



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2009
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
3:35 P.M.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the 2009-10 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Faculty Senate President Eric Walker presided.

The following members attended the Senate meeting:

M. Allen, I. Audirac, E. Baumer, K. Bearor, J. Beckham, J. Bowers, M. Burmester, K. Burnett, D. Butler, M. Cai, I. Chiorescu, J. Clendinning, R. Coleman, R. Doel, G. Doran, J. Dorsey, J. Druash, R. Eger, K. Erndl, J. Fiorito, S. Fiorito, A. Gaiser, L. Garcia-Roig, J. Geringer, D. Gilbert, J. Hinterlong, C. Hofacker, E. Hull, P. Iatarola, R. Ikard, J. Koslow, D. Latham, B. Lee, J. Leiber, L. Lyons, K. McCullough, D. Moore, A. Mullis, P. Munton, J. O'Rourke, R. Pekurny, J. Pignatiello, V. Richard Auzenne, G. Rogachev, J. Saltiel, R. Schwartz, J. Sickinger, S. Southerland, T. Stallins, E. Stewart, H. Tang, S. Thomas-Tate, D. Von Glahn, L. Wakamiya, E. Walker, P. Ward, M. Wasko.

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

T. Baker, W. Berry (**J. Barabas**), P. Born, P. Bowen, R. Bruschweiler, J. Carbonell, A. Chan Hilton, E. Chicken (**A. Barbu**), J. Cobbe, D. Cooper, J. Dodge, P. Easton, I. Eberstein, L. Edwards, A. El-Azab, M. Fenley, S. Foo, W. Francis, K. Gallivan, K. Harris, R. Hauber, C. Herrington, M. Kabbaj, H. Kim, E. Klassen, T. Kolbe, W. Landing (**F. Froelich**), H. Li, C. Madsen, T. Matherly, R. Romanchuk, K. Rost, H. Schmidt, J. Sobanjo, J. Standley, M. Sussman, N. Trafford, G. Turner, J. Turner, C. Upchurch, P. Villeneuve, Y. Wang (**J. Tull**), L. Wexler, X. Yuan, J. Zheng.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting will be approved at the January 2010 meeting.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, E. Walker

[The steering committee report was presented by the chair, Eric Walker; the vice-chair, Jayne Standley, was participating in the on-campus Presidential Search Advisory Committee interview of the first of three finalists for the position of President.]

Since our last Senate meeting on November 18, as you can understand, most of our time has been taken up with monitoring the progress of the search process for a new president. On November 20, the Board of Trustees met and received an update on the process from John Hicks, the outside consultant from Academic Search. As Mr. Hicks outlined at that meeting, the process has since proceeded very rapidly. On Nov. 18, a web portal open to the public at Academic Search was made available for the first time, with sets of credentials (letters of application, cv's, and reference letters) from an initial pool of 16 applicants. On Monday November 30, an additional set of 9 candidates' credentials were added to the pool. Yesterday, on December 1, the Presidential Search Advisory Committee met to discuss the pool of candidates. You are represented on that group by Cliff Madsen, Diane Roberts, and Paul Cottle; Jayne Standley and I and other members of the steering committee attended the meeting as observers.

After much discussion and deliberation, the PSAC voted to bring three candidates to campus for interviews, immediately: in the order of their visits, Kevin Bedell, a vice-president for research at Boston College; Eric Barron, the director of the National Atmospheric Research Center in Colorado; and Steven Leath, a vice president for research in the UNC system. Professor Bedell is on campus for his interview at this very moment; Dr. Barron will be here tomorrow, and Dr. Leath on Friday. The Trustees have been called to meet next Tuesday, December 8, at 2PM, to discuss these three candidates; I will be representing you at that meeting. In addition to their webcasted (and web-archived) interviews, all three candidates will be having open forums with faculty and staff, and I urge you to attend as many of these meetings as possible and to let me know your assessment of the candidates.

The steering committee is scheduled to meet with the President and the Provost next Thursday, December 10, for an update on current issues. I will represent you at a meeting of the Council of Deans that same day, and the first meeting of the 09-10 University Budget Advisory Committee is scheduled for later that same afternoon. We will report any important news from these meetings at our January Senate meeting.

A quick note about procedural actions taken by the Senate this fall: the revisions to the Incomplete Grade policy that we passed will take effect in FALL 2010; due notice in university publications is required, and the registrar's IT staff need to make the necessary revisions to the grade submission portal. The revisions to the SPOT system that you passed in November will go into effect immediately, in the SPRING 2010 term. We also hope to present soon a set of recommended changes to the Academic Honor Policy.

V. Report of Standing Committees

There were no reports of standing committees.

VI. Old Business

There were no items of old business.

VII. New Business

There were no items of new business.

VIII. University Welfare

a. Library Committee, D. Moore

Thank you for attending yesterday's Faculty Forum on the JSTOR project. There were several suggestions that came out of the discussion.

b. Updates on Bargaining and Related Matters, J. Fiorito

The administration and faculty teams are bargaining on Monday (Dec. 7) and Faculty Senators are welcome to attend

IX. Announcements by Deans and Other Administrative Officers

There were no announcements by Deans and Other Administrative Officers.

X. Announcements by Provost Abele

We have SACS. Our 5 year update is rapidly approaching us. You might recall that it was the desire that the institutional effectiveness be departmentally based so that department could decide what they wanted and how they were going to do it. Now reality hits and someone has to actually enter this information. It is then given to the SACS review committee and they review it. The likelihood of losing SACS accreditation is low but the likelihood of hood of them doing something less severe like probation is there. Departments need to figure out some way to enter the data. We are open to suggestions and dollars are very short. The deadline is the first week in February to get all the data in. Bob Bradley has tried to enter as much data as he can but there is no way he can do it all. There are 2000 outcomes and there are 8 pieces of information for each. From the departments, some are not in and sometimes what is in is full of errors.

XI. Announcements by President Wetherell

President Wetherell was not in attendance.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



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Faculty Senate Coordinator