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AGENDA  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM  
October 11, 1995  
3:45 p.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes of the September 13, 1995 meeting
  - II. Approval of the agenda for the October 11, 1995 meeting
  - III. Report of the Steering Committee, M. Cowart
  - IV. Reports of Standing Committees
    - a. Undergraduate Policy Committee, K. Laughlin (**action item**)
  - V. Unfinished Business
  - VI. New Business
    - a. State University System Student Assessment of Instruction (SUSSAI), P. Dean (**action item**)
  - VII. University Welfare
  - VIII. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
    - a. Maxwell Carraway, University Registrar, Schedule '95
  - IX. Announcements of the President of the University
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THE NEXT SENATE MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER  
8 IN DODD HALL AUDITORIUM



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**URGENT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 1995  
TO: FSU Faculty  
FROM: Marilyn Young, President  
Faculty Senate  
SUBJECT: Liberal Studies Changes

At the last meeting of the Senate, we announced a timetable for consideration of proposals for implementing the legislatively mandated reduction in liberal studies requirements. At that time, we intended to bring a proposal to the Senate for action at the November meeting; the October meeting was to be dedicated to further discussion of proposals from the Undergraduate policy Committee and others. Now we find that we are sufficiently ahead of our timetable that we may be ready to VOTE on a Liberal Studies proposal in October. I am writing to alert you to that fact.

Following the September 20 special faculty meeting, the UPC met and developed the attached proposal, which they are recommending to the Senate. This proposal for redistributing the liberal studies hour requirements reflects the discussion that took place September 20. This proposal was adopted unanimously by the Undergraduate Policy Committee.

Thus, the attached UPC proposal will be on the agenda for action at the regular Senate meeting October 11. Of course, during the discussion, the proposal may be amended from the floor, substitute proposals may be offered, or the matter may be sent back to the UPC for further deliberation. I urge you to discuss with your colleagues the issues involved in the changes to the liberal studies requirements. The Steering Committee and I feel that complete substitute proposals will fare better in our deliberations than will specific changes to the UPC proposal.

Because of the importance of the process involved in these decisions, as well as the importance of the decisions themselves, we ask that all amendments and substitute proposals be submitted in writing (even if it is something you scribble on the back of your agenda during the meeting). Further, we are going to ask that Senators sit in the front of the Dodd Hall Auditorium reserving the back row(s) for administrators, visitors, and guests.

Finally, I would urge you to make every effort to attend the October 11 and November 8 Senate meetings. Even if we finish liberal studies in October, there are issues surrounding the administration of the new statewide student assessment of instruction that the Senate will take up in November. If you are unable to attend, please send your alternate senator, so that your unit is fully represented. These are decisions that affect each of us, individually to say nothing of the university as a whole.

TO: FSU Faculty

FROM: Karen Laughlin, Chair<sup>kw</sup>  
Undergraduate Policy Committee

R.E.: Liberal Studies Proposal

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
October 11, 1995  
Dodd Hall Auditorium

**I. REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session of the Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, October 11, 1995, in Dodd Hall Auditorium. Senate President Marilyn Young presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis. R. Allen, J. Beckham, S. Blessing, G. Boggs (J. Pitts), J. Bowman, D. Clack, W. Cooper, C. Darling (C. Reddick), R. Dunham, P. Gielissee, L. Gould, W. Heard, A. Hirsch, C. Imwold (S. Lynn), W. Landing, T. Lindbloom, S. Maxwell, B. Menchetti, G. Moore, M.A. Moore (E. Goldsmith), B. Newell (G. Fournier), C. Patrick, M. Ponce, H. Prosper (H. Baer), P. Ray, M. Richey (J. Degen), L. Walters (E. Rehder), B. Warf (J. Baker).

**II. Approval of the minutes**

The minutes from the September 13 Senate meeting were not available for approval. They will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

**III. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**IV. Report of the Steering Committee, M. Cowart**

The Senate Steering Committee met weekly on numerous academic matters. In addition, the Steering Committee met with the President on the topics of liberal studies, library budget and parking. The President assured members of the Steering Committee that there were more faculty/staff spaces available than permits for parking in faculty/staff spaces. In addition, the Steering Committee and the Senate Budget Advisory Committee met with the Provost on the University budget and on reporting faculty productivity using PARS forms.

Senate President Young attended the Board of Regents meeting in Orlando in September. The BOR has established a faculty advisory committee to their Legislative Steering Committee. John Dorsey, chair of Chemistry, will serve as the FSU representative.

Committee Appointments. The Steering Committee provided the President and the Provost names of faculty to serve on these committees: Auxiliary Service Board, University Budget Advisory Committee, Campus Development and Space Committee, Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, Martin Luther Kings, Jr. Distinguished Scholar Award, and the Admissions Committee.

SUSSAI. The staff of the Board of Regents have circulated a memorandum confirming that the State University System Student Assessment Instrument, which is to be administered during the Spring 1996 academic term, is to be used in evaluation of faculty.

Council for Instruction RFP. We discussed with the President, the call for proposals for projects in teaching by means of distance learning techniques and applauded the opportunity for faculty to receive such support for course development efforts. However, we also recommend that outstanding proposals for other forms of teaching be considered for funding as well.

Short Course Ad Hoc Committee. This Committee, originally formed to address issues of summer short courses offered through the Center for Professional Development, will address issues related to courses offered through various distance learning modalities. Such issues involve faculty/student contact hours, residency requirements, and others. We will keep the Senate apprised of activities directed to assuring the quality of our academic programs regardless of modality.

To continue with the report of the Steering Committee, Senate President Young presented two motions from the Steering Committee.

**Motion I:**

That the Undergraduate Policy Committee undertake an in-depth review of Liberal Studies. This review may, but will not necessarily, result in additional changes to the liberal studies requirement, but in no case can those changes exceed the 36 hour limitation imposed by the legislature. The focus of the review will be the needs of students in the coming century. The results of this study will be brought to the Senate for debate and possible action no later than the October 1997 meeting.

After discussion, Senator John Bryant's motion was seconded and approved to remove the clause "but in no case can those changes exceed the 36 hour limitation imposed by the legislature". A ballot vote of 66-Yes and 3-No resulted in passage of the amended motion. The motion as passed reads, "**That the Undergraduate Policy Committee undertake an in-depth review of Liberal Studies. This review may, but will not necessarily, result in additional changes to the liberal studies requirements. The focus of the review will be the needs of students in the coming century. The results of this study will be brought to the Senate for debate and possible action no later than the October 1997 meeting.**"

**Motion 2**

That there be a moratorium on increases in degree requirements until the review of liberal studies requirements is completed and acted on by the Faculty Senate. The Steering Committee in consultation with the Council of Deans will appoint a three-person panel (2 faculty members and one dean) to review appeals based on extenuating circumstances such as accreditation reviews.

After discussion several motions were made. Senator Macmillan moved to include the following language "That there be a moratorium on increases in departmental college and school wide requirements....Senate". This motion failed. Senator Fred Standley moved to have the sentence read "That there be a moratorium on increases in degree, major, and program requirements....Senate." This amendment passed. Senator Case accepted a friendly amendment which added the following language to the statement, "That there be a moratorium on increases in degree, major, and program requirements which would use any of the 13 hours (formerly accepted by Liberal Studies),....Senate.

The amended motion passed by a ballot vote of 44 - Yes and 34 - No. The motion reads, "That there be a moratorium on increases in degree, major, and program requirements which would use any of the 13 hours formerly accepted by Liberal Studies, until the review of liberal studies requirements is completed and acted on by the Faculty Senate. The Steering Committee in consultation with the Council of Deans will appoint a three-person panel (2 faculty members and one dean) to review appeals based on extenuating circumstances such as accreditation reviews."

**V. Report of Standing Committees**

**a. Undergraduate Policy Committee, K. Laughlin**

The Undergraduate Policy Committee presented the following motion: "The Undergraduate Policy Committee recommends the attached proposal (addendum 1) for altering liberal studies requirements to conform to the 36 hour maximum imposed by the legislature. This proposal also includes recommendations presented to the special Faculty Senate meeting on September 20 (addendum 2).

Senator Cowart distributed a substitute motion which outlined Liberal Studies requirements as

- I. Math, 6 hours
- II. English Composition, 6 hours
- III. Social Sciences, 6 hours
- IV. Humanities/Fine Arts (including History), 11 hours  
(minimum 3 hr. History; 3 hr Literature)
- V. Natural Sciences, 7 hours including laboratory

The Faculty Senate discussed the substitute motion and voted 49 to 14 to defeat the proposal.

Senator Dougherty moved that the proposal presented by the UPC be referred back to committee. Professor Jayne Standley spoke against this motion. Senator Dougherty withdrew his motion. By a ballot vote of 62 - Yes and 13 - No, the proposal passed.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

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

**VII. New Business**

- A. State University System Student Assessment of Instruction (SUSSAI),**
- P. Dean**

Senator Dean gave a brief review of the progress of her committee in developing policies to implement the above mentioned instrument. To avoid confusion and curtail excess administrative costs, the SUSSAI committee recommends that there be a moratorium on administering SIRS for the Spring, 1996 semester. This new instrument must be in place by Fall, 1996 and may replace the existing SIRS. The Senate discussed this issue and voted in favor of the moratorium. A more comprehensive report from the committee will be presented in November.

**VIII. University Welfare**

A representative from Student Government spoke about a Campus Environment Recycling program being implemented by Student Government.

Senator Matherly reported that the faculty who teach in Panama City were not notified that the campus was closed during the recent hurricane. Dean of the Faculties Steve Edwards reminded the Senate that university information is available at 644-INFO.

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

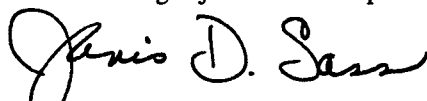
Due to the length of the Senate's business today, Max Carraway will present a report on Schedule 25 at the November meeting.

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

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

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Janis D. Sass  
Secretary to the Faculty

# Addendum I

TO: FSU Faculty  
FROM: Karen Laughlin, Chair<sup>tz</sup>  
Undergraduate Policy Committee  
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Senate 10-11-95)

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Appendix 2  
(Passed Faculty Senate  
10-11-95)

**RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS**

Additional Liberal Studies, State, and SACS requirements

**\*Gordon Rule:**

For proposals 1-4 above:

12,000 Gordon Rule words will be required in English composition, with the requirement for the remaining 12,000 words to be satisfied by any four Liberal Studies courses designated by the UPC as requiring 3,000 words of writing.

**\*Multicultural requirement:**

For proposals 1-4 above, this requirement would be moved OUTSIDE Liberal Studies and established as a Graduation Requirement:

\*All students except those transferring with 60 hours or more would be required to complete one x, and one y course.

\*Students transferring with 60 credits or more would be required to complete either one x or one y course.

\*These courses may also be counted as Liberal Studies courses OR they may be non-Liberal Studies courses taken as electives or as part of a student's major.

\*Departments will be encouraged to propose additional multicultural courses to help meet demand for these courses.

**\*Computer and oral communication competency (as mandated by SACS):**

\*The UPC is considering ways to comply with the SACS mandate that the University assess oral communication and computer competency. The committee does NOT recommend adding requirements in these areas to Liberal Studies at this time.