

**AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
December 5, 2001
3:35 p.m.**

- I. Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2001 meeting
- II. Approval of the agenda for the December 5, 2001 meeting
- III. Report of the Steering Committee, V. Richard Auzenne
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Undergraduate Policy Committee, J. Clendinning
 - b. Budget Advisory Committee, F. Standley
 - c. Library Committee, R. Rill
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. University Welfare
- VIII. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
 - a. Deans Jane Robbins and Richard Kunkel, co-chairs, United Way
- IX. Announcements, Provost, L. Abele
- IX. Announcements, President D'Alemberte

**THE NEXT SENATE MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 16 IN DODD HALL
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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2001
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
3:35 P.M.**

I. Regular Session

The regular meeting of the 2001-2002 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2001. Senate President Karen Laughlin presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parentheses: T. Anderson, B. Atkins, M. Bonn, J. Bowers, N. Charness, E. Collins, S. Colombo, P. Dean, L. Dehaven-Smith, R. Deyle, V. Dobrosavljevic, L. Edmondson, B. Edwards, J. Elsner, B. English, D. Epley, G. Fournier, M. Freeman, C. Gorsuch, V. Hagopian (S. Shaheen), H. Hawkins, B. Jordan, F. Jordan, N. Jumonville, J. Kelsay (A. Kalbian) D. Ketchen, T. Lee, W. Leparulo, P-E. Lin, R. Mariscal (F. James), T. Matherly, J. Meyer, D. Moore, J. Mott, R. Neuman, J. Ohlin, A. Oosterhof, G. Papagiannis, P. Rawling, P. Ray, R. Reeves, D. Scott-Simmons, M. Seppala, P. Simmonds, F. Simons, A. Simotes, J. Standley, B. Stiftel, F. Vickory, Z. Wang.

II. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of November 14, 2001 will be presented for approval at the January Senate meeting.

III. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the slight change in Reports of Standing Committees. The Provost and Senator Standley will give a budget report before the Undergraduate Policy Committee report.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, V. Richard Auzenne

The Steering Committee has met three times since the last Senate Meeting. The committee has discussed many issues relating to the Faculty including the budget, which will be addressed later in this meeting, appointments to the Liberal Studies Coordinating Committee and the November Meeting of the Board of Trustees. We also pursued the apparel licensing issues and the resolutions passed at the April senate Meeting. These are on the agenda for our meeting with the President and Provost scheduled for next week.

The Steering Committee, in response to a request from Dean Edwards, reviewed and unanimously approved the Procedures for Handling Student Complaints Regarding Faculty at the Panama City campus.

In response to a request from the UPC to examine the issue of dorms closing at noon on the Saturday of Final Exam week, the Steering Committee met with Paige Crandall, Associate Director of University Housing. Ms. Crandall stated that the noon closing has been in place for at least 20 years and that parents and students are aware of the policy when they sign the housing contract. She also stated that special arrangements can be made for students and parents who need additional time and that Rogers Hall remains open for twelve months for International students and others who do not go home for holidays. After examining all aspects of this policy, the Steering Committee found the policy appropriate.

At the request of the Provost, the Steering Committee discussed the assignment of W/D grades by the various deans. After reviewing the data, we were satisfied that the policy of empowering Deans to decide about assigning WD grades on a case by case basis was appropriate. We also suggested that any concerns about disparities could best be addressed by speaking to the individual deans.

In response to the Senate motion to establish an ad hoc Liberal Studies Coordinating Group, the Steering Committee is currently in the process of making appointments to the Liberal Studies Coordinating Committee. We anticipate announcing the names of committee members at the January Senate meeting.

Senate President Karen Laughlin provided a report to the Steering Committee on the November 15th and 16th Board of Trustees meeting. She highlighted Deputy General Counsel, Mike Cramer's report on the Florida Board of Education's revisions of the school code. These recommendations will be voted on by the FBOE at their December 13th meeting and their recommendations will be forwarded to the Legislature. Key recommendations focus on removing the Universities from state agency status, establishing University Boards of Trustees as public employers and devolving governance authority to the Boards of Trustees. These proposals have a number of implications of particular concern to faculty:

These implications:

- ◆ Would give Universities the same fiscal flexibility as community colleges
- ◆ Would establish collective bargaining at the local level

- ◆ Would authorize continued participation in state health and retirement systems
- ◆ Would allow University Participation with Community Colleges and School Boards in other benefit programs.
- ◆ Would give University Boards of Trustees the flexibility to set tuition and fees and to authorize tuition and fee waivers.

In her remarks to the Trustees Senate President Laughlin emphasized ways in which the Faculty can assist the Trustees and maintain a strong role in University governance. In regard to accountability, she stressed the importance of the Graduate Policy Committee Program reviews and she also noted ways Faculty contribute to strategic planning and the development of the campus master plan.

President Laughlin was also asked by Chairman Thrasher to work closely with the Legislative Committee, one of the sub committees of the Board of Trustees.

Senate President Laughlin and Senator Robley Light sat in on the Board of Trustees Conference call December 3rd. The main agenda items were a report on the recent special session of the legislature and budget cuts.

At the invitation of the Steering Committee, Chairman Thrasher has agreed to come and make a brief presentation at the January Senate meeting.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Budget Advisory Committee, F. Standley

The University Budget Advisory Committee met on December 4 to review the approximately \$17 million cutback this year and projections for next year. At that meeting, members of the Senate Budget Advisory Committee raised questions about the impact of these cuts on faculty recruitment (which has been scaled back but is continuing), tuition waivers (virtually all waiver commitments are being met but this remains a difficult funding problem), enrollment projections and the potential impact of the cancellation of summer Bright Futures Scholarships (which will be monitored). The Provost gave a brief summary of other budget issues, noting that there was some good news in the special session. In particular, universities were given lump sum cuts, with the Boards of Trustees having authority to cut as they see fit, and universities were given the authority to use over-collections of tuition funds. In developing plans for cuts, efforts were made to minimize impact on academic units and to use reserve funds as much as possible, hoping for a fairly rapid economic turn-around. It is also hoped that funding for new enrollment will help offset uses of non-recurring funds for the current cuts. Contrary to what the newspapers may be saying, travel has not

been eliminated. All travel must be justified as critical to the institution's mission. In response to questions, the Provost indicated that the administration is working hard to gain the authority to obtain in-state classification for graduate students. He also noted that no Presidents' Seminar courses would be offered in the fall but that the plan is to offer the courses again when the state's economic status improves.

b. Undergraduate Policy Committee, J. Clendinning

The Undergraduate Policy Committee met on November 28, 2001 and considered the following matters:

The Nursing course NUR 3167 The Research Process for Professional Practice was approved by the UPC for Computer Science Competency.

A request for an exam time change for one section of SYG 2010 whose exam time was on Friday was not approved. The UPC traditionally has not approved exam time changes that are requested simply to avoid a Friday exam. There usually needs to be some special aspect of the request other than avoiding the end of exam week to merit an approved change.

We also discussed extensively the proposals of the Liberal Studies Ad-Hoc Committee with members of that committee at the meeting, and decided to not make any changes at this time in the Area I or II course listings for the Liberal Studies Curriculum.

In the spring semester the UPC will be examining changes in the state-wide rules regarding accepting credit by exam (AP, CLEP, etc.) and how those changes, which will be effective Fall 2003, affect our liberal studies curriculum.

Our meeting times for next semester are: January 9, February 13, March 6, and April 10.

c. Library Committee, R. Rill

The Faculty Library Committee has met three times this 2001-2002 AY with R. Rill presiding as Chair. The Library Committee was pleased to meet and introduce Dr. Althea Jenkins as the new Director of FSU Libraries. Dr. Jenkins already has ambitious plans in progress to improve library services. The Library Committee looks forward to a positive working relationship with Director Jenkins.

Wendy Crook, Chuck McClure, Dennis Moore, LeonVan Dommelen and Denise VonGlahn were appointed to the Library Steering Subcommittee. Task groups were constituted to address issues with

the MultiMedia Center, Library Outreach Program, Primary Sources applications, and Subscriptions.

Library activities.

-- The Library has equipped, staffed and opened a new Multimedia Center that provides access to video and sound tapes. This project was initiated last year by Interim Director William Summers and completed this fall.

-- The Library is undertaking an Outreach Program to improve communications with the University community. Librarians will be assigned to be the contact persons for specific schools or departments. The project is currently in a training phase and Librarians will begin establishing relationships with their assigned units this Spring semester.

-- A Communication and Publications Coordinator position has been created. Catherine 'Cat' Antoine has assumed this position. She has already created a newsletter for Library personnel, and will be responsible for upgrading and updating the Library Website.

-- Significant hiring and restructuring of Library personnel is in progress to improve services.

-- Procedures have been developed so that visiting faculty and other visiting scholars can receive courtesy status including Library privileges. Interested parties should contact the office of the Dean of Faculties.

The Library budget beginning Fall 2001 was generally good, with significant increases in all major categories excepting monographs. Library Collections benefited last year from a one time, ca. \$1.2 Million special allocation for monographs. The budget this year, assisted by some moderation of inflation of subscriptions costs, is sufficient to fund continuation of all current subscriptions. There are reasons to be concerned about state funding and possible impacts of anticipated budget reductions.

The Library Committee is examining means to increase Library funding, to further improve communications, and to respond to possible future reductions in the subscriptions budget.

The Primary Sources Subcommittee announced the availability of new funds for the 2001-2002 year. A total of \$50,000 is allocated to purchase primary source materials requested by individual faculty or programs. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis according to criteria established by the Primary Sources Subcommittee. Guidelines and application forms are available through the FSU Faculty Senate Library Committee link on the Library Website:
<http://www.fsu.edu/~library/libcomm/psawardsfunding.html>
The deadline for applications this year is February 1, 2002.

VI. Unfinished Business

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

VII. New Business

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

VIII. University Welfare

There are flyers on the table announcing that Morris Dees, co-founder, Southern Poverty Law Center and Civil Rights Activist will be the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program. The program will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. in Ruby Diamond Auditorium. Senators and students are encouraged to attend.

IX. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers

a. Deans Jane Robbins and Richard Kunkel, co-chairs, United Way

Dean Robbins reminded the Senate that the United Way campaign will continue for a few more weeks. If you haven't contributed, please consider making your pledges now.

b. Dean of the Faculties and Deputy Provost Steve Edwards

Dean Edwards provided a list by school/college showing the number of regular ranked faculty on the 06/03/03 DROP (attached as addendum I). He commented that the number of anticipated retirements is not significantly higher than in other recent years.

X. Announcements, Provost Abele

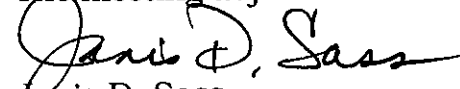
Provost Abele addressed the Senate earlier during the budget report.

XI. Announcements, President D'Alemberte


President D'Alemberte was not available for today's meeting.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


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Addendum I

REGULAR RANKED FACULTY IN SCHOOL/COLLEGES ON 6/30/03 DROP

SCHOOL/COLLEGE	ENTERING	LEAVING EARLY	6/30/03 NET
Arts & Sciences	43	6	37
Business	3	2	1
Communication	1		1
Education	8	2	6
Engineering	2		2
Human Sciences	2		2
Information Studies	2	1	1
Law	3		3
Music	9	2	7
Nursing	3		3
Social Sciences	4		4
Social Work	1		1
Theatre	1		1
Visual Arts & Dance	3		3
TOTAL	85	13	72

NOTES ABOUT 6/30/03 DROP CLASS:

- 1) Total number of employees originally entering = 193.
- 2) Total number of faculty and academic administrative staff = 108.

FACULTY AND ACADEMIC STAFF TERMINATIONS: 176/year