



MINUTES  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2007  
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM  
3:35 P.M.

I. **Regular Session**

The regular session of the 2007-08 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Faculty Senate Steering Committee Vice-chair Eric Walker presided.

**The following members attended the Senate meeting:**

**J. Ahlquist, M. Allen, P. Aluffi, I. Audirac, T. Baker, S. Bellenot, R. Blaufarb, P. Bowen, B. Bower, J. Bowers, R. Bruschweiler, G. Burnett, E. Chicken, E. Cormier, F. Davis, L. deHaven-Smith, J. Dorsey, J. Fiorito, A. Gaiser, K. Gelabert, J. Geringer, C. Greek, J. Hellweg, W. Hochwarter, P. Iatarola, L. Keller, A. Kercheval, B. Landing, D. Latham, W. Leparulo, S. Lewis, D. Lick, S Losh, C. Madsen, N. Mazza, C. McCann, W. Mio, M. Mondello, D. Moore, R. Morris, A. Mullis, J. O'Rourke, R. Pekurny, R. Radach, J. Sickinger, O. Steinbock, E. Trowers, J. Turner, G. Tyson, E. Walker, Y. Wang, M. Wasko, C. Weissert, W. Weissert, P. Young.**

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

**T. Adams, C. Alamo, K. Apel, G. Bates, S. Beckman, P. Beerli, G. Blakely, J. Cao, D. Cartes, J. Clendinning, J. Cobbe, V. Costa (J. Leiber), B. Diskin, J. Dodge, I. Eberstein, L. Edwards, K. Erndl, S. Fiorito, M. Frank, P. Gilmer, L. Hogan, T. Houpt, G. Knight, T. Lee, C. Luongo, B. Maier-Katkin, T. Matherly, V. Mesev, K. Myers, R. Neuman, A. Payer, D. Rice, V. Richard Auzenne, R. Roberts, F. Rodriguez, H. Schmidt, J. Scholz, R. Schwartz, L. Shepherd, J. Standley, C. Upchurch, P. Ward, C. Wiebe, N. Warren, T. Welsh (D. Hale), S. Wood.**

II. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the October 17, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**IV. Report of the Steering Committee, E. Walker**

Since the last senate meeting, the steering committee has met three times, the most recent of which was our monthly meeting with the President and the Provost.

Our first meeting was devoted to exploratory discussions of ways to rethink the academic calendar, an idea in recent circulation under various names such as J-term, winter term, and the intersession model. We were joined by Provost Abele, Vice President Bob Bradley, Bruce Janasiewicz from Undergraduate Studies, and Kim Barber from the Registrar's office. Vice President Bradley led a discussion about ways to define the problems to which these calendar alternatives might be one of several possible solutions.

At our next meeting, we were joined by the Dean of Graduate Studies, Nancy Marcus, to discuss several items about the graduate program, including foreign-language proficiency certification; the ongoing review of the system defining graduate faculty status, masters directive status, and doctoral directive status; a revision to the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation system that allows students to elect a campus-only-access option; and the definition of full-time status as it affects international students.

In our meeting with the President and the Provost, we discussed in general terms the impact on the university of the continually grim forecasts for the state budget, and we discussed the process for selection of a new athletic director.

In conclusion, the steering committee would like to go on record as expressing the thanks of the Faculty Senate to Pat Hayward on the occasion of her retirement, for her countless hours of labor on behalf of the university.

**V. Report of Standing Committees**

a. Undergraduate Policy Committee, S. Lewis

The Undergraduate Policy Committee has held two meetings since we last provided a report to the Senate. During this time, and as we continue to review courses approved for the oral competency requirement, we finalized language that the UPC will now require be included on all syllabi of courses approved as part of the liberal studies program. This statement is designed to remind both instructors and students that the course is an integral part of FSU's liberal studies program and why a liberal studies education is deemed important. The statement follows:

The Liberal Studies Program at Florida State University has been designed to provide a perspective on the qualities, accomplishments, and aspirations of human beings, the past and present civilizations we have created, and the natural and technological world we inhabit. This course has been approved as meeting the requirements for Liberal Studies Area <insert number>, <insert name>, and in combination with your other Liberal Studies courses, provides an important foundation for your lifelong quest for knowledge.

In addition, as part of our regular business, we reviewed several course syllabi that have been submitted for consideration as Liberal Studies courses. The following courses were approved:

- OCB 2302 Biology of Marine Mammals
  - Approved for Liberal Studies Area V, Natural Sciences
- HIS 3464 History of Modern Science
  - Approved for Liberal Studies Area III, History & Social Science
  - Approved for Gordon Rule

On behalf of the Undergraduate Policy Committee, I move adoption of these courses.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. Old Business**

There were no items of old business.

**VII. New Business**

There were no items of new business.

**VIII. University Welfare**

- a. Updates on Bargaining and Related Matters, J. Fiorito

Good afternoon!

There isn't a lot to report so I will be brief and help to keep us on this possibly record pace toward adjournment.

You probably know that we held a ratification vote recently in which faculty members approved memoranda of agreement on promotion raises,

bonuses, and winter holidays. Turnout was modest with about 200 of potentially 1800 faculty members voting. The turnout may reflect a sense that there wasn't much at stake for most faculty members.

We've had one bargaining session since the last Senate meeting, and no real progress. Neither the passage of time nor moderation in state budget cuts has altered the Administration's position. That position is that any further raises for this year will be on the basis of administrative discretion. That position is unacceptable to the UFF team. It would amount to a waiver of our right and duty to bargain salaries and other terms. We've recently asked for another meeting and are awaiting a reply.

In a more encouraging development, during a consultation meeting last month the Provost said that the new tuition differential and other funding should support a multi-year effort – and he said three or four years, not twenty or thirty – to address market equity. These are encouraging words, but there is as yet nothing tangible, no contract proposal for example.

Experience tells us that encouraging words can turn out to be a source of disappointment. For example, the BOT's Collective Bargaining Committee said in July, 2006: "At the last Board meeting faculty salaries were expressed as a number one priority for this upcoming Legislative Session and that work has already begun. This reinforces the emphasis that the University leadership and its trustees place on faculty." As you know, that legislative session this past spring and subsequent special sessions have come and gone, as have budget increases, cuts, and "uncuts," and yet there is still no money for faculty salaries.

The UFF-FSU Chapter continues to provide opportunities for faculty members to talk informally with administrators and others who are important to faculty. President Wetherell was our guest last week. On January 24th Arts and Sciences Dean Joe Travis will be our guest, and on January 31 former Senator Bob Graham, who has led efforts to reform Florida's state university governance, is scheduled.

**b. Strategic Planning, E. Walker**

Senator Eric Walker mentioned that he and Senator Jayne Standley were involved with the Strategic Planning Process that is headed by Vice President Bob Bradley. He encouraged everyone to visit the website

<http://fsuspc.fsu.edu/> and provide the committee feedback via the online form on the left hand side of the page.

**IX. Announcements by Deans and Other Administrative Officers**

There were no announcements by Deans and Other Administrative Officers.

**X. Announcements by Provost Abele**

Provost Abele was not in attendance.

**XI. Announcements by President Wetherell**

President Wetherell was not in attendance.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.



Melissa Crawford  
Faculty Senate Coordinator