



The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-1030

Faculty Senate
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AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
April 10, 1996
3:45 p.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes of the March 13, 1996 meeting
- II. Approval of the agenda for the April 10, 1996 meeting
- III. Election of the Faculty Senate President, M. Young
Election of the Steering Committee, V. Richard
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, M. Cowart
- V. Special Order: Judith Boettcher, Distance Learning
- VI. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Grievance Committee, L. Fridell
 - b. Computing and Information Resources, P. Ray
 - c. Professional Relations & Welfare, R. Light
 - d. Undergraduate Policy Committee, K. Laughlin
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. Old Business
Motion presented by Professor Ralph Dougherty
- IX. New Business
- X. University Welfare
- XI. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
 - a. Lawrence Abele, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- XII. Announcements of the President of the University

ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to attend the University Club "End-of-the-Year" Wednesday Social (no charge) which will be held at the President's Home from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m on April 10.



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I. Regular Session

The first session of the Faculty Senate for 1996-1997 met on Wednesday, April 10, 1996, in Dodd Hall Auditorium. Marilyn Young convened the meeting.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis. R. Atkinson, G. Bates, R. Blazek (B. Logan), S. Blessing (D. Lind), D. Boroto, P. Bowers, J. Bowman, B. Cappuccio (M. Launer), B. Colombo, L. Davis (T. Welsh), R. Dunham, A. Hirsch, J. Kodras, D. Levi, C. Lynch-B (J. Flake), R. Marshall, P. Martin, T. Moerland, R. Nasgaard, G. Peterson (S. Merydith), M. Richey, S. Rickless (D. Gruendar), J. Sampson, D. Sumners, J. Vanderoef, F. Vickory, L. Vinton (T. Smith), G. Waldo, B. Warf, P. Wright.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of March 13, 1996, were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Election of the Faculty Senate President, M. Young

President Young opened the floor for nominations. Professor Marie Cowart was nominated and elected by unanimous vote.

Marilyn Young commented that serving as President of the Faculty Senate for the past two years had been a very rewarding experience. She expressed her appreciation to the members of the Senate, faculty and the administration.

Senator Fred Standley presented the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate express its profound appreciation to Marilyn Young for her commitment, dedication and leadership as President of the Senate for the past two years, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to her department chair and her Dean and to the Provost." This resolution was unanimously accepted.

Election of the Steering Committee, V. Richard

A slate of nominees, received by mail ballot, were distributed to Senators. This list included (in order of number of votes received) Cliff Madsen-School of Music, Marilyn Young-College of

Communication, Timothy Matherly-College of Business, James Cobbe, College of Social Sciences, Melissa Hardy-College of Social Sciences, Patricia Martin-College of Social Sciences, David Rasmussen-College of Social Sciences, Jane Clendinning-School of Music, Janet Kodras-College of Social Sciences, Donald Nast-College of Business, Daniel Pullen-College of Arts and Sciences. Professors Hardy and Rasmussen requested that their names be removed from the ballot. The floor was opened for nominations. Robley Light-College of Arts and Sciences was nominated. Nominations were closed.

With the election of Professor Marie Cowart as Senate President, senators were instructed to vote for no more than 5 persons on the ballot. The Senator winning the election on the last ballot will complete Professor Cowart's term on the Steering Committee.

On the first ballot votes were: Madsen-46, Young-60, Matherly-25, Cobbe-22, Martin-34, Clendinning-32, Kodras-17, Nast-28, Pullen-27, Light-31. Professors Madsen and Young were elected for two year terms.

On the second ballot votes were: Matherly-32, Martin-41, Clendinning-29, Light-38. Professors Martin and Light were elected for two year terms.

On the third ballot votes were: Matherly-44 and Clendinning-27. Professor Matherly was elected and will complete the unexpired term of Marie Cowart.

The membership and terms of the Steering Committee are as follows: Robley Light, 1998, College of Arts and Sciences; Jim Macmillan, 1997, College of Education; Clifford Madsen, 1998, School of Music; Patricia Martin, 1998, College of Social Sciences; Timothy Matherly, 1997, College of Business; Fred Standley, 1997, College of Arts and Sciences; Marilyn Young, 1998, College of Communication.

V. Report of the Steering Committee, M. Cowart

The period since the last meeting has been a busy one for the Senate Steering Committee. In addition to holding our regular monthly meeting with President D'Alemberte, the Committee also met with Provost Larry Abele and the Director of Interactive Distance Learning, Judith Boettcher.

Throughout the month, the Steering Committee deal with numerous issues relevant to the faculty.

Athletics. The Steering Committee discussed the process of conducting a search for the woman's basketball coach. This information was delivered to the Athletic Board by the faculty members on the Board. The resulting search committee consists of the Athletic Board Executive Committee as well as a representative of Title IX programming, the Faculty Senate President, the Student Body President, the President of the Alumni Association and the President of the Boosters. We will hear the results of that search shortly.

Library. After consultation with the Steering Committee, the Provost appointed the Library Task Force. Steering Committee member Jim Macmillan, in addition to two members of the Senate Library Committee, will serve on the Task Force. The Task Force will deal with issues of the future configuration of the library with regard to the collection and technological resources.

Academic Computing. The Steering Committee received communication from the chair of the Computing and Information Resources Committee (CIRC), Peter Ray, about the recommendations of the IBM consultants. After reviewing the consultants' report, the Steering Committee deliberated on the role of the CIRC in the long range planning for academic computing and the management of academic computing resources as proposed by Professor Ray.

In addition, the Steering Committee has been in contact with the head of Administrative Information Systems, Larry Conrad, about participating in developing policies for faculty access to administrative data sets. The Chair of CIRC, Peter Ray, or his designee, will serve as the Faculty Senate liaison to this subcommittee.

FSU EAP Draft Proposal. The Steering Committee is in receipt of a draft proposal of mediation program for USPS employees sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program.

Student Conduct Code. The Steering Committee received a draft of the revised student conduct code. After reviewing the document the Steering Committee will provide comments.

Vice President for Research. Members of the Steering Committee have participated in interviews with the five finalists for the Vice President for Research.

Orientation of New Senators. Last week, an orientation was held for new and continuing Senate members. It provided an overview of the history of the Senate, its functions, and important issues for the coming months.

At the last meeting of the Senate Steering Committee we both congratulated and said good-bye to Regents Professor Barbara Newell. We wish her happiness in her new marriage and will miss her as an active and contributing member of the faculty, the Faculty Senate, and the Senate Steering Committee. She will continue to make Tallahassee her residence in retirement.

The following dates were confirmed by the Senate for the 1996-1997 Senate meetings: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 4, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16. A Senate Orientation meeting is scheduled for April 9.

VI. Special Order: Judith Boettcher, Distance Learning

Director Boettcher gave a brief overview of the plans for Distance Learning. The task ahead is one of immense planning and cooperation with faculty and departments. The Senate will be kept apprised of developments as they occur. If faculty have any questions, they should feel free to call Dr. Boettcher at 4/3140.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Grievance Committee, L. Fridell

The Grievance Committee handled three grievances this year. Three-person panels made up of committee members addressed each. One panel achieved a resolution to the conflict acceptable to both parties. The other two grievances resulted in panel recommendations for resolution being forwarded to President D'Alemberte who acted in accordance with those recommendations.

Rule 6C2-4.0335 of the Florida Administrative Code designates that members of the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee shall serve as panel members advising the Provost in matters involving the suspension or dismissal of tenured faculty. Consistent with this Code, grievance committee members served on such a panel during Fall semester. The Provost's actions in this matter were consistent with the recommendations of the panel.

The Faculty Senate Grievance Committee proposed revisions to Rule 6C2-4.0335 of the Florida Administrative Code, which, as noted above, sets forth procedures for the Suspension and Dismissal of Faculty.

b. Computing and Information Resources, P. Ray

Professor Ray discussed the recently completed IBM report. Copies of the report are available from Dr. Ray. Professor Ray reported that he has communicated with the Steering Committee and will be making recommendations for changes to the Computing and Information Resources Committee.

c. Professional Relations & Welfare, R. Light

Professor Light reported that the Professional Relations and Welfare Committee had not met this year. There are several issues that will be forth coming in the next year.

d. Undergraduate Policy, K. Laughlin

The Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC) will continue through the next year to review and discuss Liberal Studies issues, as well as, continue discussions on procedures for responding to SACS requirement for assessing competency in Oral Communication.

The UPC will bring more courses to the Senate for approval for Liberal Studies and Multicultural component.

The UPC approved a request to limit a maximum of 3 music ensemble courses toward the Humanities/Fine Arts Liberal Studies requirement. (Under the old requirements, only 3 hours of Fine Arts were required, and 3 DIFFERENT ensembles could be used to satisfy that requirement) The Senate approved this request.

VIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business for today's meeting.

IX. Old Business

Motion presented by Professor Dougherty

Professor Dougherty presented this motion from the March meeting: "The Faculty Senate of the Florida State University respectfully requests that the President reallocate funds from sources available to him, such as budget reserves or athletic revenues, to maintain library holdings and acquisitions at existing levels." This motion was seconded, discussed and approved by the Senate.

X. New Business

State University System Student Assessment of Instruction (SUSSAI), J. Cobbe

Senator Cobbe presented the following motion, seconded by Senator Light.

WHEREAS, The Florida State University Faculty Senate--

1. Is committed to the principle of fair and objective evaluation of faculty performance in teaching, research and service;
2. Strongly endorses Board of Regents Policy--FAC 6C-5.221 incorporating the 1966 AAUP Statement on Professional Ethics, including the stipulation that "the professor---strives to be objective in professional judgment of colleagues" (Florida State University Faculty Handbook, -p. 201);
3. Recognizes that student perception is a legitimate element of teaching evaluation in combination with measures of student comprehension of course material and subsequent student performance; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with a Florida legislative mandate, the Board of Regents developed by statewide committee an eight-item instrument named the State University System Student Assessment of Instruction (SSUSAI); and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the State University System has declared "that the results on [sic] the State University System Assessment of Instruction are to be used in evaluating faculty members"

(memorandum of September 13, 1995, from Charles Reed to Council of Presidents); and,

WHEREAS, in consequence of a Florida State University faculty member's Chapter 119, F.S. request (Letter of March 7, 1996, from J. A. Paredes to vice-chancellor J. J. Parry and Reply of March 19, 1996) it has now been verified that SUSSAI was never subjected to routine survey evaluation research procedures of pre-testing and reliability checks nor any form of validity assessment; and,

WHEREAS, the SUSSAI does not meet ordinary technical standards demanded of graduate students in pedagogy and educational testing research; and

WHEREAS, professional standards should be as rigorously applied to teaching evaluation as to other university operations such as health and safety, protection of human subjects, building construction, and legal services; and,

WHEREAS, with knowledge beforehand that the SUSSAI does not meet technical and professional standards in survey research, faculty who comply with the mandate to use the instrument for colleague evaluation, especially faculty in social and behavioral sciences, may be at risk of accusation of unprofessional behavior, be it

RESOLVED:

The Florida State University Faculty Senate urges the Board of Regents to refrain from making SUSSAI results public and enjoin universities from using SUSSAI results for evaluation of faculty until at least such times as the instrument might be determined to be a reliable and valid tool for measuring student perception of teaching and that the Board of Regents engage the services of a competent, expert outside consultant to conduct the necessary studies to determine if the SUSSAI meets minimally accepted professional standards of reliability and validity.

Several Senators spoke in support of this resolution and it was approved by the Senate.

XI. University Welfare

Professor Kohout announced the passing of Professor Wyllis Bandler. Professor Bandler was recognized as one the world leaders in mathematical and computational aspects of Fuzzy Sets, Logic and Systems.

XII. Announcements of the President of the University

President D'Alemberte made the following announcements.

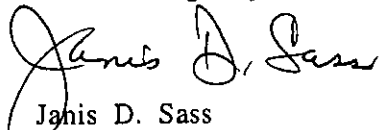
1) He was looking forward to another retreat with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to discuss objectives and goals for the coming year.

2) The Legislature is still in session and we will not have a full report until later. There seems to be more support for higher education and hopefully, proposed 3%, minimum \$1,000 raises will remain in the budget.

3) There are several search committees in progress; Inspector General and Vice President for Research. These appointments will be made shortly.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty