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AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
November 14, 2001
3:35 p.m.

- I. **Approval, minutes of the October 17, 2001 meeting**
- II. **Approval of the agenda, November 14, 2001 meeting**
- III. **Report of the Steering Committee, V. Richard**
- IV. **Reports of Standing Committees**
- V. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Amendment to Faculty Senate Bylaws:**
15. Liberal Studies Coordinating Committee

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- VI. **New Business**
- VII. **University Welfare**
- VIII. **Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers**
 - a. **James Pitts, Director of International Programs**
 - b. **VP Beverly Spencer, Heritage Protocol**
- IX. **Announcements, Provost Abele**
 - a. **Update on Board of Trustees and Budget**
- X. **Announcements, President D'Alemberte**

ANNOUNCEMENT
THE NEXT SENATE MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 5 IN DODD HALL
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I. Regular Session

The regular meeting of the 2001-2002 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2001. Senate President Karen Laughlin presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parentheses: T. Anderson, B. Atkins, R. Braswell, N. Charness, S. Colombo, P. Dean, L. Dehaven-Smith, B. Edwards, L. Epstein, C. Figley, L. Flynn, G. Fournier, M. Freeman, P. Garretson, J. Grant, C. Greek, V. Hagopian, A. Imershein, B. Jordan, N. Jumonville, J. Kelsay (A. Kalbian), D. Ketchen, W. Landing, S. Lewis, R. Mariscal, T. Matherly, T. McCaleb, J. Meyer (M. Scheffers), R. Neuman, G. Papagiannis, P. Rawling, P. Ray, R. Reeves, R. Rill, D. Scott-Simmons, M. Seppala, P. Simmonds, F. Simons, A. Simotes, J. Standley, F. Vickory, D. Von Glahn (M. Allen), A. Wang, P. Xiong (N. Bonesteel).

II. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of October 17, 2001 were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, V. Richard Auzenne

The Steering Committee has met three times since the last Senate Meeting including its monthly meeting with President D'Alemberte and Provost Abele. During that meeting, the Steering Committee discussed the current budget situation with the President who re-affirmed that there are no plans for a campus wide hiring freeze and that decisions for hiring for next year are being made by individual deans. More details regarding the current budget situation will be provided later in today's meeting.

The President reported to the Steering Committee some of the highlights of the Oct 29th Board of Trustees Meeting. A primary concern of both the President and the Board is to obtain clarification from the legislature about the governance structure, in

VI. Unfinished Business

The Faculty Senate voted to approve an amendment to the Senate Bylaws to establish the Liberal Studies Coordinating Committee as presented below:

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VII. New Business

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

VIII. University Welfare

There were no items of University Welfare today.

IX. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers

a. James Pitts, Director of International Programs

Dr. Pitts gave a very informative presentation on our four year-round international study sites: Republic of Panama, Florence, Italy, London, England, and Valencia, Spain. Each of these programs continues to grow from a total of 516 U.S. students in

1996 to over 1,400 in 2001. We are adding several summer experiences to the 14 we already have, including programs in Johannesburg, S. Africa, Dublin, Ireland and Munich, Germany.

Events of September 11 prompted immediate action to ensure the safety and well being of our faculty and students abroad. Through teleconferencing and e-mail communications precautionary steps were put in place, including plans for evacuation (if needed) and funds to provide emergency travel. None of our students elected to return home, which speaks to their confidence in our University in the face of such an international event. Students were cautioned to not wear clothing with the University logo and to carry contact information with them at all times.

Spring enrollment is down, especially in the Florence program, though enrollments remain higher than they were this fall. The decline may be due primarily to a cautionary statement from the Italian Embassy to Americans traveling in Italy. However, summer enrollment numbers are high. In a recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Florida State University's international programs were listed in the top 10 in the country. We are very proud of this recognition.

In response to questions from Senators, Dr. Pitts noted that all study abroad programs are financially self-sufficient. He also indicated that International Programs would welcome participation in the fall and spring programs by additional FSU faculty.

b. VP Beverly Spencer, Heritage Protocol

When discussions concerning our celebration of our 150th anniversary began, it became very clear that many historical documents exist, but that locating and cataloguing them needed special attention. A committee was formed and this committee has been very busy making an inventory of papers, books, articles and pictures held by alumni and on the campus as a means of preserving the University's history.

The committee recognizes that faculty may have in their possession articles of interest to the history of FSU. They are seeking volunteers from every department to help with the retrieval of documents (or copies of documents) to be cataloged for posterity. This process will enable faculty to make sure there is a record of their contributions to the University. Vice President Spencer made a brochure describing the heritage protocol available for Senators to pick up at the end of the Senate meeting today (addendum 1). She also drew Senators' attention to a video on the first 150 years of FSU. The video can be purchased from the University Relations office for \$10.00.

X. Announcements of Provost Larry Abele

Provost Abele announced that budget issues are still a prime concern. The second special session of the Legislature has not yet started, but he remains confident that the current plan of having units cut approximately 3.5 % will be sufficient for this year. Units are authorized to propose cuts using carry-forward funds right now, but by the end of the fiscal year the amounts cut must be in recurring funds. Current plans do call for full funding of graduate fee waivers, using University resources as needed. Summer school will also be funded.

He noted that the University is very fortunate to have a highly supportive Board of Trustees and that the Trustees are working hard to gain legislative support for local control of tuition and fees.

With regard to the issue of faculty productivity, Provost Abele asked that faculty change their perspective and take credit for the full range of their activities. University data shows that the average faculty member teaches 10 courses a year. This is based on an average of:

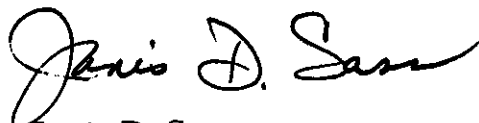
- 1) 4.5 class lectures
- 2) 2.5 DIS
- 3) 1 seminar
- 4) 1 Ph.D student
- 5) 1/2 masters student

Of course, internships and disciplines such as music provide even more individualized instruction.

The Provost also announced that the First-Year Assistant Professor Program and the summer teaching program have been combined this year in order to be able to support the maximum number of first-year faculty.

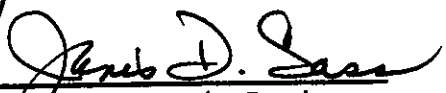
XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty

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