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AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
January 11, 1995
3:45 p.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes of the December 7, 1994 meeting
 - II. Approval of the agenda for the January 11, 1995 meeting
 - III. Report of the Steering Committee, M. Cowart
 - IV. Report of Standing Committees
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - VI. New Business
Informal Discussion - Constitution and Bylaws Committee
(The Steering Committee has appointed a Constitution and Bylaws Committee to update the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate. Today's discussion is designed to inform members of this committee about the specific concerns and interests of the faculty before they begin their review. No action will be taken, however, we hope Senators and non-senators will participate in the discussion.)
 - VII. University Welfare
 - VIII. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
 - IX. Announcements of the President of the University
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THE NEXT SENATE MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 8, 1995
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JANUARY 11, 1995
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I. Regular Session

The 1994-1995 Faculty Senate met in regular session Wednesday, January 11, 1995, in Dodd Hall Auditorium. Senate President Marilyn Young presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis. R. Allen, G. Bates, G. Boggs, D. Boroto, J. Bryant, B. Cappucio (E. Rehder), G. Dawson, S. Feteih, L. Galbraith, L. Gould, N. Jumonville, G. Leahy, T. Lindbloom, R. Mariscal, L. Mastrogiacomio, N. Mears, B. Menchetti, G. Mitchell, J. Morse, P. Murphy, W. Oldson, G. Peterson (S. Merydith), P. Phillips (T. Welsh), M. Ponce, H. Prosper, D. Rasmussen, L. Sandon, J. Simmons, W. Solecki (B. Warf), P. Strait, D. Sumners, J. Tatum, F. Vickory, L. Wollan.

Senate President Marilyn Young introduced the new Parliamentarian to the Senate, Professor William Summers.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of December 7 were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for January 11 meeting was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, M. Cowart

Since the last Senate meeting in December, the Steering Committee has held two meetings.

While many items have been discussed since the last meeting of the Senate, the major action of the Steering Committee was to have President Young forward a letter to the President expressing our concern about the lack of faculty on the search committee for Athletic Director. This issue is of particular relevance in light of the NCAA and ACC emphasis on faculty participation in campus athletic policies.

In the ensuing weeks, the Steering Committee anticipates advising the President on short and long range goals for the University, providing input on university budget cuts and other matters critical to the academic program.

In addition, matters related to the tenure process and the line of administrative succession when the President and the Provost are unavailable will remain issues on ongoing concern.

A list of Senate committees, their memberships and terms of office is available today. The Steering Committee will be filling vacancies on these committees this

Spring. We solicit your nominations of Senators and other faculty to serve on the Senate committee. Please submit them by the end of February.

V. Report of Standing Committees

There were no reports from standing committees.

VI. Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

VII. New Business

Informal Discussion - Constitution and Bylaws Committee

(The Steering Committee has appointed a Constitution and Bylaws Committee to update the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate. Today's discussion is designed to inform members of this committee about the specific concerns and interests of the faculty before they begin their review.)

Members of this committee are Professors Joe Beckham, Carol Lynch-Brown and Fred Standley, chairman. Discussions primarily centered around the issue of the announcement of the line of succession for the University. The Constitution provides for the Dean of the Faculties to be in charge in the absence of the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Steering Committee reported that they had learned of the change in the line of succession and spoke to President D'Alemberte on the subject. The President indicated that he had received formal approval from the Chancellor to alter the line of succession as follows: In the absence of the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the person in charge shall be the Vice President for Administration and Finance, followed by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice President for Research.

Senator Kaelin's motion to call this alteration in the line of succession to the attention of the President was seconded. This motion prompted discussion on the issue of whether the Board of Regents had made a formal vote to alter our Constitution or had Chancellor Reed violated the Constitution as approved in the Administrative Code.

Professor Joe Beckham (member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee) moved a friendly amendment to Professor Kaelin's motion that the committee request a copy of the formal action by Chancellor Reed to President D'Alemberte on this issue. After further discussion, Professor Beckham moved to table the motion and moved that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee request a copy of the Chancellor's memorandum from President D'Alemberte. The Committee will report back to the Senate when the request has been honored. This motion to table was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Fred Standley, after hearing several concerns regarding changes to the Bylaws, suggested that anyone having suggestions submit them in writing to him.

VIII. University Welfare

Senator Dougherty strongly urged the faculty to be active with their legislators. The SUS has been told to reduce their budget by 25%. This is a substantial reduction in University resources. Legislators are susceptible to appeals from their constituencies. Professor Dougherty also announced that the results of the survey taken earlier will be distributed in a few weeks in the newsletter Faculty Voice.

Senator Launer raised the issue of the inequities between teaching assistants from department to department. He would like to have the Graduate Policy Committee review teaching loads and establish some common guidelines.

IX. Announcements of Deans and other Administrative Officers

Dean of Undergraduate Studies Elisabeth Muhlenfeld thanked the faculty for their efforts in meeting enrollment corridor. Figures for the past several semesters show that we are at or above corridor at all levels.

Dean Muhlenfeld also reported that the recent controversy regarding students graduating with excess hours did not appear to be true of our students. FSU students graduated with an average of 8 hours more than they needed to graduate. These hours can be explained by students changing majors and simply by students taking courses they want to take.

Dean of Graduate Studies Alan Mabe reported that SACS had reaffirmed accreditation for Florida State University for another ten (10) years.

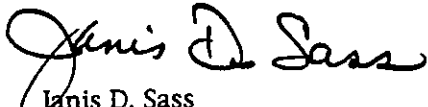
Vice President for Student Affairs Jon Dalton reported that renovations were beginning for Reynolds and Bryan Halls. These renovations should be complete by Fall, 96. He also reported that between dormitories and private housing, FSU houses 32% of its students. No students are being turned away because of a lack of housing.

X. Announcements of the President of the University

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

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.


Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty