

FACULTY SENATE MOTIONS 1998-99
Willie Haskins, Chairperson

September 8, 1998:

Motion #98/99-01:

The Faculty Senate charges the Steering Committee with establishing a task force of faculty to study the issues and implications of attaining Research I status and deliver its report in 90 days.

Motion #98/99-02: Article III - Elections

Regular membership on the Faculty Senate Research Council shall consist of senior faculty, associate and professor ranks, members with demonstrable major achievement in and recent commitment to research. (1) At least one member will be elected by each academic unit and the library. (2) Colleges and schools offering doctoral programs will have two members. (3) Representatives of University Centers, Institutes and Divisions may sit as observers or non-voting participants. (4) The Associate Vice President for ~~Academic Affairs (Research and Graduate Studies Development)~~ shall serve as an ex-officio member and the Academic Affairs staff officer on the Council. (5) The Director of ~~the Division of Sponsored Research and Training~~ shall serve as an ex-officio member and as the Associate Vice President's alternate and designee. (6) The Chairperson of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member. ~~(67)~~ The Chairperson of the Council shall serve for a two (2) year term.

Motion #98/99-03:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Mr. Kofi Anan for an honorary degree

Motion #98/99-04:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Dr. William Hardy McNeill for an honorary degree.

September 29, 1998:

Motion #98/99-05:

The Faculty Senate charges the Technology Committee with developing a report with particular emphasis on (a) the social and educational benefits and costs of distance learning and (b) distance learning readiness at FIU.

Motion #98/99-06:

The Faculty Senate approves the proposal for the implementation of a Master of Science Degree in Forensic Science.

Motion #98/99-07:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #1.

October 20 - No Motions

November 10, 1998:

Motion #98/99-08:

The Faculty Senate approves the proposed Constitutional Amendment: Preamble for a first reading as amended.

Motion #98/99-09:

The Faculty Senate approves the proposed Constitutional Amendment: Bill of Collective Rights and Principles of Governance for a first reading as amended.

Motion #98/99-10:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Glenda Key for an honorary degree.

Motion #98/99-11:

The Faculty Senate approves the Information and Literacy Proposal.

December 1, 1998

Motion #98/99-12:

The Faculty Senate approves the Constitutional Amendment: Preamble

PREAMBLE

The Mission of the Faculty Senate

The mission of the Faculty Senate at Florida International University is to provide a process, independent of 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 a 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.

The Senate shares with the University administration the duty to protect academic freedom.

The Senate places the welfare of the Academy above parochial interests and participates fully and responsibly in making collective decisions.

The Senate recognizes the importance of creating a sense of community within the University. The Senate is 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, The Senate is responsive to the special mission of an urban, public University and seeks to strengthen ties with the local community.

Motion #98/99-13:

The Faculty Senate approves the Constitutional Amendment: Faculty Bill of Collective Rights and Principles of Governance. The amendment reads as follows:

BILL OF COLLECTIVE RIGHTS AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE

The Florida International University Faculty Senate holds that faculty have collective rights which are set forward here. Every unit in the University shall guarantee explicitly these rights in their governance documents and observe faithfully these rights in the future.

1. Academic freedom refers to the freedom and responsibility of faculty in their role as teachers, researchers, citizens in the academic community, and participants in the collegial governance systems and processes. They are entitled 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.

2. Through collegial self governance, university faculty members decide and develop the curriculum which will be offered to students within the limits established by state rules and regulations. Faculty members are the academic authorities of the University.

3. Each freestanding school or college must have a democratically established collegial governance system. These governance systems and their governing documents may only be revised by democratic vote of the college or school faculty.

4. The faculty of each unit of the University have the right to participate in the selection and appointment of their administrators. In particular, department chairpersons and school directors may only be appointed following a free and fair vote by the faculty of the unit.

5. The faculty of each unit of the University have the right to participate in the evaluation of their administrators. This right includes participation in the creation of evaluative criteria. Evaluations shall be conducted annually in a process which protects the anonymity of the evaluators. Those to be evaluated include department chairs and school directors, deans, the Provost and the President. Faculty have the right to see the results.

6. The faculty of each academic unit, including departments, schools or colleges and the University as a whole, have the right and responsibility to conduct a vote of confidence in their leadership at any time they see fit.

7. The Faculty Senate may censure individuals and any formal, organized units when it determines they have violated these rights and principles.

Motion 98/99-14:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin Number 2 with the following withdrawals and corrections:

1. Withdraw pending resolution of objections:

- a. Changes to Music Education program (p.4)**
- b. EEL 2XXX Applied Software Techniques in Engineering (p.17)**
- c. HSC 4XXX Fundamentals of Pathology (p.17)**

2. Corrections:

- a. ARC 2132 should be ARC 1132 (p.7)**
- b. REL 5XXX Spirituality, should be Sub-Saharan Spirituality (p.13)**
- c. DIE 6578, credit hours should be from 2 to 3**

3. Prefix changes should read "number changes" in all cases.

4. All typographical errors exist only in the bulletin and have been noted.

Motion #98/99-16:

The Faculty Senate recommends that voting constituents for promotion and tenure be determined by the school or college.

January 12, 1999

Motion #98/99-17:

The Faculty Senate directs the Faculty Senate Chairperson to write a letter of support for the inclusion of sexual orientation to the State University System anti-discrimination policy.

Motion #98/99-18:

The Faculty Senate approves the Bylaw Amendment: ARTICLE V - CENSURE.

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A. Individuals who believe that the rights and/or principles specified in the Faculty Senate's Constitution have been violated must submit to the Senate's Chairperson a signed written protest. Individuals should carefully consider filing such a protest since it may constitute a "resort to other procedures" which has the effect of surrendering their right to protection under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

B. Upon receipt of a written and signed protest, the Chairperson may investigate the issue before placing it on the agenda for a meeting of the Senate's Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will consider the written protest and determine whether it merits review. If the Steering Committee determines that the protest merits review, it will authorize the Chairperson to appoint a committee consisting of three Senators to investigate the issue.

C. The Committee shall report on its progress at least once a month to the Steering Committee and, if the inquiry takes more than one semester, the Chairperson must report to the Senate that an inquiry is in progress. When the Committee has made a determination on the protest, it shall report its findings to the Steering Committee.

D. The Steering Committee shall receive the Committee's report. It may conclude that no further action is called for, or it may propose a motion of censure to the Senate.

E. At every stage of the investigation the individual or unit against whom protest has been filed shall be given due notice and allowed a reasonable opportunity to present whatever information the individual or unit deems relevant to the discussion and investigation.

F. The Steering Committee shall appoint a panel annually from whom investigating committees shall be drawn and the first such panel shall begin by preparing rules and procedures for investigating.

Motion #98/99-19:

The Faculty Senate approves HSC 4XXX Fundamentals of Pathology from Curriculum Bulletin #2.

Motion #98/99-20:

The Faculty Senate approves the addition of Introduction to Environmental Sciences to replace Environmental Resources and Pollution in the Physical Science component and Society and Global Environment (Social Sciences component) to the Core Curriculum.

Motion #98/99-21:

The Faculty Senate approves Section 5 of the Academic Affairs Policies and Procedures Manual with amendments

(The motion was approved unanimously. The final version is available in the Faculty Senate office.)

Motion #98/99-22:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Jerry Jerrell for an honorary degree.

Motion #98/99-23:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Enrique Iglesias for an honorary degree.

Motion #98/99-24:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Eric Bentley for an honorary degree.

Motion #98/99-25:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Undine Sams for an honorary degree.

February 2, 1999:

Motion #98/99-26

The Faculty Senate approves HSC 4XXX, Fundamentals of Pathology, which appeared in Curriculum Bulletin #2.

Motion #98/99-27:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #3.

Motion #98-99-28:

The Faculty Senate approves the revised Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures with the following amendments:

A. - Line 10, paragraph 3, on page 11 should read: The Dean must reach a decision regarding the candidates for tenure and promotion within 30 days of receiving all lower level recommendations. Additional consultations, solicitation of additional reviews, or additional information must be accomplished within the 30 day period....

B. The 4th sentence, line 5 of paragraph 2 should revert to "Abstentions should be rare".

C. - Delete 3rd line in paragraph 3, page 6.

D. Delete paragraph 4 on page 6 in its entirety.

E. - Section E. 2(b), page 18 should read: " Without prejudice" means that prior year voting by a candidate's department and school committee and recommendations from the chairperson, Dean, Academic Vice President shall be excluded. Further, documents specifically prepared for the previous tenure application must also be excluded.

February 23, 1999

Motion #98/99-29:

The Faculty Senate requests that the Provost regularly report to the Faculty Senate about the projected growth of Miami-Dade Community College and other public and private institutions and its impact on FIU, and FIU's efforts to establish branch and concurrent campuses.

Motion #98/99-30:

The Faculty Senate approves the Master of Arts in African-New World Studies as approved by the Graduate Council and the Curriculum Committee.

Motion #98/99-31:

The Faculty Senate approves the Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering as approved by the Graduate Council and the Curriculum Committee.

Motion #98/99-32:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #4 with the following temporary withdrawals pending resolution of objections from the Economics Department:

1. Page 2 - Proposal for Change in the MBA Pre-Core Courses
2. Page 2 - Proposal for Change in the Executive MBA Program
3. Page 3 - FIN 6XXX Basic Concepts of Market Competitions: Market Competition

Motion #98/99-33:

The Faculty Senate urges the Registrar to modify the current draft of the Calendar according to the suggestions offered and report back to the Faculty Senate at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

March 16, 1999:

Motion #98/99-34:

The Senate recommends that the University develop a package of courtesies as consistent with state law to be extended to retired faculty to encourage them to continue their affiliation with the University, to include but not be limited to: free parking, borrowing privileges at the library, continued use of a University e-mail account, access to a departmental mailbox, free entry to athletic and cultural events, and eligibility to sustain membership in the Faculty Club.

Motion 98/99-35:

The Faculty Senate tables Policy 9.61 of the Academic Affairs Research Policies.

Motion 98/99-36:

The Faculty Senate approves Policies 9.23 and 9.41 of the Academic Affairs Research Policies.

Motion 98/99-37:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Mr. Emilio Estefan to be placed in the Honorary Degree Pool.

Motion 98/99-38:

The Faculty Senate approves sections 19.6 and 17.01, 17.02, 17.04, 17.05, 17.06, 17.07, 17.08, 17.09, and 17.10 of the Academic Affairs Policies and Procedures Manual.

Motion #98/99-39:

The Faculty Senate approves the revised Academic Calendar for 1999-2000 .

April 30, 1999:

Motion #98/99-40:

The Faculty Senate reaffirms its constitutional right to take a position on any proposed major organizational change and to make its position known to the Provost.

Motion #98/99-41:

The Senate approves the 1999-2000 Faculty Senate Meeting Dates as presented.

Senate Meeting dates, 1999-2000: ALL MEETINGS ARE ON TUESDAY

FALL SEMESTER

(All meetings are at 1:00 pm)

SEPTEMBER 7, 1999

SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

OCTOBER 19, 1999

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

NOVEMBER 30, 1999

SPRING SEMESTER

JANUARY 18, 2000

FEBRUARY 8, 2000

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

MARCH 28, 2000

APRIL 11, 2000*

SUMMER MEETING

JUNE 13, 2000

Motion #98/99-42:

The Faculty Senate approves the implementation proposal for the Bachelor of Art in Art History

Motion #98/99-43:

The Faculty Senate approves the implementation proposal for the MS in Speech-Language Pathology

Motion #98/99-44:

The Faculty Senate refers the General Health Sciences Track in the Bachelor of Health Sciences Degree Program back to the University Curriculum Committee

Motion #98/99-45:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #5

Motion #98/99-46:

The Faculty Senate strongly urges that the Administration form a tracking system for the Undergraduate Education System (UES), using whatever resources are available so as to permit faster and more precise responses to the changing composition and demands of FIU's undergraduates.

June 8, 1999:

Motion #98/99-47:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Energy Secretary, Bill Richardson for an honorary degree. (12 FOR; 8 AGAINST; 5 ABSTAIN).

Motion #98/99-48:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Michael Apple for an honorary degree.

Motion #98/99-49:

The Faculty Senate approves the B.A. in Geography.

Motion #98/99-50:

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #6.

Motion #98/99-51:

The Faculty Senate approves EEL 2XXX Applied Software Techniques in Engineering (from Curriculum Bulletin #2).

Motion #98/99-52:

The Faculty Senate approves the proposal for a change in the MBA pre-core courses- delete Micro forecasting course (from Bulletin #3). (14 FOR; 7 AGAINST; 2 ABSTAIN).

Motion #98/99-53:

The Faculty Senate approves the implementation of a track in the Health Sciences program as recommended by the Undergraduate Council. (11 FOR; 8 AGAINST).