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**AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
February 20, 2002
3:35 p.m.**

- I. Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2002 meeting
- II. Approval of the agenda for the February 20, 2002 meeting
- III. Report of the Steering Committee, V. Richard Auzenne
- IV. Special Order: FSU Board of Trustees, John Thrasher, chair
- V. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Distance Learning Committee, J. Cobbe
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. University Welfare
- IX. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
- X. Announcements, Provost, L. Abele
- XI. Announcements, President D'Alemberte

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FEBRUARY 20, 2002
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3:35 P.M.**

I. Regular Session

The regular meeting of the 2001-2002 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. Senate President Laughlin presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parentheses: T. Anderson, B. Atkins (J. Fendrich), R. Atkinson, V. Richard Auzenne, D. Boroto, R. Braswell, E. Collins, S. Colombo, C. Connerly, P. Dalton, C. Darling (L. Welch), L. Dehaven-Smith, L. Flynn, M. Freeman, J.C. Galeano, J. Grant, H. Hawkins, B. Jordan, F. Jordan, N. Jumonville, J. Kelsay (A. Kalbian), D. Ketchan, W. Landing, R. Mariscal, J. Mott, R. Neuman, G. Papagiannis, M. Pietralunga, P. Ray, R. Reeves, E. Rehder, R. Rill, D. Scott-Simmons, J. Sickinger, P. Simmonds, F. Simons, A. Simotes, S. Sirmans, J. Standley, J. Tull (J. Cowart), F. Vickory.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of January 16, 2002 were approved.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, R. Light for V. Richard Auzenne

The Steering Committee has met five times since the last Senate meeting, including our regular monthly meeting with President D'Alemberte and Provost Abele. Discussions at that meeting focused first on the recent decision by the Licensing Committee on Medical Education to deny provisional accreditation to the medical school and on the development of FSU's response. The appeal will be presented at the April LCME meeting, and the administration is optimistic that accreditation will be granted. The President noted that Dean Scherger met with the current medical students immediately after the news broke. He also pointed out that it is not

unusual for accreditation to be denied at the time of the first application.

We also discussed faculty participation in strategic planning efforts being undertaken by the Board of Trustees, emphasizing that the Steering Committee anticipates working closely with the Provost and representatives from his office in contributing to the planning process.

Legislative budget information remained very sketchy at this time, but both the President and Provost were invited to testify before the Legislature regarding key issues in higher education funding. For the current fiscal year, many offers are out for Eppes Professors and the Named Professorship program is continuing, but no new Eppes offers will be made until the next budget cycle. The Provost reported on waiver allocations for this year and noted that no decision has yet been made about allocations or about tuition increases for next year since the budget is not yet fixed. The University is within the enrollment corridor at all levels, and March 8 is the anticipated cutoff date for undergraduate admissions for fall.

Following up on recommendations from the Senate's ad hoc committee on Liberal Studies, the Steering Committee requested the Provost's assistance in funding the preparation and mailing of a brochure that group developed to promote the Liberal Studies program to incoming students. The Provost agreed to work with the Steering Committee on this.

The President also addressed the status of university governance reorganization bills, which seem to promise significant devolution of authority to University Boards of Trustees. Money is lacking for matching grants programs, however, and this will be one significant focus of lobbying efforts.

We continued to urge President D'Alemberte to adopt the Senate resolutions concerning apparel licensing, but the President expressed his hesitations about joining the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC). And finally, the President reiterated his position that there should be no required Thursday night home football games in the next ACC contract. Plans for accommodating the game scheduled for Thursday, October 3 are still being developed.

In other meetings, the Steering Committee followed up on discussions of strategic planning by inviting Dean of the Faculties Steve Edwards and Associate Dean of the Faculties Angela Lupo-Anderson as well as Associate Vice Presidents Bob Bradley, Dianne Harrison, and Pat Hayward to come together to consider various

ongoing planning efforts and particularly how the FSU Mission Statement fits into these activities. Dean Edwards explained procedures for review and modification of the Mission Statement that have been in place for some time. The group agreed to have him draft a statement outlining these procedures and to present this to the Steering Committee for review, along with any recommendations for changes that he and the Provost might want to propose. Associate Vice President Bradley also outlined key elements of the Board of Trustees' strategic planning work and additional ways the Steering Committee is being asked to contribute to this task.

The Steering Committee also met with City Commissioner Steve Meisburg, at the Commissioner's request, to talk about his work with Partners for Alcohol Responsibility and his concerns about underage and excessive drinking and its impact on Florida State University Students.

In other business, the Steering Committee continued to discuss issues raised in the Knight Commission Report on Intercollegiate Athletics as well as in the Preliminary Reports of the Group of CEOs of the 6 Major Conferences (Group of 6). President D'Alemberte has asked the Athletic Board for its recommendations on these reports, and the Steering Committee will also look to these recommendations. We continue to keep abreast of plans for the Thursday night football game, and of developments on apparel licensing issues.

The Steering Committee developed nominations of faculty members to serve on the Auxiliary Services Board, the University Budget Advisory Committee, and the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Committee. It will soon be time to begin working on appointments to Senate committees for the coming academic year. We welcome all those who wish to be reappointed to indicate their interest to Janis Sass, and we also encourage all Senators who are not already serving to let Janis know how they would like to be involved in Senate committee work.

Senator Clifford Madsen has kept the Steering Committee apprised of the work of the committee that is reviewing the activities of the Center for Professional Development. That committee has now concluded its report and its recommendations have been forwarded to the Provost.

Senator Marilyn Young attended the spring meeting of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates held in Orlando on February 15. This meeting included discussions with Phil Handy, Chair of the Florida Board of Education, and with Robin Gibson from the Steering Committee of Education Excellence for Florida.

Senate President Karen Laughlin attended the February 15 meeting of the Board of Trustees, as well as weekly meetings of the ad hoc Legislative Committee and the meeting of the Board's ad hoc Planning committee held on February 14. In her regularly scheduled remarks to the full Board, she highlighted several ways Trustees can support and assist the faculty. These included the following:

- Continued involvement of the faculty and the Faculty Senate in the Board's deliberations and decision-making.
- Developing clear policies for approval of new degree programs that are within the Board's mandate.
- Helping to establish and maintain a strong reward structure for faculty as well as for staff and administrators, including seeking funding for salary and promotion increases and ways to address ongoing compression problems.
- Thoughtfully reviewing the Senate's recommendations on apparel licensing. Both the President and a representative from the United Students Against Sweatshops at the Board meeting raised (these issues.)
- Providing unwavering support for academic freedom.

She thanked the Board for their ongoing efforts as advocates of the FSU faculty as well as of other campus stakeholders, and for the many efforts they have already made to involve the faculty in their work.

Earlier today, Senator Perrin Wright attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees ad hoc committee on Engineering, and the Steering Committee anticipates appointing faculty members to act as liaisons between the Senate and each of the Board's ad hoc and standing committees.

Finally, the Steering Committee would like to express our deep sadness at the death of Alan Sundberg, who served the University and the FSU faculty in so many ways, including as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a gesture of our appreciation for Justice Sundberg's work, the Senate is making a contribution to the law library in his name.

V. Special Order: John E. Thrasher, chair, FSU Board of Trustees

FSU President D'Alemberte introduced chairman Thrasher to the Faculty Senate and gave a brief account of his early association with the former Speaker of the House. Chairman Thrasher has always shown an interest in faculty concerns, core academic issues, and academic freedom.

Mr. Thrasher thanked the Faculty Senate for the opportunity to present his assessment of the first few months of activity of the

FSU Board of Trustees. He and other board members believe that faculty can and will be a great benefit to policy-making issues and that Senate President Karen Laughlin has given the Board much insight into the concerns of FSU faculty. A presentation by the President of the Faculty Senate is included on the agenda for each Board meeting.

We have a distinguished Board with a wide variety of interests, all of whom care deeply about FSU. Mr. Thrasher stated his passion for the garnet and gold and praised the remarkable progress made by the University in the last 10 years, especially in increasing the University's endowment and the addition of the new medical school.

During Mr. Thrasher's two-year term as Chair, the Board will continue to act as a policy-making body and not Micro-manage University affairs. It is important to educate the Board about fundamental aspects of the University so that the Trustees can make recommendations that will continue to move the FSU forward.

The Board has appointed six subcommittees: engineering, legislative, finance/administration, student judicial process, audit and strategic planning. Chairman Thrasher encouraged the Senate to send a representative to each committee, which will meet periodically.

Mr. Thrasher praised the open and responsible manner in which Senate President Laughlin has become involved with the Board of Trustees. He hopes this involvement will continue after her Senate Presidency ends and recognizes the importance of involving faculty in the Board's decision-making, particularly on the addition of new degree programs and other academic matters.

Emphasizing his own support for the principle of academic freedom, Mr. Thrasher affirmed that there would be not Board action to diminish these rights during his term as Chair. He also noted that President D'Alemberte is foremost among state university presidents in his support for this principle and recalled that Governor Bush endorsed this principle at the orientation session for new state university trustees.

The Board is waiting for the complete devolution of power from the Legislature to university Boards of Trustees so that issues such as tuition and salaries can be addressed. The running of a major university is big business and should be treated as such. FSU's President and Provost are working with legislative committees on financial and accountability standards as the transition continues to the Boards.

In his role as Chair, Mr. Thrasher has been paying more attention to the question of the future and the development of higher education. Referring to an article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* written by Mark Yudof, he recognized the trend to increased involvement of the private sector and the need to look for new and innovative ways of running the university while keeping faculty salaries at competitive levels. He is committed to working with both FSU faculty and students in seeking to accomplish these goals.

Chairman Thrasher answered questions from the Senate. Issues included:

Balancing the three components, teaching, research and service – Mr. Thrasher feels that balancing these areas of faculty activity is up to faculty members but that one way the success of the faculty is shown is by graduating bright students who can be of service to society.

Business principles as applied to the functions of a university – Mr. Thrasher clarified his previous statement by saying that he was referring to the complexity of the university's affairs and the need to apply good business practices in order to manage these responsibly while recognizing the unique nature of the university. He acknowledged that some

Legislative micro-management – Mr. Thrasher stated his belief that legislators should get out of the way and let Universities do what they do best. There are plenty of opportunities ahead for the Boards of all the universities to enlighten government representatives regarding academic issues.

Devolution of powers to the Boards of Trustees – Mr. Thrasher is confident that a majority of key powers will indeed be granted to the Boards and noted the involvement of both the President and the Provost in state-wide task forces on tuition and accountability issues.

Recently a member of the FSU Board of Trustees visited a classroom unannounced – Mr. Thrasher stated that that member was wrong to do so and that in the future, Board members will only attend classes if faculty members invite them to do so.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees
a. Distance Learning Committee, J. Cobbe

The Distance Learning Committee has met twice this semester, but has had trouble finding times when all members can attend. We will meet again at least once after Spring Break.

We have reaffirmed the existing Form 2 approval process, criteria, and definitions/guidance, but would like to expand this guidance with more positive examples rather than the existing negative examples. The DLC invites programs and departments with examples of current approved courses that they think are good exemplars of how to meet the criteria to submit them to Janis Sass for possible incorporation in an expanded version of the guide.

Distance Learning Committee members discussed the issue of approval for entire undergraduate degree programs to be offered by distance learning methods, and has decided that no action is necessary. This is best left to the units and the Form 2 process for individual courses.

We have discussed the question of whether student transcripts should identify courses that are taken by distance methods rather than in residence. Opinions are divided and we will continue to discuss the issue; if we formulate a recommendation, it will be brought to the Senate.

We intend to discuss the question of the application of the Honors Code to courses taken by distance method, and the issues of appropriate procedures in cases of disputes between instructors and students or grade appeals for distance students.

Any faculty with suggestions for questions the committee should address is invited to send them to any member of the committee.

VII. Unfinished Business

Senate President Laughlin announced the membership of the Senate's Liberal Studies Coordinating Committee. They are Ken Goldsby, chair, Jane Clendinning (UPC), David Johnson (GPC), Jeff Tatum (Curriculum), Pamela Carroll, George Weaver, and Allen Imershein. Dennis Moore has also been asked to participate as a representative of the Living-Learning Communities, and the committee is encouraged to involve other faculty members, staff and administrators as needed.

VIII. New Business

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

IX. University Welfare

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

X. Announcements, Provost Abele

Provost Abele began by commenting on various accountability efforts ongoing at the University, including a visit today by NCATE and work now underway in conjunction with the review of the entire University by SACS.

He also announced his enthusiasm for the new Liberal Studies Coordinating Committee. He strongly supports promoting a positive climate for liberal studies and recognizing honor students among other issues for committee consideration. He encourages the Senate to continue reflecting on what we want students to know when they leave the University and on whether the present, expansive list of Liberal Studies courses is the best way to achieve these educational goals.

The Provost commented on plans for searches for the Dean of the Faculties and Graduate Dean's positions. He and President D'Alemberte have agreed to establish faculty search committees and will ask the Faculty Senate Steering Committee for suggestions for search committee members.

The legislative budget is still not finished, although the House budget looks better than the Senate. More should be known by the next Senate meeting.

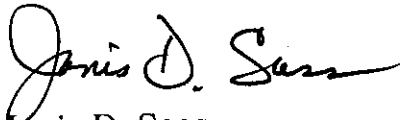
The appeal of the LCME decision to deny provisional accreditation to the Medical School is due on March 13, and President D'Alemberte has been actively involved in drafting the appeal. A decision on the appeal should be made on April 4.

XI. Announcements, President D'Alemberte

President D'Alemberte was not available to make remarks at this time.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty

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