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FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 13, 1996
Dodd Hall Auditorium
3:45 p.m.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the Faculty Senate for 1995-1996 met on Wednesday, March 13, 1996, in Dodd Hall Auditorium. Senate President Marilyn Young presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis. G. Bates (W. Heard), J. Beckham, J. Bowers, P. Bowers, J. Bowman, B. Braendlin (D. Moore), R. Braswell, J. Bryant, B. Cappuccio (E. Rehder), B. Case, W. Cooper, M. Cowart, R. Dunham, H. Fletcher, P. Gielissee, L. Gould, N. Jumonville, G. Kaelin (D. Gruender), G. Leahy, T. Lindbloom, T. Matherly, S. Maxwell, B. Menchetti, T. Moerland, G. Moore, W. Oldson, G. Peterson, P. Phillips (T. Welsh) M. Pietralunga, M. Ponce, P. Ray, M. Richey, A. Rowe, B. Shellahamer, J. Simmons, D. Sumners, J. Teilhet-Fisk, J. Tull, F. Vickory, L. Vinton (J. Altholz).

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of January 17 and February 14, 1996, were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

A report from the Library Committee will be added to today's agenda. The amended agenda was approved.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee

Senator Jim Macmillan gave the Steering Committee report in Senator Cowart's absence.

During this month the Steering Committee has participated in a number of meetings in addition to our regular weekly meetings. Among them were the following:

a) The Steering Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting with the President on February 20. Items that were discussed included: legislative outlook; prerequisites in the College of Education; the libraries; and the establishment of an advisory committee including faculty to review and recommend policy for Channel 47.

b) The University Budget Committee met with the Director Planning and Analysis, Ralph Alvarez, to review the status of the budget to date.

Issues of corridor funding, and carry forward funds were also discussed.

c) Lastly, a workshop meeting with former Senate Presidents was held on Friday, March 1, 1996. Eight previous Presidents attended. We discussed issues of concern to faculty including faculty governance and how past presidents functioned when dealing with similar issues.

In addition to handling the normal business of the Senate, the Steering Committee met with several visitors. Among them were:

a) Ralph Alvarez, Director of Planning and Analysis reviewed the report to the University Budget Committee with the Steering Committee and the Senate Budget Committee.

b) Charles Miller, Director of Libraries and Joe McElrath, chair of the Library Committee, discussed issues of acquisition of technological support for the library in an environment where budgets and staffing are constrained and the general campus is undergoing rapid growth. We are working toward policies that provide maximum support for the libraries. We have worked with the Provost to establish a task force to consider all matters concerning the libraries' future. The membership of that committee will include 2 or more members of the Senate Library Committee. Jim Macmillan will serve as Steering Committee liaison on the task force.

c) Peter Ray, chair of the Computing and Information Resources Committee, reported on the IBM study of campus computing and discussed an action plan for the campus. She will address a future meeting of the full Senate.

d) Judith Boettcher, Director of Distance Learning, discussed the importance of faculty participation in the development of distance learning projects.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Senate Budget Committee, F. Standley

Senator Standley gave a brief report on the February 28 University Budget Committee meeting. The focus of the meeting was distribution priority for approximately \$4.2 million in carry forward funds and \$4.3 million in E&G funds.

Recommendations made at the meeting included 1) reserving some monies to be used against a \$1.6 million shortfall, 2) priority items presented by the Provost, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Vice President for Student Affairs. The committee discussed using some money to implement requests for library technological resources. It was also decided that the increase

in utility cost and waivers would occur before the end of the fiscal year.

b. Grievance Committee, L. Fridell

Professor Fridell was not available for today's meeting. She will give the Grievance Committee report in April.

c. Student Academic Relations, K. Anderson-Lazier

The Student Academic Relations Committee is charged with hearing appeals from students who think that a decision about their academic work was made either improperly or unprofessionally. All students who might have a grievance suitable for our committee are referred to us by the Dean of the Faculties's office.

So far this academic year, we have reviewed grievances submitted by one group of students and by 3 individuals. Three cases are presently pending. Recommendations were made and will be made to Provost Abele.

d. Graduate Policy, J. Standley

The Graduate Policy Committee has completed reviews of 6 doctoral programs this academic year: Art Education, chaired by Jane Clendenning; Instructional Systems chaired by Ike Ebertstein; Chemical Engineering, chaired by Robley Light; Mechanical Engineering, chaired by Fred Seamon, and Counseling/School Psychology, chaired by Dewitt Sumner. All programs were recommended for continuation by the committee. In reviewing the Instructional Systems program, the GPC was concerned that their teaching classrooms were technologically out of date. Due to the programmatic thrust and the outstanding, international visibility of Instructional Systems, this was considered a major problem. At the request of the committee, a memo was sent to Max Carraway, Registrar, from Dean Mabe stating the need for giving high priority to technological renovation of these classrooms.

Two doctoral reviews and two reviews of terminal masters degrees are currently ongoing and include: Math, chaired by David Quadagno; Slavic Languages, chaired by Frank Brooks; Spanish, chaired by Rochelle Marrinan; and American Studies, chaired by Bill Summers. We are indebted to the many faculty and doctoral students who serve on the ad hoc review committees. Their commitment to service makes an important contribution to the overall quality of our doctoral programs.

In addition to doctoral reviews, the GPC has conducted the following business this year:

- 1) Approved authorizations to plan for 2 new Ph.D. programs in Engineering (Civil and Industrial).
- 2) Discussed and approved the revisions to the policy concerning short courses which was approved by the Senate last month.
- 3) Discussed the impact of Schedule 25 on graduate education and transmitted those issues to the committee revising the system for scheduling classes.
- 4) Discussed the problem of graduate students registering for more than 5 hours of supervised teaching/research courses. The University is not funded beyond the 5 hour limit. It was determined that we are losing graduate FTEs each year due to this problem. The curricular needs of various programs and possible solutions via alternative registration are still under consideration. We are trying to educate graduate advisors on this issue.
- 5) The follow-up reports of the response to GPC recommendations from the programs reviewed 2 years ago have been received and are currently under consideration.

e. Undergraduate Policy, K. Laughlin

Professor Laughlin reported that the Undergraduate Policy Committee has been very busy this year with 1) revisions and reductions to Liberal Studies, 2) requests to change final exams times, 3) revisions to the short course rule and 4) changes to the Honors Liberal Studies program.

The UPC will continue to address issues relevant to Liberal Studies and will be looking at implementation of SACS recommendations on assessing oral and computer competency.

Today, we present the following courses for Liberal Studies credit:

AREA 11 (English Composition)

HIS 1210, Writing for History

AREA V (Natural Sciences)

GLY 1007, Living on the Water Planet
GLY 1040, How to Build a Habitable Planet

These courses were approved by the Senate.

The UPC has also approved the following courses for Multicultural designation:

"x" designation

ARH 3529x Arts of Africa, Oceania, and native America
ARH 4585x Arts of Architecture of Polynesia

"y" designation

ARH 4610y Arts of the Southwest Indians
THE 4233y History of African American Drama
THE 4433y Gender, Race, and Performance

A request for Literature credit for THE 3100, Introduction to Theatre History was also approved.

f. Libraries Committee, P. Cottle for J. McElrath

Professor Cottle gave a short slide presentation outlining new opportunities to enhance technology on campus. A task force to look at library resources, chaired by Dean Jane Robbins, will have a report ready by the September meeting. Several members of the Library Committee have agreed to serve on this ad hoc committee.

The Libraries Committee adopted guidelines for managing library funds. The expected 13% increase in the cost of journals will necessitate the termination of some journals; the list of journals will be completed by April 5.

Senate President Young, in response to questions from the floor, stated the Library Committee is charged with implementing guidelines for resources in the Libraries. Budget cuts are triggered automatically through committee reviews and reports in order to maintain the approved balance between book purchases and journal subscriptions..

Some concern was voiced over the inaccuracy of the journal lists being circulated. Professor Cottle stated he would address this with the library staff.

Senate President Young expressed sincere appreciation to all of the Senate committees and their chairs. It is the dedication and hard work of these faculty that makes faculty governance possible.

VI. Unfinished Business

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

VII. New Business

Discussion of status of SIRS

Last year the Senate voted to place a moratorium on the administration of SIRS because of the mandated use of the State University System

Student Assessment Instrument (SIRS). To stimulate discussion on the issue of the SIRS moratorium, the Steering Committee presented the following options

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
1) Continue Moratorium	SUSSAI only
2) Resurrect SIRS	SUSSAI plus SIRS
3) Departmental Instrument	SUSSAI plus Departmental Instrument
4) Departmental Instrument <u>and</u> SIRS	SUSSAI plus Departmental Instrument <u>and</u> SIRS
5) Choice of Departmental Instrument <u>or</u> SIRS	SUSSAI plus Departmental Instrument <u>or</u> SIRS

Some faculty voiced their concern that SUSSAI does not allow the opportunity for students to make discursive statements concerning their instructors or the class.

Questions and concerns over the development of departmental instruments centered around their use for evaluations. In particular, newer faculty who are going up for tenure and promotion need to have some evaluation criteria included in their folders. Another issue concerned the use of SUSSAI in the evaluation process and the use of departmental instruments without any comparative data with SIRS or SUSSAI.

A motion was presented by Senator Fred Standley to postpone action until the October Senate meeting when data from the use of SUSSAI would be available. This motion was amended to include recommendations from the Promotion and Tenure committee and the SIRS committee established by the Senate. The chair ruled that these were two separate motions. The motion to refer to committee reads, "recommendations from the Promotion and Tenure committee and the SIRS committee as to the disposition of SIRS as a campus-wide evaluation instrument will be made at the October Senate meeting." This motion was seconded and approved.

The Senate discussed option 5 after amending it to read "choice of departmental instrument and/or SIRS". Senator Anderson moved the adoption of #5 to be used next year (96-97). The motion was seconded. Departments may elect to use a departmental instrument or SIRS, in addition to SUSSAI or just use SUSSAI. This motion was approved.

A call for a quorum showed 52 Senators were present and eligible to vote on the issue.

VIII. University Welfare

Senator Dougherty moved the following resolution " The Faculty Senate of Florida State University respectfully requests that the President reallocate funds from sources available to him, such as budget reserves or athletic revenues, to maintain library holdings and acquisitions at exiting levels." This motion was seconded.

A senator questioned whether a quorum was present and this count revealed only 49 Senators remaining. This resolution will be carried forward to the April meeting. The chair adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m., but invited Senators to remain to hear reports from the President and the Provost.

President D'Alemberte asked to make his report, before Provost Abele, as he had another engagement.

IX. Announcements of President of the University

President D'Alemberte stated it was too early to give a legislative update. He did however speak favorably of the House's intent toward education. He also stated that there seemed to be less hostility from the Senate this year. The tuition flexibility for universities has a good chance of passing the House.

President D'Alemberte indicated that he is taking students with him to Senate meetings. Students and legislators then have an opportunity for face-to-face meetings.

The salary increase package is still unclear. A 3% increase is being considered, but there is no implementation date available at this time.

President D'Alemberte told Senators that legislative updates were placed regularly on the FSU Home Page.

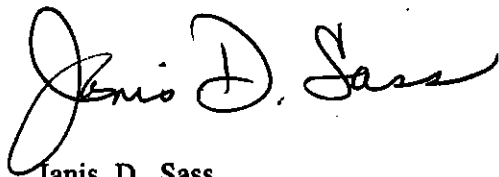
X. Announcements of Deans and other Administrative officers

Provost Abele thanked Senators and faculty for the excellent job they had done in reporting their activities on PARS forms. The accuracy of these reports is extremely important. Due to the hard work with curriculum, we are within corridor on every level and will not experience any budget cuts for failure to meet enrollment goals.

The Provost encouraged the University community to continue providing information to publications such as Undergraduate Research. These documents provide the legislature with data they may not know about. The Faculty Portrait brochure arrived in time for the

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beginning of the legislative session and illustrates the total contributions of faculty.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janis D. Sass". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty