

**AGENDA  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM  
March 21, 2001  
3:35 p.m.**

- I. Approval of the minutes February 21, 2001 meeting**
- II. Approval of the agenda, March 21, 2001 meeting**
- III. Report of the Steering Committee, V. Richard Auzenne  
(There will be a motion from the Steering Committee  
concerning the Liberal Studies Task Force Report)**
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees**
  - a. Graduate Policy Committee, G. Bates**
  - b. Computing and Information Resources, C. Hofacker**
  - c. Distance Learning Policy Committee, J. Cobbe**
- V. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws: Vote to add  
Distance Learning Oversight Committee as a standing  
Senate committee.**
- VI. New Business**
- VII. University Welfare**
- VIII. Announcements of Deans and administrative officers**
- IX. Announcements, Provost Abele**
- X. Announcements, President D'Alemberte**

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**THE FIRST SENATE MEETING FOR THE 2001-2002 YEAR  
WILL BE APRIL 18, 2001  
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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**March 21, 2001**  
**Dodd Hall Auditorium**  
**3:35 p.m.**

**I. Regular Session**

The last regular meeting of the 2000-2001 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001. Senate President Karen Laughlin presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parenthesis: M. Allen, T. Anderson, R. Atkinson, D. Boroto (N. Charness) R. Braswell, B. Cappuccio, E. Collins, D. Corin, P. Davis, P. Dean, L. Dehaven-Smith, V. Dobrosavljevic, J. Elsner, B. English, D. Epley, R. Feiock, G. Fournier, F. Garcia, P. Garretson, L. Giunipero, J. Grant, K. Grise, C. Imwold, B. Jordan, N. Jumonville, J. Kelsay, D. Ketchen, W. Landing, W. Leparulo, R. Mariscal, R. Marshall, S. Mathiesen, T. McCaleb, M. McElroy, H. Mueller, W. Nichols, B. Palmer, G. Paggiannis, M. Pohl, M. Ragheb, P. Ray, V. Richard, S. Rickless (P. Dalton), R. Rill, D. Scott-Simmons, F. Simons, A. Srivastave, J. Standley, F. Vickory, L. Walters, Z. Wang.

**II. Approval of the minutes**

Correction to the January 17 minutes should read under item VII, University Welfare, Senator Chris Gorsuch "urged the faculty to vote for ratification of the contract by February 9, 2001; the resulting contract would go into force as of 1 July 2001. Thank you for your attention to this matter." The Senate approved this correction.

The minutes for February 21, 2001 were approved as distributed.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda for February 21 was amended to include a report from the Undergraduate Policy Committee, M. Young.

**IV. Report of the Steering Committee, T. Matherly for V. Richard Auzenne**

The Steering Committee has met three times since the last Senate meeting including our regular meeting with President D'Alemberte and Provost Abele. During the meeting the President and the Provost provided an update on several issues including legislative developments, the current status of the House and Senate proposed budgets, and the status of Education Governance Reorganization issues.

Two issues were of importance during the discussion on Education Governance Reorganization was academic freedom and faculty representation on the University Board of Trustees. The President and the Provost both voiced support on these issues.

Members of the Steering Committee also reviewed a draft document from the Provost regarding annual evaluation and promotion and tenure procedures. This was briefly discussed during the meeting.

Also discussed was the appointment of the new director of the Ringling museum and the status of the Dean search for the Medical School.

The Steering Committee reviewed and approved the grievance procedures that have been developed by the Grievance Committee. Carolyn Piazza, chairperson of the Grievance Committee will present these procedures in her report at the April Senate meeting.

In response to a request from the Panama City campus the Steering Committee reviewed a Student Appeals Procedures document from the administration of the Panama City campus. After discussion it was decided that this matter be referred to both the Student Academic Relations Committee and the Professional Relations and Welfare Committee for review.

An issue of great concern to the Steering Committee was the outcome of this year's promotion and tenure decisions. Senate President Karen Laughlin met with Provost Abele to discuss these concerns.

The Steering Committee also discussed the Distance Learning Policy Committee's request for a change in the policy for use of Special Topics courses in distance learning. The proposed change will be discussed later in the is meeting as part of that committee's report.

Senate President Karen Laughlin and Senator Valliere Richard Auzenne attended an ACFS meeting in Tallahassee. This was a meeting with John Winn, advisor to the Governor. The discussions with Mr. Winn focused on faculty concerns with the Task Force recommendations. The ACFS is closely following legislative developments regarding Education Governance.

In the interest of continuing the momentum that was generated by the Senate discussion of the Report of the Task Force on Liberal Studies the Faculty Senate Steering Committee brings forth the following motion:

- A) That the Senate accepts in principle the report of the Task Force on Liberal Studies as a blueprint for improving liberal education at Florida State University with the understanding of curricular changes would take place only after consideration by the appropriate Senate committee(s) and a vote by the full Senate.
- B) That the Senate approves the formation of an ad hoc Liberal Studies Coordinating Group charged with developing and prioritizing plans for implementation of the Task Force recommendations. This group

would also begin serving as a clearinghouse for information, and would begin working on publicizing information about liberal studies, its missions, and its place in the university. It would include appropriate representation from both the faculty and the administration. **The Senate accepted the report and approved both motions.**

**V. Reports of Standing Committees**  
**a. Graduate Policy, G. Bates**

Professor Bates reported that the Graduate Policy Committee has been very busy reviewing and approving new degree requests and coordinating annual reviews with the Provost's office. A concern to the GPC is the serious shortfall in graduate student stipends. Professor Bates expressed appreciation to faculty who are willing to work on program reviews and wishes to encourage future assignments.

**b. Computing and Information Resources, C. Hofacker**

Professor Hofacker highlighted the following areas of interests and review by the CIRC:

Campus Network Committee is keeping things running smoothly, chaired by Michele Ceci with ongoing technical discussions; Campus Ethics and Security Committee, identification of critical systems and risks, using an eCommerce approach to university business; abuse of dial up lines by students – students should not be able to stay connected to the internet 24 hours a day and ACNS is looking at ways to limit this abuse; discussion of appropriate use of IT resources: a DRAFT is available at

[http://im.Marketing.fsu.edu/circ/Infomraiton\\_Technology\\_Draft\\_II\\_Policy.doc](http://im.Marketing.fsu.edu/circ/Infomraiton_Technology_Draft_II_Policy.doc)

If you have questions or concerns please send them to Professor Hofacker at [chofack@cob.fsu.edu](mailto:chofack@cob.fsu.edu)

**c. Distance Learning Policy Committee, J. Cobbe**

Several years ago the DLPC issued a policy statement that special topics courses could not be used via distance learning. The increase of courses and the need to experiment with offerings has made this policy obsolete. The DLPC is offering this new policy:

"Special Topics courses may be approved through the normal Form 2 process to be offered by alternative formats (including distance learning), but approval is for one semester only. The same special topics course may be offered more than once, but each time a unit wishes to offer a Special Topics course by alternative format, a Form 2 must be submitted for approval. Normal rules covering Special Topics (e.g. that the same course may only be offered three times by Special Topics, and that a syllabus must be filed with the Dean of the Faculties each time a Special Topics course is offered.) continue to apply whatever the format of delivery." **The Senate approved this policy.**

#### **d. Undergraduate Policy, M. Young**

This semester, the Undergraduate Policy Committee has taken the following action:

1. Approved for Multi-cultural credit: SPN 3xxx, Cultures of Latin America
2. Approved for computer skills credit: CGS 3460, FORTRAN for non-specialists EML 3002 C, ME Tools
3. Approved for oral communication credit: EML 4551, Engineering Design Systems I EML 4552, Engineering Design Systems H Sequence of Music courses

Approved removal of SPC 3513, Argumentation, from OCC credit subsequent to development of a course for the Panama City campus.

In other action, the UPC

1. Considered two requests for LS Area V, Natural Sciences. One has been turned down; one is still under consideration.
2. Agreed that LS subcommittee chairs may seek input from colleagues or "area committees" on LS requests if the subcommittee feels it is necessary.
3. Approved two requests to move final examination times.

Reminder: Such requests should not be made routinely, but should reflect unusual, one-time circumstances. Routine problems with the scheduling of final examinations should be taken up with the Department Chair, Dean, and/or the Registrar

4. Met with Dean Steve Edwards to discuss wording, and interpretation of Final Examination policy. Jane Clendinning of the School of Music is coordinating an examination of the wording of this policy.

New Business:

The UPC is working to develop uniform appearance among the criteria for LS areas. We are also developing a form to expedite requests and approvals at all levels.

Last meeting for 2000-2001 is April 11. We will report again on April 18.

## VI. Unfinished Business

### a. Amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws to add Distance Learning Oversight Committee as a standing Senate committee

Senate President Laughlin made two editorial changes to the original proposal sent to Senators last month. The Senate accepted these changes and the old information is shown with strikethrough and the new is shown **bold**.

14. Distance Learning ~~Oversight~~ Committee  
The Distance Learning ~~Oversight~~ Committee shall provide policy development, oversight, and academic advice specific to the design and implementation of Distance Learning courses and degree programs. In particular, the committee will have the following responsibilities: (1) To propose to the Senate procedures and standards for authorization to offer courses and programs by delivery methods other than standard classroom delivery, and for ensuring quality control of such course and program offerings. (2) To monitor the effectiveness with which the procedures and standards adopted are being implemented. (3) To propose to the Senate modifications to existing standards and procedures as appropriate. This committee will supplement, not supplant, the functions of other existing policy committees.

The Committee shall consist of the following members: the Chairs of the Undergraduate Policy, Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committees; three additional faculty members appointed by the Steering Committee, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for staggered three-year terms. The Dean of the Faculties, or his or her designee, shall be an ex-officio member. The Director of the Office of Distributed and Distance Learning and the **Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee** ~~Dean of Graduate Studies~~ shall be ex-officio, ~~non-voting~~ members. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee shall appoint its chairperson annually from the faculty representatives. The Committee will make its recommendations to the Steering Committee, which will transmit the recommendations to the Senate for action.

The Senate approved this new standing committee.

## VII. New Business

There were no items of new business today.

## VIII. University Welfare

Senator Will Moore asks President D'Alemberte to review the dismissal of a student from FSU in December, 1956 for inviting several FAMU students to a Christmas party. If these facts are accurate, the President is asked to readmit the student. The President said he would look into the matter.

**IX. Announcements of Deans and administrative officers**

There were no announcements.

**X. Announcement of Provost Abele**

Provost Abele was not able to attend today's meeting.

**XI. Announcements of President D'Alemberte**

President D'Alemberte commented on several issues. The Legislative report is very confusing at this point. Budget reports, at least today, are pretty much what we expected. The Ringling Museum director is in place. The Medical School dean's search and building location is making progress.

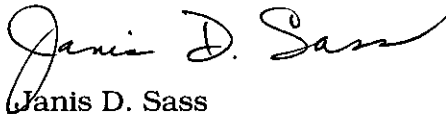
President D'Alemberte expressed his appreciation to the work done with the Eppes and Eminent Scholars committee.

The development of our Board of Trustees is moving quickly. Names are being submitted and if you have suggestions please send them to the President.

A Senator asked the President his stand on replacing the basketball coach. President D'Alemberte responded that Steve Robinson cares about the academic standards for his students and will not jeopardize these standards when recruiting players. He embodies the values; we as faculty want to embrace. At this time, the President will uphold the decision of the Athletic Director to retain Coach Robinson.


**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Janis D. Sass  
Secretary to the Faculty

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