

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Moore Auditorium
April 8, 1987
3:45 p.m.

I. Regular Session

The first regular session of the 1987-1988 Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 8, 1987, at 3:45 p.m. Senate President James Pitts presided.

The following members were absent. Alternates who were present are listed in parenthesis following the member they represent. D. Ammerman, S. Baker (J. Degen), P. Beck, J. Bolden (D. Redfield), G. Choppin, R. Clark, W. Deegan, H. Fletcher, E. Frechette, P. Garretson, S. Gottschalk (J. Altholz), D. Kelly, K. Kemp, E. Keuchel, T. Kuehne (K. Anderson), J. Lovano-Kerr, E. Mellon, M. Meredith, P. Nelson, R. Neuman, J. Piersol, C. Rockwood, K. Scott, J. Simmons, F. Simons, P. Southerland, D. Sumners, G. Weaver, L. Weingarden, L. Wickett.

II. Approval of the minutes of March 11, 1987

The March minutes were not distributed in time for approval at this meeting. They will be approved at the September meeting.

III. Approval of the agenda for April 8, 1987

The agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, F. Standley

1. In response to the request from Gene Sherron of Computer and Information Resources, the Committee has appointed Fred Leysieffer, Statistics, to be a member of the Computing Center Advisory Board.

2. As a result of Sherron's meeting with the Steering Committee, there will be two "town" meetings held later this month for all faculty to discuss new developments in technology enhancement on campus.

a. Tuesday, April 21, 3:45 Moore Auditorium

Subject: The planned telecommunications system for the campus

b. Tuesday, April 28, 3:45 Moore Auditorium

Subject: Upgrading the computer technology for academic computing at the FSU Computing Center

3. Dates for Senate meetings for next year have been selected as

d. Budget Advisory Committee, F. Standley

"The Budget Advisory Committee met on Thursday, March 26, and discussed a packet of substantial materials provided to the committee by Tom McCaleb. Among the major items considered were:

1. The new SUS funding model for implementation in 1987-88, which is not overall favorable to FSU as an institution, e.g., in the category of OPS funds.
2. Budget calendar for 1986-87 and 87-88 and roles of committee participation.
3. Response to committee's request earlier in the year for tracking internal changes from original allocations in 85-86 to end of year actual budgeted items, such additional allocations from reserves and other sources then need to be monitored within context of institutional goals-tracking by schools/colleges.
4. A list of miscellaenous items pertaining to the current year's budget which stresses
 - a. achievement of enrollment corridor enabling us to gain about \$175,000 from SUS
 - b. the increasing of our fundable thesis/dissertation hours by more than 900 hours
 - c. allocation of reserves to various units for meeting serious needs during the current year
 - d. commitment to carry forward of funds to use for support of graduate assistants in 1987-88.

The Committee will continue to meet during the summer and expects to be involved by the administration in the plans for allocation of the new budget. The administrative representation via Tom McCaleb and Steve Edwards has been candid and open in providing information and data and in discussing budgetary issues this year."

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Plus/minus grading system, J. Icerman

At the March 11 Faculty Senate meeting the Undergraduate Policy Committee report regarding the effects of the change to a plus/minus grading system was discussed at some length (a copy of the report is in the March minutes). Per the recommendation of the UPC, a motion to add to the current system an A+ grade at 4.25 quality points was made and seconded. A substitute motion to adopt a plus/minus grading system, including an A+ grade, where all grades within each grade range have the same quality points

required by by-laws and will be published in the minutes (addendum 1).

4. A resolution from the Professional Relations and Welfare Committee was received yesterday by the Steering Committee and will be turned over to the new Steering Committee for action.

5. In the last meeting with President Sliger, the Committee discussed:

- a. Enhancement of support systems for non-traditional students
- b. The matter of the committee structure for the search for an associate vice-president for research
- c. The establishment of a student test file centrally located on campus.

V. Elections Committee, T. Matherly

a. Election of the President of the Faculty Senate

The floor was opened for nominations for Senate President. James Pitts was the only nominee and was unanimously voted in as President of the Faculty Senate for 1987-1988.

b. Election of members of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Nominees received by ballot are Marie Cowart, Ross Heck, Clifford Madsen, Alan Mabe, Marilyn Young. Joe Icerman, DeWitt Sumners, John Waggaman. Leo Sandon was nominated from the floor.

Mr. Matherly reminded the Senators that with the election of James Pitts as President, there would be a one (1) year replacement needed to complete his term. There would be three (3) vacancies for two (2) year terms and one (1) for a one-year term. In the past the Senate has voted to allow the person who has the highest number of votes after the election of the two-year term vacancies to fill the unexpired term. The Senate voted to do that today.

Reminder: The Senate passed a motion at the September 10, 1986 meeting "to publish the number of votes received by nominees for election to the Steering Committee".

On the first ballot the following votes were cast: Cowart-39, Heck-24, Icerman-23, Mabe-36, Madsen-37, Sumners-27, Young-29, Waggaman-27 and Sandon-40. Out of 77 ballots cast, Leo Sandon and Marie Cowart were elected.

On the second ballot the following votes were cast: Mabe-34, Madsen-30, Summers-24, Young-34, Waggaman-24. Of the 75 ballots no one received a majority of the votes.

On the third ballot the following votes were cast: Mabe-30, Madsen-29, Summers-22, Young-32, Waggaman-21. A plurality is needed on the third ballot. Of the 71 ballots cast Marilyn Young was elected for the final two-year term and Alan Mabe was elected to complete the unexpired one-year term.

The Steering Committee for 1987-88 is as follows:

Marie Cowart, Nursing, 1987-1989
John Fenstermaker, Arts & Sciences, 1986-1988
Alan Mabe, Arts and Sciences, 1987-1988
Elizabeth Mann, Library and Information Studies, 1986-1988
James Pitts, Business, 1988, Chairman
Leo Sandon, Arts & Sciences, 1987-1989
Fred Standley, Arts and Sciences, 1986-1988
Marilyn Young, Communication, 1987-1989

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Elections Committee, T. Matherly
Confirmation of appointments to Senate Committees

The Senate confirmed all of the appointments to Senate Committees as they appear on addendum 2.

- b. Graduate Policy Committee, J. Standley

The GPC presented the following recommendation: For International students who wish to enroll in graduate coursework as special students, the University shall require a minimum TOEFL score of 520.

After discussion the Senate amended the minimum TOEFL score to be 550 and approved the amended recommendation.

- c. Undergraduate Policy Committee, J. Icerman

The UPC presented the following change in the Social Science (Area 111) Liberal Studies Program: SYO 3100 (Family Problems and Social Change) be approved for Social Science Liberal Studies credit and SYO 3500 (Social Institutions) be deleted from the Liberal Studies program.

The Senate approved this recommendation.

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