

FACULTY SENATE MOTIONS 1997-98

WILLIE HASKINS, CHAIRPERSON

SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

Motion #97/98-01:

The Faculty Senate formally expresses its thanks to Stephen Fain for serving the university community as Chair of the Faculty Senate during the last three years. We sincerely appreciate his leadership, his commitment, his honesty, and his humor.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

Motion #97-98:02:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum committee Bulletin #1 with the following change to the entry-level MS in Physical Therapy, page six, Summer 3, STA 5126. Course should read: STA 6166, Statistical Methods in Research.

Motion #97/98-03:

The Faculty Senate recommends against the use of the shopping center across from S.W. 107 Avenue as classroom space.

Motion #97/98-04:

The Faculty Senate requests that a faculty member and a student be appointed as voting members of the University Space/Scheduling Committee.

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Motion #97/98-05:

Be it resolved that the Florida International University Faculty Senate establish a working group to study and make recommendations about the related issues of student recruitment, admissions, and retention. The working group will report its preliminary findings to the Faculty Senate in November.

NOVEMBER 18, 1998

Motion 97/98-06:

Based on the recommendation from the Graduate Council and the Curriculum Committee, the Faculty Senate approves the Ph.D. Physics Implementation Proposal.

Motion 97/98-07:

Based on the recommendation from the Undergraduate Council and the Curriculum Committee, the Faculty Senate approves the Logistics Major, a new track in the BBA.

Motion 97/98-08:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #2 with the following changes and deletions:

- a. p.10: temporarily withdrawn pending resolution: ARC 3XXX: Building Systems and ARC 4XXX, Building Systems II.**
- b. p.14: REL 3170 : title should be Ethics in World Religions.**
- c. p. 13: REL 5XXX: New title: Sex, Ethics and Religion.**
- d. p. 17: MUE 3210: Temporarily withdrawn pending resolution of objection.**
- e. p. 6,7: Changes shown below:**

APPROVED

Master of Arts In Economics

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. 2. Have a 'B' average (3.0) or higher during the last two years of undergraduate studies, or a combined score (verbal, quantitative, and analytic) of 1,500 or higher on the three-part GRE, which every candidate must take. Foreign students whose native language is not English must take the TOEFL and obtain a score of 500 or higher.

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 for the last two year's of undergraduate education or a minimum score of 1650 on the three-part Graduate Record Examination (GRE), which every candidate must take. Foreign students whose native language is not English must take the TOEFL and obtain a minimum score of 550.

To graduate, students must complete all course requirements, with a "B" (3.0) average or higher; fulfill workshop presentation requirements, pass the comprehensive and field examinations, and complete the oral defense and acceptance of the Ph. D. dissertation.

CHANGES

1. Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

2. Have a "B" average (3.0) or higher during the last two years of undergraduate studies, or a minimum combined score (verbal + quantitative) of 1,000 or higher on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), which every candidate must take. Foreign students whose native language is not English must take the TOEFL and obtain a minimum score of 500.

1. Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

2. A minimum GPA of 3.0 for the last two years of undergraduate education or a minimum combined score (verbal + quantitative) of 1,100 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), which every candidate must take. Foreign students whose native language is not English must take the TOEFL and obtain a minimum score of 550.

To graduate, students must complete all course requirements, fulfill workshop presentation requirements, pass the comprehensive and field examinations, and complete the oral defense and acceptance of the Ph. D. dissertation.

Motion #97/98-09:

The Faculty Senate approves Academic Policies and Procedures Section 16: Registration and Records with the exception of 16.20 and 16.21 with editorial corrections and the following changes: 16.06: Readmission: Insert into second paragraph: Students who withdrew IN GOOD STANDING during... 16.13 Grade Changes: Paragraph 3 sentence 2 of procedure: If after 30 calendar days of receipt of a registered letter by the instructor, she/he fails to respond, the chair or designee is authorized to initiate a Change of Grade in place of the instructor WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE. 16.16 Course Appeals: Second sentence of Policy: The appeal WILL NORMALLY BE APPROVED ONLY for medical reasons... 16:39 The term semester credit hour as used at the University refers to 50 minutes of classroom instruction or the equivalent each week for an entire term. (As corrected at Dec. 2 meeting)

Motion #97/98-10:

The Faculty Senate approves the creation of a faculty task force to study the impact of student recruitment, admissions, and retention on undergraduate education. Issues will include: 1) FIU's rate of growth; 2) Recruitment Plans; 3) Admissions policies; 4) Retention strategies; 5) Curriculum development (basic skills/academic achievement); 6) Learning support; 7) Graduation rates. The task force will begin its work in January 1998 and report its findings within sixty (60) days.

Motion #97/98-11:

The Faculty Senate charges the Technology Committee to do an empirical analysis of the current defacto policy on the allocation of computers and other technological resources for teaching and research.

Motion #97/98-12:

The Faculty Senate approves the recommendation that the Technology Committee be consulted in making decisions on technology for the University.

DECEMBER 2, 1997:

(Motion 97/98-09 corrected, see above)

JANUARY 13, 1998

Motion #97/98-13:

The Faculty Senate approves all the course proposals contained in Curriculum Bulletin #3.

Motion #97/98-14:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #3 - Implementation proposal for a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. (Approved with four abstentions).

Motion #97/98-15:

The Faculty Senate approves the revisions to the Undergraduate Policies and Procedures Manual. (Approved with one abstention).

Motion #97/98-16:

The Faculty Senate approves the Library Committee Recommendations on Academic Affairs Policies and Procedures Manual Section 6.

FEBRUARY 3, 1998

Motion #97/98-17:

The Faculty Senate strongly protests the expenditure of \$450,000.00 on an arched entrance to University Park at a time when the University is in serious need of additional educational resources on both campuses.

Motion #97/98-18:

The Faculty Senate approves Academic Policies and Procedures Manual Sections 16.20 and 16.21. (Approved with one abstention.)

FEBRUARY 24, 1998

Motion #97/98-19: Motion on Multi-year Contracts:

Whereas the Faculty Senate has previously taken a firm stand in support of tenure;

And whereas the Faculty Senate reaffirms its former position on tenure;

And whereas the Faculty Senate supports excellence in teaching, research and service in the State University system;

And whereas the Faculty Senate recognizes that certain benefits arise from the limited use of multi-year contracts for certain faculty positions;

The Faculty Senate opposes the use of multi-year lines to supplant tenure and tenure earning positions.

Furthermore, the Faculty Senate supports the report of the joint UFF-BOR Task Force on multi-year contracts and calls for assessment of the impact of multi-year contracts on the faculty of Florida Gulf Coast University.

Motion #97/98-20:

The Faculty Senate appreciates the work of UFF negotiators Chuck Elkins, Paul Warren, and Kemp Williams to bring about a favorable resolution to the tenure issue as well as the support of Provost Mau.

MARCH 10, 1998

Motion #97/98-21: Charge to the Nominating Committee:

Active and energetic electoral and committee participation is necessary for the optimal functioning of the Senate and its committees. With this in mind the Nominating Committee is responsible both for nominating candidates for Senate offices and for matching Senators with appropriate committee assignments. Specifically, it is responsible for making nominations to the Senate for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary in accordance with Article III, Section E; and to the Steering Committee for senatorial committee recommendation in accordance with Article V, Section F, in the event of disapproval of a committee recommendation by the Steering Committee, the Chairperson of the Senate will submit a new recommendation.

(The Committee shall be comprised as follows: the Faculty Senate Chairperson and one representative from each unit. The Steering Committee Representative from each unit shall conduct a meeting at which Faculty Senate representatives from each unit shall elect by ballot a nominating committee member from among the Senators from that unit. The representatives of a unit may, at their discretion, elect to the nominating committee, the same individual who represents that unit on the

Steering Committee, or they may elect different persons to each of these committees. In the event that any member of the Nominating Committee is under consideration for any Senate office, the concerned member shall not participate or be present at the deliberations of the Committee.)

Motion #97/98-22:

The Faculty Senate supports the Student Government Association's request that currently existing bulletin boards not be removed from classrooms. The Faculty Senate also supports SGA's recommendations that all postings must be approved by the office of Campus Life and

removed within 48 hours after the event, accompanied by a sanction which impacts an organization's funding. The SGA will monitor illegal posting.

Motion #97/98-23:

The Faculty Senate approves the Faculty Senate Mission and Vision Statements.

The Mission of the Faculty Senate

The mission of the Faculty Senate at Florida International University is to provide a process, independent of the collective bargaining, for faculty to play an active and responsible role in academic governance.

The Vision of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate is an integral part of the academic governance of the University. As the representative of the faculty, the source of academic authority, the Senate is the guardian of policies that govern the Academy. The Senate is essential in steering the University by initiating, reviewing, evaluating and recommending policy.

As respected and informed members of the academic community, Faculty Senators enjoy a collegial relationship with deans, vice presidents, the Provost and the President. The Senate shares with the University administration, the duty to protect academic freedom.

place the welfare of the Academy above parochial interests and participate fully and responsibly in making collective decisions.

recognize the importance of creating a sense of community within the University. Senators are committed to promoting equal opportunity and access in all aspects of University life.

The Senate recognizes and supports the University's role in the global community. In addition, Senators are responsive to the special mission of an urban, public University and seek to strengthen ties with the local community.

Motion #97/98-24:

The Faculty Senate approves the Performing Arts Production Track, Masters Degree as recommended by the Graduate Council with recommendations.

Motion #97/98-25:

The Faculty Senate approves Bulletin #4 with the following temporary withdrawals: (Page 7): CGS 5XXX, Computer Literacy for Performing Arts Production, (Page 5): Curriculum revisions proposed by the College of Health Services, Dietetics & Nutrition Coordinated Program

Motion #97/98-26:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Dr. Sylvia A. Earle for an honorary degree.

Motion #97/98-27:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of President Carlos Menem of Argentina for an honorary degree.

Motion #97/98-28:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Regent Paul Cejas for an honorary degree upon his resignation from the Board of Regents.

Motion #97/98-29:

The Faculty Senate charges the Honorary Degree and Awards Committee to review the policy on awarding honorary degrees and submit its report to the Faculty Senate.

Motion #97/98-30:

The Faculty Senate approves the slate of officers for 1998/99 as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

APRIL 7, 1998

Motion #97/98-31:

The Faculty Senate approves the Academic Affairs Policies, Section 9.10 as amended.

Motion #97/98-32:

The Faculty Senate approves the proposed 1998/1999 Faculty Senate meeting dates.

Motion #97/98-33:

The Faculty Senate approves the Faculty Senate Statement on Academic Freedom as amended.

The amended document now reads:

Academic freedom refers to a freedom and responsibility of the student, teacher or researcher to pursue a course of study, carry out research, publish findings, teach, artistically create, and speak out in matters of controversy without fear of reprisal or censorship, and unhindered by pressures from internal or external groups. The Faculty Senate reaffirms the right of all students, teachers and researchers to academic freedom.

Motion #97/98-34:

The Faculty Senate approves the Learning Technologies Track of the Urban Education Program.

Motion #97/98-35:

The Faculty Senate approves the Management Specialty for the Nonthesis Master's Program in Medical Laboratory Sciences.

Motion #97/98-36:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #5 as amended.

Motion #97/98-37:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of M. Athalie Range for an Honorary Doctorate degree.

Motion #97/98-38:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Architect Morris Lapidus for an Honorary Doctorate degree.

Motion #97/98-39:

The Faculty Senate approves the draft Academic Calendar for 1998-1999 with a strong recommendation to the Provost for moving Registration period up earlier in the semester.

Motion #97/98:40:

If the amount of each Teaching, Research, Service and Advising award cannot be increased, the Honorary Degree and Awards Committee is advised to make a second round of awards for which nominations may be made by July 17.

JUNE 8, 1998 (Summer Meeting)

Motion #97/98:41:

POSITION ON FACULTY GOVERNANCE

The Faculty Senate recognizes the University administration as the body responsible for implementing the policies of the State University System and for charting the course for the development and advancement of the University. The Faculty Senate seeks to work with the administration through a process of collaboration and in the spirit of mutual trust and respect.

As the representative of the faculty, the source of academic authority, the Senate is the guardian of policies that govern the Academy. The Faculty Senate is committed to a governance process which is democratic and inclusive. Finally, the Faculty Senate is committed to working with the administration towards the general advancement of the University.

Motion #97/97-42:

The Faculty Senate approves the implementation of the B.S. Program in Health Sciences.

Motion #97/98-43:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #6 with temporary withdrawal of PHY 2XXX - Problem Solving in Physics I and PHY 2XXX - Problem Solving in Physics II.

Motion #97/98-44:

The Faculty Senate recommends that the Administration raise faculty awards to \$4,000 (giving fewer awards) in the categories of advising, research, service and teaching in order to enhance the prestige of the awards and motivate more faculty to apply.

Motion #97/98-45:

The Faculty Senate approves the HDAC request to place Oprah Winfrey in the 1998-99 Pool of Honorary Degree Candidates.

Motion #97/98-46:

The Faculty Senate amends Research Policy 9.22 by replacing the paragraph Policy with the following: Faculty who are on terminal appointments who wish to submit grant proposals to funding agencies through the University must accompany their normal grant submission with an additional justification explaining the benefits of such a grant to the University. Such a submission must be through the individual s chairperson and dean, and their concurrence with the justification is necessary before the University will support the grant request.

Motion #97/98-47:

The Faculty Senate refers Research Policy 9.23 to the Research Committee for further deliberations.

Motion #97/98-48:

The Faculty Senate amends Research Policy 9.31, by replacing the paragraph □Policy□ with the following: For all matters pertaining to annual leave (and sick leave) contact the Vice Provost for Research and the Director of Sponsored Research and Training. The University policy reflects the United Faculty of Florida/Board of Regents collective Bargaining Agreement with regard to annual (and sick) leave.

Motion #97/98-49:

The Faculty Senate refers Research Policy 9.41 to the Research Committee for further deliberations.

Motion #97/98-50:

The Faculty Senate refers Research Policy 9.61 to the Research Committee for further deliberations.

Motion #97/98-51:

The Faculty Senate approves Academic Affairs Policies: Section 9, Sponsored Research, as amended.