



The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-1480

FACULTY SENATE, 1480
Phone: (850) 644-7497
FAX: (850) 644-3375
www.fsu.edu/~fasenate

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
December 10, 2003
Dodd Hall Auditorium
3:35 p.m.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the 2003-04 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2003. Steering committee vice-chair Jim Cobbe presided in the absence of the Senate President.

II. The following members attended the Senate meeting:

M. Allen, A. Archbold, A. Arnold, T. Baker, M. Baldwin, C. Barrilleaux, C. Beeler, S. Blumsack, G. Boggs, A. Boutin, B. Bower, F. Buena, J. Clendinning, J. Cobbe, R. Coleman, C. Connerly, W. Cooper, C. Darling, L. Dehaven-Smith, P. Doan, L. Edwards, J. Fiorito, S. Fiorito, K. Glendenning, T. Glenn, T. Gomory, C. Greek, V. Hagopian, T. Hart, E. Hilinski, D. Houle, I. Jones, A. Kalbian, B. Kemker, S. Lauterbach, W. Leparulo, S. Lewis, S. Losh, C. Madsen, T. Matherly, N. Mazza, D. Moore, A. Payer, C. Pfaff, P. Rawling, P. Rikvold, E. Schroeder, S. Sommer, S. Southerland, J. Standley, B. Warf, J. Wulff, M. Young.

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

D. Abood, R. Atkinson, V. R-Auzenne, G. Bates, F. Berry, M. Bonn, D. Boronto, J. Brown, M. Childs, P. Coats, F. Davis, J. Dexter, B. Ellingson, L. Epstein, J. Flannery, L. Flynn, J. Geringer, J. Grant, D. Gussak, C.J. Hardiman, K. Harris, H. Hawkins, R. Herrera, A. Imershein (**I. Padovic**) D. Kuhn, W. Landing, R. Leushuis, V. MacDonald, T. McCaleb, W. Modrow, J. O'Rourke, L. Odom, G. Peterson, J. Peterson, K. Pietralunga-Myers, J. Quine, R. Reiser, M Rosal, A. Sang, D. Seaton, S. Sirmans, J. Sobanjo, B. Stiftel, J. Taylor, R. Turner, L. Van Dommelen, E. Walker, C. Ward, K. Yang.

III. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the October 15 meeting were approved as distributed.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Item III on the agenda was deferred to the January meeting. Under item VIII on the agenda, J. Pitts will speak about international programs. The agenda was approved as amended.

V. Report of the Steering Committee, J. Cobbe

The steering committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting, including our monthly meeting with the Provost (President T.K. Wetherell was unable to be present).

There are a number of issues that have been brought to our attention but which we have not yet managed to bring to a conclusion that I can report to you. We will be following up on them in the New Year, and will tell you more when we have definite information or a recommendation for the Senate. These include the status and whether we need the former Memorials and Courtesies Committee; some administrative issues concerning the new SPOT teaching evaluation instrument; a number of concerns of non-tenure track faculty at Panama City Campus, some of which we will refer to the UPC and GPC; the approval process for campus-wide student honors societies; the deadline for turning in grades in Fall and Spring; the official status of scheduled Saturday classes in Thanksgiving week; and possible proposals concerning University drop policy that Dean of Undergraduate Studies Karen Laughlin will discuss with the UPC and GPC.

I do have a few information items to report, mainly from our meeting with Provost Abele. The decision on the location for the new classroom building, either between Mendenhall and the bookstore parking garage, or between Bellamy and the Union Pool, will be made soon, after a second design charrette during the semester break. The future of the Union Pool is still unclear; the operating costs of an outdoor pool are very high and student government does not consider that a high priority. The administration is still working on proposals for some form of subsidized graduate assistant health insurance, but is not yet ready with a firm proposal. The administration received very little feedback on necessary changes to the Florida Administrative Code, but will not do anything about any substantive changes (they will prepare some technical changes) until we know what the Board of Governors will do over the next few months. A committee to recommend changes to update the Faculty Handbook will be established in the New Year.

One actual decision I have to report is that the Steering Committee concurred with the Liberal Studies Committee organizing a pilot program of about 15 FIGS in Fall 2005, following a unanimous UPC recommendation to that effect. The report that the FIGS consultant Jason Johnson submitted will be posted on the web with a link from the Faculty Senate page.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Undergraduate Policy Committee, S. Lewis

The Undergraduate Policy Committee has met twice since I last reported to you on its activities in October.

As you know, there was a misprint online and in the bulletin about the final exam times for some courses. The UPC has worked with the Registrar's office to review the final exam schedule in an effort to prevent this kind of error from occurring again. In all, professors from 6 courses requested that their exam times be changed because of this posted error and these requests were honored. Moving the exam time for an additional course was also approved by the UPC.

The UPC has been involved in a situation where a professor changed the final exam time for his class without going through the UPC and a student complained. Please advise your colleagues that changes to the posted final exam times cannot be made without the UPC's permission and that tests cannot be given during the last week of class unless there is also an assignment due or a test given during finals week.

The UPC voted unanimously to support the pilot project proposed by the Liberal Studies Committee to initiate the development of Freshmen Interest Groups at FSU, starting in Fall, 2005.

Finally, the UPC is recommending that the following courses be approved by the Faculty Senate:

For Liberal Studies Area III

SYO 3020 Population and Society
SYO 3200 Sociology of Religion

For Liberal Studies Area V

PHY 1075 Physics of Light and Sound

- It is recommended that this designation go into effect in Spring, 2004, because an error in the bulletin states that it is already approved.

For Multicultural Credit

ITT 3501 Modern Italian Culture: Unification to Present (y)
ITT 3520 Italian American Experience in Literature & Film (y)
SYO 3020 Population and Society (x)
SYO 3200 Sociology of Religion (x)
ARH 3530 Arts of Asia (x)
ARH 4551 Arts of China (x)
ARH 4554 Arts of Japan (x)

The following course was not recommended for the multicultural designation:

SLL 3510 The Slavic Vampire (y)

In addition, in the UPC report of April, 2003, we neglected to request that AMH 1000 be dropped as a Liberal Studies Area III course. At that time, the Faculty Senate approved this AMH 2010 and AMH 2120 for this designation.

Thank you very much for your support for the work of this committee.

VIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

IX. New Business

There were no items of new business.

X. University Welfare

Jack Fiorito announced that the first bargaining meeting was held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The meeting was encouraging. The first actual bargaining session will be held next Wednesday (December 17). We hope for more progress here but we do not expect any great progress before the end of the year. The Collective Bargaining Advisory Council has solicited input and held meeting throughout the campus. We will most likely have a detailed bargaining survey this spring.

XI. Announcements by Deans and other administrative officers

International Programs, J. Pitts

In January 2004, we will be receiving applications from faculty to teach at international sites beginning in summer 2005 through spring 2006. Faculty will be able to apply online

In the past, courses taught at international sites were non-funded FTE's. Beginning this fall, all graduate courses taught at international sites will generate FTE's back to the respective college or department.

We are trying to find faculty interest in the Academic Director positions in London and Florence. If you are interested, please forward a curriculum vita and statement of interest to Jim Pitt's attention. These will be accepted through Monday (December 15). We are also accepting vitas for the Administrative Director position in London.

Through the Spanish Foundation we have entered into contract for the purchase of two buildings in Valencia, Spain. The process should be completed by the end of next week.

XII. Announcements, Provost Abele

The Provost was unable to attend.

XIII. Announcements, President Wetherell

President Wetherell thanked the faculty for one of the better fall semesters in a while. He had received several complimentary emails over the past several weeks.

The university is not closing during the winter break. Mail will be delivered. You can come to your office and work if you so choose. Dress appropriately as the heat will not be on as much as it normally is on. Security will be on duty and will be enhanced in certain areas of the campus.

By the time we come back in January about 7000 students will be admitted. The average SAT will be about 1200 and the average GPA will be 3.8. These are the highest they have been in a while. By the end of January, summer school will also have been admitted. We will turn down about 20,000 applicants this year.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees and we will give Herb Morgan an Honorary Doctorate degree as he is very ill.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Melissa Crawford
Secretary to the Faculty