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AGENDA
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DODD HALL AUDITORIUM
October 9, 1996
3:45 p.m.

- I. Approval of the minutes of the September 11, 1996 meeting
 - II. Approval of the agenda for the October 9, 1996 meeting
 - III. Report of the Steering Committee, J. Macmillan
 - IV. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. **Ad Hoc Committee on Interactive Distance Learning**,
Chairs of Curriculum, Graduate Policy, Undergraduate Policy
Committees, Karen Laughlin and Steve Edwards
 - b. **Undergraduate Policy Committee, G. Buzyna**
Oral Communication Competency (SACS)
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - VI. New Business
 - a. **Evaluation Committee, J. Lovano-Kerr/M. A. Moore**
 - b. **Torch Awards Proposal, J. Macmillan**
 - VII. University Welfare
 - VIII. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers
 - IX. Announcements of the President of the University
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OCTOBER 9, 1996
3:45 P.M.**

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, October 9, 1996 in Dodd Hall Auditorium. Marie Cowart, Senate President convened the meeting.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis. Billings, C., Boroto, D., Bowers, P., Carbonell, J., Dunham, R., Eberstein, I. (I. Padavic), Fletcher, H., Harris, K., Hirsch, A., Kodras, J., Menchetti, B., Moerland, T., Nasgaard, R., Nast, D., Ray, P., Richey, M., Sampson, J., Tull, J., Vickory, F., Walker, E.

Professor Robley Light was incorrectly listed as absent from the September 11 meeting.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of September 11, 1996, were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to add item c. Parking Resolution, G. Boggs under New Business. The amended agenda was approved.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee

Since the last Senate meeting on September 11, the Steering Committee has met weekly; in addition, we met with President D'Alemberte and Provost Abele on September 23. The following items have been of concern to us:

1. Faculty Center: following up on a report from the Gruendar Committee, we have requested that space be set aside for a place for faculty to meet formally and informally; included in our

request is space for Senate meetings, offices for the Senate, rooms for smaller meetings, and kitchen facilities for lunch purposes; the Johnson Building has such facilities and we have recommended that they be put aside for a faculty center when they become available.

2. Dean of Undergraduate Studies: we have discussed the recommendations of the ad hoc committee to consider changes in that office; Senator Clifford Madsen represented the Senate on that committee.

3. Program in Excellence: the development of Graduate Assistant Training in the office of Graduate Dean has been discussed; the further development of plans in this area has been referred to the GPC.

4. State pension funds' use as venture capital: A memo from Enterprise Florida has gone to the Governor's office recommending that a portion of state pension funds be used to provide venture capital. Action has been delayed by the head of the Pension Funds, Ash Williams (Executive Director of the State Board of Administration who oversees the investments of the state workers' retirement system). We are keeping an eye on this.

5. Distance Learning: an ad hoc committee to help coordinate the faculty's role in Distance Learning has been established. Jayne Standley will report on this committee later in the meeting.

6. Torch Awards: the Steering Committee has recommended a set of awards to be given in the name of the faculty to people who contribute to the academic mission of the University. That proposal has been mailed to you and will come up later in the meeting as a motion from the Steering Committee.

7. In addition to her presidential duties, Senate President Marie Cowart has represented the faculty by attending the Board of Regents meeting in Jacksonville, the Board of Directors of the FSU Foundation, and the Board of the FSU Alumni Association. She has also met separately with President D'Alemberte and Provost Abele.

8. Finally, remember the United Way Drive.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Ad Hoc Committee on Interactive Distance Learning, J. Standley

Professor Jayne Standley presented a proposal to develop a committee called ad hoc Interactive Distance Learning Policy Committee (addendum 1). After some discussion the Senate adopted this proposal. It was suggested that other topics of interests concerning distance learning are securing of resources, quality of what is being taught and an interest in knowing what the drop rates are for courses taught in non-traditional formats.

b. Undergraduate Policy Committee, G. Buzyna

Professor Buzyna provided some background information to the Senate concerning the SACS recommendation on Oral Communication Competency. The UPC made the following recommendation:

Since the definition of computer competency and competency in oral communication vary from discipline, a recommendation to date has been that the responsibility for insuring that these competencies are assessed and met lie with the dean of each affected school or college, and furthermore, that these policies be submitted to the UPC for review.

This, however, should be taken as in interim policy while the UPC is in the process of reviewing all received material and following up with units that have not yet responded. Thus a final policy recommendation should be formulated after the final review of the above, and also after the current review and assessment of the new Liberal Studies requirement put in place in the fall of 1995 is completed.

The Senate voted to accept this recommendation.

To ensure that courses taught for Liberal Studies credit are approved through the channels of UPC and Senate, the UPC recommended that "courses taught under a selected or special topics number **cannot** be offered for Liberal Studies credit". Generally, courses taught with special topics numbers are

considered to be one-time offerings and do not go through official approval processes. The Senate approved this policy.

VI. Unfinished Business

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

VII. New Business

a. Evaluation Committee, J. Lovano-Kerr

Professor Jessie Lovano-Kerr provided the Senate with a preliminary report (addendum 2) of the committee's activities so far.

b. Torch Awards, J. Macmillan

Professor Jim Macmillan presented the following:

There are hereby established the "Torch Awards" to be awarded by the Faculty of The Florida State University to persons or organizations that have contributed significantly to the University's ability to fulfill its academic mission. The awards shall not be awarded to current employees of the University.

Torch Awards shall be presented in the name of the faculty by the President of the Faculty Senate at the annual Faculty Awards Ceremony in April.

Three awards may be presented annually, at the discretion of the Steering Committee:

VIRES, symbolizing moral, physical and intellectual strength

ARTES, symbolizing appreciation of beauty

MORES, symbolizing respect for customs, character and tradition

The Faculty Senate will establish an Awards Committee, consisting of five faculty members, at least one of whom will be a member of the Steering Committee and will chair the committee. The President of the FSU Foundation, or his/her representative,

will be an ex officio voting member. The Committee will accept nominations for the awards and shall recommend candidates for the awards to the Steering Committee, which determines the nominee's. A person who nominates a candidate for a Torch Award shall present no fewer than three nor more than five additional letters of support. The letter of nomination should document the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to the University's ability to fulfill its academic mission.

The Senate approved this proposal.

c. Parking Resolution, G, Boggs

Professor Glenn Boggs presented this resolution on behalf of a majority of Senators:

WHEREAS, The Florida State University Faculty Senate desires to improve the morale of the faculty and promote the welfare of the University in general; and,

WHEREAS, lack of adequate and proximate parking for faculty has been and is now a source of frustration and lost productivity; and,

WHEREAS, substantial numbers of faculty parking places have recently been lost in covenant locations, such as the Landis Green area, the Hecht House lot, and spaces near the varsity tennis courses; and

WHEREAS replacement parking places are being located at the periphery of the University in such places as the stadium and near Gaines Street, therefore it

RESOLVED:

The FSU Faculty Senate formally requests the President to suspend all reserved parking places for faculty and staff (except handicapped spaces) from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

The Senate approved this resolution by a vote of 47 to 10.

VIII. University Welfare

A senator voiced concern over the cost and copyright applications of instructional packets printed at the Union Copy Center. President Cowart informed the Senate that the Professional Relations and Welfare Committee was looking at this and several other issues of concern to faculty welfare. Professor Robley Light chairs this committee. Please contact him with your questions and concerns.

IX. Announcements of Deans and other administrative officers

Dean of the Faculties Steve Edwards announced that some of the problems encountered with TIP (Teacher Incentive Program) have been resolved and faculty should be receiving information from their deans. The deadline for submission is December 2, 1996. There are major changes and you should make sure you have information provided to each dean.

Dean Edwards stated that the PEP (Professorial Excellence Program) has also been mailed out. The criteria and list have been sent to deans. The deadline for this program is in February, 1997.

Provost Abele announced that the recommendations on technology are being implemented.

X. Announcements of the President of the University

President D'Alemberte had another meeting and was not available for the Senate meeting day.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Janis D. Sass
Secretary to the Faculty