Committee heard a report from Harry Goldman, President of the UFF, concerning the Union's plans for the evaluation of administrators. The Steering Committee concurred with the importance of this project and indicated that it would await with interest a further report on timing and details."

V. Reports of Standing Committees

There were no reports scheduled for today's meeting from Standing Committees.

VI. New Business

No items of new business were presented today.

VII. Unfinished Business

Though there are several items of unfinished business, none were presented at today's meeting.

VIII. Special agenda item

a. Strategic Planning and Budgeting, Vice President Turnbull

Vice President Turnbull stated that approximately ten (10) hours and 150 participants had been involved in the process of setting up the procedures for the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Plan. Concerns from the Steering Committee had been discussed with himself and Dr. Sliger and incorporated where possible. In the five (5) orientation meetings held so far the emphasis being made is not to review offices but to focus on programs. Upon opening the floor for discussion, several former issues were readdressed.

IX. University Welfare

Two concerns voiced today were the library system (Charles Miller will be contacted to make a report) and a serious look at our campus mail system.

X. Announcements of Deans and other administrative Officers

- a. Gene Sherron, Associate Vice President, Computer and Information Services

Remarks to the Faculty Senate  
on January 15, 1986

by Gene T. Sherron  
Associate Vice President for Computer & Information Resources  
and Associate Professor of Management

When the position that I now hold was established by the Administration, actions were set in motion to consolidate nearly all of the computer and telecommunications resources under the new Office of Computer and Information Resources. Prior to my arrival in May 1985, five major groups of administrative computing software and operations people were brought together under a new Director with the establishment of the Office of Administrative Information Systems. This unit, headed up by Dr. Tom James, has about 68 positions. Its function is to handle all of the "administrative computing" for FSU except running the actual hardware which is a function of the North West Regional Data Center (NWRDC) located at the Innovation Park.

Upon my arrival, the FSU Computer Center (FSUCC) (academic computing) was reassigned from the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research to my Office. It is responsible for operating the three CDC Cyber mainframes in the Love Building along with VAX and Harris minicomputers. Additionally, the Center operates the Supercomputer, a Cyber 205, at the NWRDC. The FSUCC has about 70 positions, only 11 of which are State funded. By the way, your academic computing is heavily subsidized by the Center selling time on its machines to the State and other parties and contracting out its services. This year's budget required that we earn 60 percent of the budget through such activities. Therefore, when a faculty member asks why this or that can not be provided by the 70-person staff, the answer might be that they are out earning money so you can benefit from the total computing power available through such an arrangement.

On November 1, 1985, all of the telephone and telecommunications activities then under the Director of the Physical Plant came under my direct control. This unit is about a dozen people strong. A new Director of Telecommunications has just arrived this past Friday and has as his first mission the determination of what FSU is to do about its telephone system which will be "deregulated" not later than December 31, 1987.

Late last year I hired a Deputy, Mr. John Nall, and have had him working on the new Information Resources Plan which was submitted just last week to the Board Office. It is now our intention to develop an Academic Computing Plan for ourselves, that is, using our own format and including more of a realistic set of financial assumptions.

To gain more participation from the faculty and staff and benefit from the experience available through such groups, these two new units, Administrative Information Systems and Telecommunications, have both established advisory committees to assist them in objective setting and developing priorities. Additionally, a plan will be developed by each of these areas.

As for our current activities, we are most excited about the early arrival of the ETA 10, a Class VII Supercomputer. Because it is due here before the end of the year, the President has entered into a lease agreement for two 32,000 square foot buildings at Innovation Park. One of these buildings will house the FSUCC and the other is for the Office of Graduate Studies and Research as well as for labs and offices for contract research. With these two buildings plus the new College of Engineering, the President is demonstrating his commitment to this area of Innovation Park as FSU's new Research Campus.

Following the remarks, the floor was open to questions. The notes that follow carry the general nature of the question and response.

Microcomputer Policy. There is no policy stipulating what microcomputers the faculty, staff, and students are to buy. This is intentional. The best "policy" is one of providing service (maintenance) and support (hand holding) for a limited number of machines. This service and support is gearing up at the FSUCC and will be quite operational in a month or so. The brands "endorsed" by this activity include: the IBM PC, the Zenith, and the Macintosh by Apple. Additionally, the FSUCC will handle these lines in terms of discounted prices. Even though the system is not in full swing yet, do call the FSUCC now to take advantage of what sales, service, and support are available. A flier will be distributed when all systems are go.

Minicomputer Maintenance. I have just been given the OK to have all computer maintenance contracts come through my office prior to the Purchasing Department's processing of them. This is being done so that I might have the opportunity to suggest a more economical way of service. It is our intention to provide VAX and Harris maintenance by the FSUCC staff. However, it will require a certain volume of activity and in turn a bit of train time. An initial capability for some minicomputer service should be in operation by July 1, 1986.

The Telephone System. The cost of telephone service is on the rise, thanks to the deregulation of AT&T. As part of this deregulation, it will be necessary for Centel to do something about the Centrex switch it operates on the campus. Exactly what we will do is not clear now. However, I am painfully aware that your departmental telephone bills are 30 to 40 percent of your operating monies. Therefore, I am looking for ways to hold your costs at the present level. I have no reason to be optimistic but we will work for the best pricing in light of deregulation. We will keep you posted on developments.

Mainframe Academic Computing. With the move of the FSUCC to Innovation Park and the transition from one supercomputer to another over a period of some months, the Center will be operating in three locations in 1987. We do not plan to move the three Cyber 170 Series mainframes to the new building. They will be so old by then that maintenance and moving costs would suggest other actions. It is our intentions to acquire more terminals for the students in "public" areas as soon as funding can be acquired. Additionally, we are looking for ways to acquire an IBM-type mainframe to meet the computing needs in the social science areas. Again, we want faculty participation in our planning process to be sure that a case is made for the different types of computing needs of the campus.

XI. Announcements by the President of the University

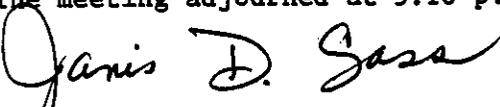
President Sliger stated that he had changed his schedule so that he could be at our meeting today. Issues of concern from the NCAA are:

1. Proposition 48 is now Proposition 16 - Passed with some variations; entering freshmen must have 2.2 GPA, SAT 660, ACT 13 and on down the scale for the next two years.
2. Drug tests are mandatory.
3. Institutions will be considered I-A with seven (7) women's and seven (7) men's athletic sports.

Dr. Sliger asked that everyone pitch in to clean up the litter on campus.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

  
Janis D. Sass  
Secretary to the Faculty