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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**November 13, 1996**  
**Dodd Hall Auditorium**

**I. Regular Session**

The regular session of the 1996-97 Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 13, 1996, at 3:45 p.m. Senate President Cowart presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis. K. Anderson-L, C. Barrilleaux, G. Bates, D. Boroto, P. Bowers (D. Kopriva), J. Bowman, J. Carbonell, J. Cobbe, W. Cooper, C. Darling (C. Reddick), R. Dunham, H. Fletcher (B. English), P. Gielisse, A. Gometz (M. C-Hernandez), M. Hardy, K. Harris, E. Hilinski (J. Schlenoff), A. Hirsch, N. Jumonville, E. Klassen, J. Kodras, W. Landing, CJB Macmillan, C. Madsen, R. Mariscal, L. Mastrogiacomo, T. Moerland, G. Moore, D. Nast, V. Ping, M. Pohl, P. Ray, V. Richard, M. Richey, J. Sampson, M. Schall, B. Shellahamer, F. Standley, J. Standley, F. Vickory, L. Walters.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of October 9, 1996, were approved as distributed.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**IV. Report of the Steering Committee, T. Matherly  
for J. Macmillan**

Since the last Senate meeting on October 9, the Steering Committee has met weekly. We met with President D'Alemberte and Provost Abele on October 21, with Regent Steve Uhfelder on October 28 and with Provost Abele on November 4.

The following items have been the focus of our attention during the month.

1. We have forwarded to the President, the Senate's resolution on reserved parking places that was passed at the October meeting.

2. Interactive Distance Learning: In conversations with the President and Provost we have considered the overall picture of how IDL fits into the University's programs, budgets and future plans. We have discussed a focus on graduate, continuing education and professional programs that lend themselves to distance learning over a more diffuse use of IDL. Closer to home, many faculty are already

incorporating IDL resources in their courses. Major course changes are going to the curriculum committee for action.

3. Professional Relations and Welfare Committee: The Professional Relations and Welfare Committee will act on a request from a senate member to investigate course packets. In addition, we have asked the Committee to explore non-course delivery related faculty issues in distance learning. A report from Robley Light, the chair of that committee, will be presented.

4. We have appointed the members of the ad hoc Torch Awards Committee. Jim Macmillan will chair the committee with members Bernard Sliger, Anne Rowe, Mary Beth Schall and Greg Choppin. Jeff Robison and Frankie Strickland will represent the FSU Foundation. The committee will meet in late November and prepare a call for nominations for recipients of the award.

5. We have been keeping an eye on the elections; we plan to meet with the new Congressman and with members of the State Legislature from the surrounding area to discuss matters of mutual concern.

6. With Regent Steve Uhfelder we explored ways in which the faculty and regents could work together for the benefit of The Florida State University and the SUS in general.

7. FSU Enterprise Activities. Representatives of the Steering Committee attended a workshop on November 13 chaired by President D'Alemberte and University Communications Director Frank Murphy to address issues related to University Enterprise and Fund Raising Activities. The President has requested faculty representatives on some working groups intended to coordinate activities and resolve problems. the Steering Committee will solicit volunteers and forward these names to the President's office.

## **V. Reports of Standing Committees**

### **a. Professional Relations and Welfare Committee, R. Light**

Several items have been recently referred to the Professional Relations and Welfare Committee. The Committee met on October 23 and set up separate subcommittees to deal with each issue. Interested Senators and other faculty should contact the subcommittee chairs with any comments or input they wish to make.

Subcommittee membership:

#### **Issue I. Distance Learning Policies affecting faculty**

Pamela Carroll, Education (temporary chair)

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Pamela Barron, Library and Information Studies

Marcy Driscoll, Education

Jack Fiorito, Business

Fred Simons, Engineering

Issue 2. University Procedures and policies on course packet preparation

Michele Stebleton, Music, subcommittee chair  
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Patricia Dean, Nursing  
William McHugh, Law  
Eric Walker, English  
Patricia Young, Visual Arts and Dance

Issue 3: University Implementation of Human Subjects Policies

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Susan Losh, Social Sciences  
Ed Wotring, Communication

Issue 4: University Sexual Harassment Policies

James Cobbe, Social Sciences, subcommittee chair  
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Patricia Matthews, Arts and Sciences  
Carolyn Steele, Social Work  
Peter Stowell, Motion Picture, TV and Recording Arts  
William McHugh, Law

(we still need to add a couple more members)

Issue 5: Academic Policies in the Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Jane Ohlin, Business (one person committee)  
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**b. Evaluation Committee, K. Brewer for J. Lovano-Kerr**

These are recommendations from the Evaluation Committee. Senate President Cowart, with concurrence of the Senate, divided the question into 4 points and action on each point by the Senate is indicated in **bold letters**.

1. That due to the fact Mr. Ray Frost needs to know soon concerning scoring changes, he should be directed to delete all numerical scoring other than frequency and percentage distributions on the SIRS reports effective, Spring, 1997. This would be consistent with the SUSSAI reports.) **Passed**

2. Recommend that this modification be adopted for all future reports of the SIRS, SUSSAI and any instrument issued by the Instructional Support Center. **Passed**

3. That each department be sent a memo to the effect that if they believe that summarizing student perception data is meaningful for

faculty evaluation purposes, then medians ~~instead of as well as~~ means should be used for a central location measure (the ~~strike through~~ and underlined change was accepted by the Senate). **Passed**

4. That the following statement be printed on all summary report forms of the SIRS and SUSSAI and any other perception rating issued by the Instructional Support Center:

**“CAUTION:** It is advisable to calculate means and standard deviations on any numerical scoring of these ratings since inappropriate comparisons could result.” **Passed**

Because of numerous questions and concerns brought up by these recommendations a motion (seconded) to reconsider was made. The motion to reconsider failed.

c. **Undergraduate Policy Committee and Libraries Committee reports will be made at the December meeting.**

#### **VI. Unfinished Business**

There were no items of unfinished business.

#### **VII. New Business**

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

#### **VIII. University Welfare**

A Senator reminded the Senate that completion of folders for consideration for TIP, PEP are underway.

Senator Martin made complementary remarks concerning Professor Joe Travis and his recent lecture.

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

##### **a. Provost Lawrence Abele**

Provost Abele was not available for today's meeting.

##### **b. Jon Dalton, Vice President of Student Affairs**

Vice President Dalton presented information surveyed from entering freshmen and departing seniors. Both groups were proud of their association with FSU. VP Dalton responded to questions and agreed to return and provide more information to Senators.

##### **c. Beverly Spencer, Vice President for University Relations**

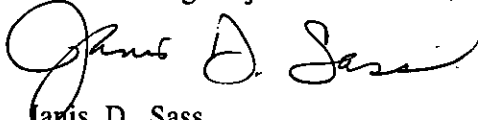
Vice President Spencer distributed materials celebrating FSU's 50th Anniversary. She will return to the December meeting and provide more information.

**X. Announcements of the President of the University**

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

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janis D. Sass".

Janis D. Sass  
Secretary to the Faculty