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**AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
March 18, 1998
3:35 p.m.**

- I. Approval of the minutes of the February 11, 1998 meeting
- II. Approval of the agenda for the March 18, 1998 meeting
- III. Report of the Steering Committee, R. Light
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Elections Committee, T. Matherly

Nominations for the University Committee on Faculty Sabbaticals (only tenured faculty may nominate tenured faculty)

Nominations for the Professional Relations & Welfare Committee; 1-Arts Sciences, 1-Education, 1-Human Sciences, 1-Nursing, 2-Social Sciences, 1-Social Work.

Nominations for the Grievance Committee; 1-Arts & Sciences, 1-Education, 1-Human Sciences, 1-Nursing, 2-Social Sciences, 1-Social Work.

b. Undergraduate Policy Committee, M. Young

Guidelines for Computer Competency

Multicultural course

ECS 3003x Comparative Economic Systems

Oral Communication Competency

FIL 2101 Screenwriting I

PHY 3002 Communication in Physics

PHY 4990 Senior Seminar

c. Honors Program Policy Committee, K. Goldsby

- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. University Welfare
- VIII. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
 - a. Lawrence Abele, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- IX. Announcements of the President of the University

**THE FIRST REGULAR SENATE MEETING FOR THE 1998-1999 YEAR
WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 3 IN DODD HALL AUDITORIUM**

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I. Regular Session

Dean of the Faculties Office

The last regular session of the 1997-1998 Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 3:35 p.m. in Dodd Hall Auditorium. Senate President Marie Cowart presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parenthesis. J. Beckham (H. Thomas), C. Billings, G. Blakely, S. Blessing (P. Schlottmann), M. Bonn, D. Boroto, R. Braswell, J. Carbonell, L. Davis, G. Dawson, L. Dehaven-Smith, K. Erndl, J. Fiorito, L. Fridell, A. Gometz (M. Chavez-Hernandez), J. Graham-Jones, M. Hardy, K. Harris, W. Heard, C. Imwold, N. Jumonville, D. Kuhn, K. Laughlin, G. Leahy, R. J. Livingston, E. Logan (R. Blazek), V. MacDonald, R. Marshall, L. Mastrogiacomo, J. Ohlin (L. Stepina), C. Piazza, V. Ping, M. Pohl, P. Ray, V. Richard, S. Safron, J. Sampson, M. Seidenfeld, P. Simmonds (T. Hult), F. Standley, J. Standley, D. Sumners, J. Tull, F. Vickory, E. Walker, D. Zahn, R. Zwaan.

II. Approval of the minutes

A reference made to a Report of the Faculty Committee on Computational Science and Technology, chaired by Professor Don Robson, was incomplete. A copy of the committee's recommendations is included as information (**addendum 1**). The minutes for February 11 were approved with this amendment.

III. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, R. Light

The Steering Committee has continued to hold regular weekly meetings as well as attending some special meetings and functions.

Since the last Senate meeting the Steering Committee has held two monthly meetings with the President, the second one just this morning. In the first meeting, we discussed various issues that were in the news at the time: The NCATE accreditation issue, the proposal to move the Demonstration School to the Southwood development, FSU's legislative request for a second year of the Program in Medical

Sciences, and our continuing joint efforts with the British Open University. This morning the issues included the new sexual harassment policy, a follow up on the NCATE appeal, a discussion of how the recommendations from the Commission on the Future might be implemented, and a concern about access to Westcott and Ruby Diamond Auditorium for handicapped individuals and groups attending functions there once the Westcott circle is completed.

Members of the Steering Committee had met earlier with General Counsel Alan Sundberg, Meredith Cherolis, Lynn Cooley, and Steve Edwards (Dean of the Faculties) to discuss our new Sexual Harassment policy. We were particularly interested in clarifying some points and procedures. Based on these discussions, we are satisfied that the document is sound and workable. Furthermore, we are immensely pleased to have this policy in place at Florida State University.

The Steering Committee met with Joe West from Hospitality Administration to discuss how to increase faculty membership in the University Center Club.

Some of the Steering Committee met with a group from Noel-Levitz, the consulting firm that has been hired to help us improve our admission's acceptance and retention rates among undergraduate students.

Marie Cowart and Robley Light attended the joint board meetings of the Alumni Association, the Boosters, and the FSU Foundation held at the University Center on February 28. It was very encouraging to see such enthusiastic support for the university from all three groups, and we were particularly gratified that the Alumni Association has chosen to focus on faculty recognition this year. Many of you may have received a questionnaire from Cynthia Tunnicliff, chair of the FSU Alumni Board of Directors, which seeks to explore ways to improve the interactions between faculty and alumni. I urge you to return the questionnaire.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Elections Committee, T. Matherly

Senator Matherly opened the floor for nominations to the University Committee on Faculty Sabbaticals. There were no nominations. Nominees are listed on **addendum 2**.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Professional Relations and Welfare Committee. Professor Jeanne Heitmeyer was nominated from the College of Human Sciences. Nominations were closed. Nominees are listed on **addendum 2a**.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the Grievance Committee. Professor Robert Moffat from the College of Human Sciences was nominated. Nominations were closed. Nominees are listed on **addendum 2a**.

b. Undergraduate Policy Committee, M. Young

The following courses have been approved by the UPC: ECS 3003x, Comparative Economic Systems for the multicultural component. FIL 2101, Screenwriting I, PHY 3002, Communication in Physics, and PHY 4990, Senior Seminar will be designated as fulfilling the Oral Communication Competency requirement.

The UPC presented Guidelines for Computer Skills Competency. Senator Tom Harrison moved that the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering students be exempted from the Computer Skills on the bases that they have already acquired computer courses in the College of Engineering. This motion was seconded, discussed and voted down. The Senate continued to express concern and confusion on the some of the wording the proposed document. Senator Martin moved to return the proposal to committee with the comments voiced by the Senate. This motion was seconded and approved.

c. Honors Program Policy Committee, K. Goldsby

Professor Goldsby's report is addendum 3.

VI. Unfinished Business

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

VII. New Business

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

VIII. University Welfare

There were no items of university welfare for today's meeting.

IX. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers

a. Alan Mabe, Dean of Graduate Studies

Mr. Mabe discussed some of the recent ratings and rankings of Florida State University and specific programs at the University. In addition to being classified as one of the 88 Research I universities, FSU is frequently ranked by other organizations. US News has FSU ranked in the second tier of national universities (50 universities in the top tier, 66 in the second tier), but also ranked number one in efficiency for the past two years (based on quality and cost). A study by Graham and Diamond, The Rise of American Research Universities (1997) provides an overall ranking of research institutions. It separately ranked public and private institutions with a total of 203 universities included. This study focused on federal research dollars and faculty publications, awards, and honors, and considered them on a per capita

basis. For public universities, it separated them into four categories and ultimately ranked them within the four categories. Florida State University was placed in category two of public research universities. There are 32 institutions in category one and 25 in category two. If categories one and two are combined, Florida State University ranks 54th among public research universities.

Ranking of specific programs typically focus on graduate programs. The three groups which rank a wide range of graduate programs are the National Research Council, US News, and the Gourman Report. There are many other rankings within specific disciplines, for example, Dance was ranked highly by a publication in that field. The last SACS Self-Study articulated a goal of being ranked among the top 25 of public universities. The attached charts (**addendum 4**) identify our graduate programs which have ranked in the top 25 among public universities by one (or more) of the three national ranking groups.

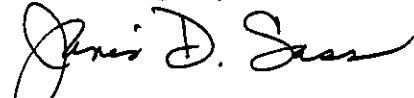
Mr. Mabe also identified some criteria typically used by groups ranking or evaluating universities. He went on to describe some of the ways we are trying to improve our ability to meet these measures.

XI. Announcements of the President of the University

President D'Alemberte commented on two issues of immediate attention: 1) A meeting with the city commission to discuss utility rates and some infrastructure changes in our master plan and 2) A long range plan will be presented at the April 7 BOR meeting.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty

Plan For Implementation


The committee recommends that a number of steps to be taken towards the realization of the vision.

- A new leadership structure must be put in place immediately with a governing council of representative faculty (who actively conduct scholarly activity of international significance and are chosen from different disciplines), charged with finding a new leader who will jump start the Computational Science Institute (CSI).
- A search committee for the selection of an interim director for CSI should be formed immediately.
- Immediate steps should be taken to identify faculty with the vision and energy to spearhead the development of computational research on campus. These faculty members must be able to initiate interdisciplinary proposals for funding.
- The infrastructure funds should be enhanced through the continued support of the Department of Energy (DOE) and other federal agencies for the expanded vision of the proposed CSI. Coordination with DOE should be an early step in the transition process.
- The current E&G funded SCRI scientists should be offered time limited individual appointments in the CSI for 1 to 3 years with the goal of having 5 of the SCRI scientist positions becoming available to CSI at the end of each year during the first three years of its existence.
- Funds released from the vacated SCRI positions should be used as leverage in funding initiatives to help generate new external funding to strengthen the research areas in the CSI.
- The existing CS&E program should be brought into the CSI with full and enthusiastic participation of Prof. Hussaini and his colleagues.
- The four unoccupied tenure track positions that are planned in the CS&E program headed by Prof. Hussaini should be reevaluated and could be added to the pool of resources for CSI.
- An integral part of this effort must be the strengthening of the existing programs with new faculty in the areas of Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Computational Biology, Visualization and Animation (film school) and other relevant fields. Specifically in computer science the addition of several faculty envisaged by the College of Arts & Sciences needs to be implemented.
- The CSI needs to establish a coherence between the educational and research programs so that the CS&E program complements the multi-disciplinary research projects in which graduate students will be doing their thesis or dissertation work.
- The CSI will be expected to take the lead in encouraging faculty in allied departments, colleges and institutes to initiate computational programs.
- A number of valuable outreach activities now performed by SCRI and ACNS should be reconsidered as to their best location in the university.
- As a long term goal, we recommend that appropriate partnerships with industries be developed.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 1998

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM:  Janis Sass

SUBJECT: Nominees for the University Committee on
Faculty Sabbaticals

The following faculty have been nominated for election to the University Committee on Faculty Sabbaticals. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor of the Senate at the March 18, 1998, meeting. Only tenured employees may nominate tenured employees.

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| 1. Karen Bearor | 8. David Quadagno |
| 2. Frank Brooks | 9. William Serow |
| 3. Ray Fleming | 10. Carolyn Steele |
| 4. Jean Graham-Jones | 11. Hollie Thomas |
| 5. Frederick Jenks | |
| 6. Neil Jumonville | |
| 7. Elisabeth Logan | |

Current members and terms are:

(Terms expire, spring 1998)

David Quadagno, 1998
Carolyn Steele, 1998
Rodney Allen, 1998
Karen Glendenning, 1998
David Rasmussen, 1998

(Continuing members)

Mark Pietralunga, 1999
Patricia Stanley, 1999
Douglass Seaton, 1999
Patricia H. Young, 1999



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Addendum 2a

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 6, 1998

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Janis Sass for the Elections Committee

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Professional Relations
& Welfare and Grievance Committees

The following nominations were received from the respective colleges and schools listed below. Each college or school was asked to provide twice the number of names for their vacancies. Additional nominations will be taken at the March 18, 1998, Senate meeting.

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS & WELFARE COMMITTEE

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Wolfgang Heil
Eileen Groth Lyon

EDUCATION

Alejandro Gallard
Cynthia Wallat

HUMAN SCIENCES

Tonya Toole
*Jeanne Heitmeyer

NURSING

Laurie Taylor
Mary Shannahan

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Charles Billings
Jim Cobbe
Irene Padavic
David Rasmussen

SOCIAL WORK

Charles Figley
Carolyn Steele

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Santa Arias
Myles Hollander

EDUCATION

Cheryl Beeler
Michael Bianche

HUMAN SCIENCES

Ann Mullis
*Robert Moffat

NURSING

Patricia Dean
Sandra Faria

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bruce Billingham
Barry Hirsch
David Macpherson
Patrick O'Sullivan

SOCIAL WORK

Ray Bardill
Nick Mazza

*Nominated



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Addendum 3

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Florida State University Faculty Senate

From: Bruce Bickley *B.B.*
Director, Honors Program

Ken Goldsby *KG*
Chair, Honors Program Policy Committee

Date: March 18, 1998

Re: Honors Program Policy Committee Report

The Honors Program Policy Committee and the Honors staff would like to thank the roughly 300 faculty members and the broad array of University administrators and staff who annually support the Liberal Studies Honors Program. With their help as teachers and mentors, the Honors Program offers 60 courses each semester and oversees Honors in the Major thesis projects in 59 departments and programs. In the face of increasing enrollment pressures and tight budgets, the University has not wavered in its commitment to the University Honors Program. We would especially like to thank the Provost and the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences, Music, and Human Sciences for their support of our strong core offerings of Liberal Studies Honors courses, around which the rest of our program is built.

For the record, a profile of entering freshman Honors students for fall 1997 follows: average SAT, 1343; average ACT, 30; average academically weighted high school GPA, 4.3. Over 200 National Merit and National Achievement Scholars are currently enrolled in the University Honors Program.

The Honors Program Policy Committee, working with the University Honors Program staff, has been quite active. The Committee:

- * Endorsed recommendations for broadening the outreach of the Honors in the Major Program; roughly 150 students now write Honors theses each year. The Committee also approved Honors in the Major programs in Communication Disorders, Industrial Engineering, and Women's Studies. The most active Honors in the Major Programs are offered by English, Psychology, and Biological Science.
- * Approved the Bess Ward Overseas Study Scholarship Program, which provides 30-35 travel scholarships of \$750 - \$1,000 to Honors students studying at one of the University's overseas sites. The University Honors Program has now funded 86 Bess Ward Scholarships.

- * Approved the establishment of a new Honors course, the University Honors Colloquium, HUM 2944. This Gordon Rule writing course, which is offered for one hour credit in a double section Monday nights of the fall semester and carries as its ongoing title "Art and Inquiry in the Modern University," is intended to build intellectual community among entering Honors students and introduce these top students to some of our award-winning faculty and the rich array of research, teaching, and creative activities they have made their life's work.
- * Awarded 12 Leon County Educational Facilities need-based scholarships of \$500 each to students who had completed the Liberal Studies Honors Program and were pursuing Honors in the Major.
- * Inaugurated the annual Honors Teaching Award program, which carries a stipend of \$2,000.
- * In response to increasing advanced placement and college-equivalent credit for our entering students, modified the Liberal Studies Honors Program, with approval of the Faculty Senate, so that freshman students bringing with them at least 24 hours of college credit could complete the Liberal Studies Honors Program in 15 hours.
- * After a one-year experiment, approved the conversion of the three Liberal Studies Honors Seminars--HUM 2937, ISC 2937, and ISS 2937--from an S/U to a standard letter-grade system. Honors students and faculty, as well as graduate programs to which our students routinely apply, have found that the letter-graded seminars better reflect the academic achievement levels of our students.
- * Approved the staff's recommendation that Honors Program students have priority registration; the Provost and the Registrar endorsed this request, which became effective Spring 1998.
- * Approved the Honors staff's recommendation that the program's name be changed from The Honors and Scholars Program to the University Honors Program (under the previous name, students, parents, and administrators regularly confused the Honors Program with other scholarship programs on campus).
- * Has begun planning for the establishment of an Honors College at FSU.

Xc: Vic Williams
 Honors Program Policy Committee

Florida State University Honors Program Highlights 1997/1998



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■ The University Liberal Studies Honors Program annually enrolls 350-400 new students selected from the top 7 to 10 percent of the entering freshman class.

■ The Honors Program is nourished by the historically strong liberal arts tradition at Florida State University and is nationally rated as one of the best academic buys among Honors Programs.

■ Over 200 National Merit and National Achievement Scholars are enrolled in the University Honors Program.

■ Annually, about 150 juniors and seniors write Theses for Honors in the Major programs in 75 undergraduate academic discipline areas. Thesis research, creative activity, and writing are excellent preparation for Master's and Ph.D. programs, professional school, teaching, and employment.

■ 300 faculty teach Honors courses and serve on Honors Thesis committees each year.

■ Annually, approximately 30 Honors students receive \$1,000 Bess Ward Travel Scholarships to attend FSU's International Studies programs in Florence, London, Costa Rica, Paris, Moscow, and Malaga, Spain.

■ The Honors Program helps sponsor highly qualified Honors students for national and international scholarship and fellowship competitions. Florida State University Honors students have been awarded Fulbright, Goldwater, Marshall, Mellon, Rhodes, Rotary, and Udall Scholarships; Time Magazine, USA Today, and other national academic awards; and hundreds of graduate fellowships and teaching assistantships. About 75 percent of graduating Honors students earn postgraduate degrees or enter the teaching profession.

■ Honors students have priority registration for all Honors and non-Honors courses on campus. The Honors curriculum itself features four types of Liberal Studies courses:

■ The University Honors Colloquium for freshman Honors students is taught by faculty experts from across the academic spectrum who explore "Art and Inquiry in the Modern University."

■ Honors Seminars investigate timely, challenging topics in the Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences and enroll a maximum of 15 students in each class.

■ Honors-only Sections of traditional Liberal Studies courses enroll 25 students per class.

■ Honors-Augmented Liberal Studies courses include special Honors assignments.

■ Honors students also participate in a wide variety of leadership, public service and social activities.

This publication is available in alternative format upon request.

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Addendum 4

TABLE 6.7
*Research 1 Public Universities Ranked by Combined Index Rankings for Top-Science,
 Top-Social Science, and Arts and Humanities*

Rank	Institution	Combined Rank	Rank on Qualitative Indexes		
			Top-Science	Top-Social Science	A&H
1	UC Berkeley	11	2	8	1
2	{ UC Santa Barbara	15	6	7	2
2	{ SUNY-Stony Brook	15	5	2	8
4	UCLA	23	7	13	3
5	{ Wisconsin-Madison	25	9	5	11
5	{ Michigan	25	15	3	7
7	Illinois-Urbana	28	8	11	9
8	{ UC San Diego	30	1	19	10
8	{ Indiana	30	22	4	4
10	Colorado	34	4	15	15
11	UC Santa Cruz	39	32	1	6
12	UC Riverside	40	29	6	5
13	North Carolina-Chapel Hill	44	20	10	14
14	Washington (Seattle)	46	10	14	22
15	UC Irvine	47	3	26	18
16	Texas-Austin	48	16	16	16
17	SUNY-Albany	52	24	9	19
18	Maryland-College Park	54	14	20	20
19	Iowa	55	21	22	12
20	Virginia	56	18	25	13
21	{ Arizona	61	11	29	21
21	{ Minnesota	61	19	17	25
23	Pittsburgh	62	26	12	24
24	Utah	65	13	24	28
25	Illinois-Chicago	66	31	18	17
26	UC Davis	70	17	30	23
27	Purdue	71	12	28	31
28	Penn State	75	25	21	29
29	SUNY-Buffalo	77	23	27	27
30	Ohio State	80	27	23	30
31	North Carolina State	85	28	31	26
32	Alabama-Birmingham	94	30	32	32

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

TABLE 6.8

*Research 2 Public Universities Ranked by Combined Index Rankings for Top-Science,
Top-Social Science, and Arts and Humanities*

Rank	Institution	Combined Rank	Rank on Qualitative Indexes		
			Top-Science	Top-Social Science	A&H
1	Oregon	9	6	2	1
2	Massachusetts	10	4	3	3
3	New Mexico	19	10	5	4
4	Delaware	23	5	8	10
5	Kansas	26	19	1	6
6	{ Houston	31	12	14	5
6	{ Rutgers-New Brunswick	31	25	4	2
8	Missouri	34	20	7	7
9	Hawaii	35	9	17	9
10	Oregon State	36	1	20	15
11	Washington State	38	11	19	8
12	Texas A&M	39	7	9	23
13	Wayne State	40	13	15	12
14	Michigan State	42	14	11	17
15	{ Iowa State	46	2	24	20
15	{ Kentucky	46	23	10	13
15	{ Mississippi	46	26	6	14
18	Louisiana State	49	17	16	16
19	Georgia Tech	50	3	22	25
20	Georgia	52	22	12	18
21	Virginia Tech	53	24	18	11
22	Florida State	55	18	13	24
23	Florida	57	15	21	21
24	Colorado State	60	8	26	26
25	{ Virginia Commonwealth	63	16	25	22
25	{ Cincinnati	63	21	23	19

Rankings in Top 25 of Public Universities

National Research Council (1993-1995)

Art History	20/21
Ecology, Evolution, Behavior	25/95
Music	14/39
Oceanography	9/26
Physics	22/90
Political Science	21/58
Statistics	16/46
Sociology	23/63

U. S. News (1996-98)

Creative Writing (MA)	25 (t)
Criminal Justice Policy	3 (t)
Film	3 (t)
Information Studies (Library Science)	10
Music (MA)	5
Opera/Voice	3 (t)
Physics	23 (t)
Nuclear	7(t)
Condensed Matter/Solid State	11
Public Administration	19
Theatre (MFA)	6 (t)
Gourman Report (1996)	
Nutrition	25
Social Work	13

Rankings Between 26 and 50 Among Public Universities

National Research Council

Chemistry 31/104

Economics 34/67

History 45/64

Meteorology 42/68

Neuroscience 33/62

Philosophy 29/36

US News

Biological Sciences 49 (t)

Communication Disorders 33 (t)

Education 26

Law 27-45

Psychology 42

Gourman Report

Law 34

Federal Research Funding

Ph. D. Production

National Academies Membership

Faculty Quality as Measured by NRC Study

Postdoctoral Population

Ranking of Graduate Programs

Honors and Awards to Faculty

Strength of Core Academic Areas in Sciences and Humanities

Research and Research Facilities

Improvement and Upward Trends are Important

Vigorous and Dynamic Leadership at the University

Sense of Dynamism on Campus