



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2010
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
3:35 P.M.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the 2010-11 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Faculty Senate President Eric Walker presided.

The following members attended the Senate meeting:

E. Baumer, D. Bernat, P. Born, P. Bowen, K. Burnett, J. Carbonell, E. Chicken I. Chiorescu, J. Clendinning, R. Coleman, M. Craig, A. Darrow R. Doel, G. Doran, J. Dorsey, I. Eberstein, R. Eger, K. Erndl, J. Fiorito, S. Fiorito, A. Gaiser, L. Garcia-Roig, J. Geringer, D. Gilbert, C. Hofacker, G. Houlihan, E. Hull, P. Iatarola, R. Ikard, B. Jackson, T. Keller, W. Landing, D. Latham, M. Leeser, S. Lewis, J. Lickson, W. Logan, L. Lyons, C. Madsen, , H. Mattoussi, T. McQuade, W. Mio, R. Mizelle, D. Moore, A. Mullis, J. O'Rourke, R. Pekurny, N. Piquero, R. Radach, M. Radey J. Salties, R. Schwartz, J. Sickinger, L. Spainhour, J. Standley, G. Tenenbaum, D. Tsilimingras, J. Tull, G. Tyson, C. Upchurch, O. Vafek, S. Valisa, R. Van Engelen, D. Von Glahn, E. Walker, I. Zanini-Cordi.

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

J. Ahlquist, G. Allen (P.Baldwin), B. Altman, T. Baker, M. Burmester (X. Liu), J. Bowers, W. Carlson (D. Rohlinger), A. Chan Hilton, J. Cobbe, D. Cooper, J. Dawkins, J. Diaz, C. Edrington, L. Edwards, S. Foo, K. Gallivan, K. Harris, R. Hauber (H.Park), H. Kim, Y. Kim, T. Kolbe, J. Koslow, B. Lee, J. Leiber, S. Leitch, T. Lindbloom, T. Ma, T. Matherly, B. Menchetti, M. Mesterton-Gibbons (A. Agashe), T. Plewa, V. Richard Auzenne, G. Rogachev, T. Stallins F. Tolson.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, S. Lewis

At our Friday Steering committee meeting, Kirby Kemper and Ross Ellington met with us and discussed a range of issues with the IRB system. We were particularly concerned with two issues: timeliness and disciplinary boundaries, and it seemed to us that they responded to our concerns satisfactorily. Dr. Kemper noted that they have diligently addressed the turnaround issue. Since he has revised the system, complaints have dropped from 2 to 4 a week to 1 or 2 a month. On the disciplinary boundary issue, Dr. Ellington said that he is very much aware of some tensions on this front in the recent past and that he is working hard to make sure that all evaluators stick to the specific IRB questions and don't superimpose questions about another discipline's definition of what constitutes knowledge or research.

We also discussed the President's request for feedback about a proposal from the Athletic department to explore hosting a Thursday night football game in during the Fall 2011 semester. Aware that there was some serious dissatisfaction the one previous time a Thursday night game was scheduled on campus on a short turnaround, President Barron and the Athletic Director, Andy Spetman, wanted to check with faculty before continuing with any conversations. Because next year Veterans' Day falls on a Friday, the proposal is to host the game on the Thursday night before that holiday and declare Thursday a "fall break" day (the university has to shut down the day of the game in order to prepare the stadium, make parking available, etc.). We reported to the President that, as long as the Thursday night game is bundled with the Friday Veterans' Day holiday, we didn't see the same difficulties looming as with our previous experience.

We were pleased to learn of the appointment of Dr. Bob Bradley as the interim provost and look forward to working with him in this position during the next several months.

Faculty Senate President, Eric Walker also made the following announcements:

1. President Barron does want to hear faculty feedback regarding the Thursday night football game scenario.
2. The consultants are still gathering information for the Provost search. Please email Senator Nicole Piquero, who is on the committee, any suggestions you may have.
3. The Academic Integrity Committee has drafted a report that the Steering Committee will review. It will hopefully be on the January agenda.
4. The Teaching Evaluation Committee will get the new President and Provost up to date on the evaluation of teaching at FSU and will look at ways to do better.
5. Student Government passed a resolution on open source textbook use. The Steering Committee will be reviewing that resolution.
6. Faculty Senate President Walker will be attending the meeting of the Council on Inter-collegiate Athletics in Chicago in January.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Undergraduate Policy Committee

The Undergraduate Policy Committee, at its October and November meetings, approved the following courses for the Computer Competency Requirement

- CGS 2518: Spreadsheets for Business Environments, effective, Spring, 2011
- ISC 3523C: Research Methods, effective Fall, 2010

Approved as meeting the Multicultural Understanding Requirement were the following courses:

- HPS 3320: Screening the Scientific Life (Y) , effective Fall, 2010
- REL 1001: Cinematic Courage (Y), effective Spring 2011
- SPC 4710: Inter-racial and Intercultural Communications (X) effective Fall 2010

VI. Special Order, President Barron

(See addendum 1.)

VII. Old Business

There were no items of old business.

VIII. New Business

There were no items of new business.

IX. University Welfare

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

Voting is going on now outside the Senate meeting.

The Statewide President is here and is available to chat after the meeting.

X. Announcements by Deans and Other Administrative Officers


There were no announcements.

XI. Announcements by Provost Abele

Provost Abele was not in attendance.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.



Melissa Crawford
Faculty Senate Coordinator

Request for Input

Objective:

Find dollars for raises and junior faculty positions without adding to the recurring deficit

New Voluntary Separation Proposal

- Increase number of individuals who are eligible - above 65
- Revenues return to colleges, department proposals for faculty evaluated first,
- Specifically for junior positions;
- Difference between junior and senior position \$ goes to raise pool
- Draft proposal going to Budget Crisis Committee (hope to announce Jan.)

Suggestions for Potential Budget Savings

- University- wide request
- Specific request to Faculty Senate for concrete proposals to present to BCC
- Hope to keep it positive
- Subcommittee of Budget Crisis Committee to examine suggestions; ask for data; bring potential items to the full committee
- Savings directed towards junior positions and raise pool