

# FACULTY SENATE MOTIONS 2007-2008

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## SEPTEMBER 4, 2007:

### Motion #07/08:01:

In the rare occasion when it is determined appropriate, a terminally-ill student in good standing (undergraduates generally must have achieved senior status) who is unable to complete the remaining requirements for their degree and who is recommended by their department and dean, may be awarded an appropriate Honorary Degree with the concurrence of the Senate's Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee.

### Motion #07/08:02:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Margaret Hamilton as Parliamentarian

## SEPTEMBER 18, 2007:

### Motion #07/08:03:

The Steering Committee encourages faculty members to consider canceling their classes to attend Convocation to honor their colleagues on Friday, October 5, 2007, Convocation Day

## OCTOBER 2, 2007 (BBC):

### Motion #07/08:04:

The Faculty Senate endorses the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, which was signed by president Maidique on May 25, 2007.

### Motion 07/08:05:

The Faculty Senate endorses the participation of members of the FIU community in "Focus the Nation," a yearlong national organizing project designed to engage students and faculty members in discussions about solutions to global warming.

## OCTOBER 29, 2007:

### Motion # 07/08:06:

(Undergraduate Council motion)

The Faculty Senate approves the Minor in Aerospace Engineering in the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computing.

### MOTION #07/08:07:

(Graduate Council motion)

The Faculty Senate approves the request to alter the Unit Specific Admission Requirements for the MA in Religious Studies.

### MOTION #07/08:08:

(Graduate Council motion from Bulletin #4, 06-07)

The Faculty Senate approves the request to establish Unit-Specific Admission Standards in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication (advertising).

### MOTION #07/08:09:

(Curriculum Committee Motion)

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #1 with the following corrections and cancellation:

The correct prerequisite for the following beginning art courses should read "Course is not repeatable" (or non-repeatable)

- ART 2300 New title: Beginning Drawing
- ART 2330 New title: Beginning Figure Drawing
- ART 2400 New title: Beginning Printmaking
- ART 2500 New title: Beginning Painting
- ART 2702 New title: Beginning Sculpture

**ART 2705 New title: Beginning Figure Sculpture**  
**ART 2752 New title: Beginning Ceramics**  
**PGY 2110 New title: Beginning Color Photography**  
**PGY 2401 New title: Beginning Photography**

**At the request of the department, cancel the change to the Master's of Science in Criminal Justice Degree.**

**MOTION #07/08:10:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the New Academic Program Hierarchy Criteria and Guidelines**

**MOTION #07/08:11:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Policy on Program Termination**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

**MOTION# 07/08:12:**

**The Faculty Senate endorses Governor Crist's current "Green Initiative" and encourages him to continue with Green Initiatives in the future.**

**DECEMBER 4, 2007**

**MOTION #07/08:13:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Ph.D. in Biochemistry**

**MOTION #07/08:14:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Undergraduate Minor in Music**

**MOTION #07/08:15:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Undergraduate Minor in Meteorology**

**MOTION #07/08:16:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Undergraduate Minor in Italian Language & Culture**

**MOTION #07/08:17:**

**The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the Bulletin 2 with the following correction:**

**The new course proposed by the department of Environmental & Occupational Health - PHC -7XXX – Molecular & Cellular Toxicology has been modified after an objection from the Chemistry & Biochemistry Department was received by the Committee. Environmental & Occupational Health & Chemistry & Biochemistry have agreed on new course content and a new course title. The new course proposed is PHC 7XXX - Advances in Cellular and Environmental Toxicology.**

**MOTION #07/08:18:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Proposed Senate Procedures for Considering Program Termination Recommendations.**

**JANUARY 15, 2008**

**MOTION #07/08:19:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the amended new final exam schedule for Spring, 2008.**

**JANUARY 29, 2008**

**MOTION #07/08:20:**

The Faculty Senate remands a pending motion on the termination of centers back to the Steering committee for a report to the Senate at the next meeting

**MOTION #07/08:21:**

The Faculty Senate approves the unit-specific admissions standards for the Masters Degree in Liberal Studies

**MOTION #07/08:22:**

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #3 in its entirety.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

**MOTION 07/08:23:**

Students entering the university from high school with college credit, e.g., dual degree, dual enrollment, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination, may meet UCC requirements as determined by state guidelines, university articulation agreements, and other appropriate and accepted policies but are considered First Time in College (FTIC) students.

High-school-earned college credit does not exempt FTIC students from the First-Year Experience requirement (“All students entering the University with fewer than 30 semester hours are required to take this one-credit course”). FTIC students who have completed a similar college-level course may submit a course description and syllabus to the Office of Undergraduate Education for an equivalency evaluation.

**MOTION #07/08:24:**

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Harvey Chaplin - Supporter of education, the arts and health care, for an honorary degree.

**MOTION # 07/08:25:**

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Israel "Cachao" Lopez - Grammy Award Winner, for an honorary degree.

**MOTION #07/08:26:**

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Gregory Wolfe - Past President of FIU, for an honorary degree.

**MARCH 11, 2008:**

**MOTION #07/08:27:**

The Faculty Senate approves the following corrections to Bulletin 2:

Approval of proposal for changes to the Masters in Music - Applied Strings Track, Orchestral Conducting Track & Performing Arts Production Track.

**MOTION #07/08: 28:**

**The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #4 with the following change & deferment:**

**Change new course proposal title for CCJ 6XXX Juvenile Law to Legal Issues in Juvenile Justice.**

**MOTION #07/08: 29:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the 2008/2009 Calendar with the exception of the on-line final exam schedule in Summer A which will be sent back to the Calendar Committee for reconsideration and with the change of the final week phrasing to “final exam/activities.”**

**MOTION #07/08: 30:**

**The Faculty Senate approves STR 2308 (ACFS Resolution) as presented.**

The ACFS respectfully requests our legislative representatives consider voting against or temporarily postponing SJR 2308 [S 0132, H 0055]. We ask they allow more time for deliberation on this substantive legislation. We make this request because portions of the proposed constitutional amendments dealing with the State University System (SUS), the Board of Governors (BOG), and the University Boards of Trustees suggest significant changes. These changes will divert the public universities of Florida from their respective missions, at a time when they should be focusing on measures to cope with the impact of a damaging economic downturn.

We know our legislators care about our universities. We congratulate the Legislature for the bold initiatives it has supported in approving funding for Centers of Excellence, and for the willingness to rely upon the leadership of the Board of Governors and the State University System to select the initiatives to be funded under this program. This provides a model of how we can work collaboratively and collectively to encourage economic development and broaden the pool of talented workers, providing the foundation for the growth and prosperity of our economy.

It has only been five years since the implementation of the constitutional amendment, passed by the citizens of Florida, completely reorganizing the structure of higher education in Florida. Rather than reorganizing yet again, we believe the public would be best served by the Board of Governors, the Legislature, and the Governor continuing to work together for the good of Florida's public universities, their students, and the citizens of the State. The Centers of Excellence are just one example of what we have been able to accomplish when we work collaboratively. Recognizing our differing roles in the process, we should endeavor to move forward by ensuring the universities are able to focus on the needs of our students and our citizens, thereby providing the requisite foundation for the State's future.

We urge our legislative representatives to consider voting against this measure or postponing it. Instead, we urge you to find means for working together with the Board of Governors and the Governor, to support our public universities in our efforts to provide a quality education to our students.

**MOTION #07/08: 31:**

**The endorsement by the Faculty Senate of the ACFS Statement (above) is conditioned by the demand that the State University System will apportion FTE funding among the state universities to provide for equal educational opportunity to each of the state universities.**

**APRIL 1, 2008:****MOTION #07/08:32:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Termination of the Bachelor of Science in Travel and Tourism**

**MOTION #07/08:33:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Termination of the Master of Science in Tourism Studies**

**MOTION #07/08:34:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Final Week Schedule Matrix for Fall/Spring, 2008-09.**

**MOTION #07/08:35:**

Recognizing that certification requires up-front costs, the Faculty Senate endorses the pursuit of LEED (or equivalent) certification on all buildings constructed to LEED (or equivalent) standards.

**MOTION #07/08:36:**

The Faculty Senate recommends the inclusion of educational signage on all trees, ponds, preserves, and other features located on all its campuses in an effort to enhance public understanding of and sensitivity to the university's natural environment.

A third motion which reads: The Faculty Senate recommends the preservation and reuse of the historic portion of the Air Traffic Control Tower building was referred back to the Committee for a cost analysis and further review.

**APRIL 15, 2008:****MOTION #07/08:37:**

*(Undergraduate Council Motion)*

The Faculty Senate approves the Minor in Military Science

**MOTION 07/08:38:**

*(Graduate Council motion)*

The Faculty Senate approves the request to change the Unit Specific Admission Requirements for the Masters of Accounting Program.

**MOTION 07/08:39:**

*(Graduate Council motion)*

The Faculty Senate approves the request to change the Unit Specific Admission Requirements for the Executive Masters of Science in Taxation.

**Motion #07/08:40:**

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin Number Five as presented

**MOTION 07/08#41:**

The Faculty Senate approves the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate and Steering Committee Dates

**MOTION 07/08:42:**

The Faculty Senate approves the Senate Procedures for Considering Centers and Institutes as amended.

**JUNE 10, 2008:****Motion#07/08:43:**

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #6 in its entirety

**Motion#07/08:44:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Insurance and Risk Management.

**Motion#07/08:45:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Logistics and Material Management.

**Motion #07/08:46:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in German.

**Motion #07/08:47:**

The Faculty Senate supports with great reluctance the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Dance unless there is a viable proposal from the Department Dance to affect the requisite savings without harm to the other programs of the College.

**Motion#07/08:48:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Music Teacher Education but strongly encourages the administration to accept the alternative proposal presented by the program faculty that creates a Music Education Track in the Bachelor of Music. This alternative proposal provides the necessary cost savings while maintaining the integrity of the music education curriculum.

**Motion #07/08:49:**

The Faculty Senate supports with reservations the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Humanities and strongly encourages the administration to review the alternatives put forth by the Director and Faculty in the program to determine the feasibility of operating this program using the method of reducing costs recommended by the Program Director.

**Motion #07/08:50:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in English Teacher Education as of July 1, 2009 if and only if secondary teacher training continues to be provided using an alternative model that retains faculty subject matter expertise and full internships.

**Motion #07/08:51:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Master of Science Degree in English Education.

**Motion #07/08:52:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Mathematics Teacher Education as of July 1, 2009 if and only if secondary teacher training continues to be provided using an alternative model that retains faculty subject matter expertise and full internships.

**Motion #07/08:53:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Master of Science Degree in Mathematics Education.

**Motion #07/08:54:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Science Teacher Education as of July 1, 2009 if and only if secondary teacher training continues to be provided using an alternative model that retains faculty subject matter expertise and full internships.

**Motion #07/08:55:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Master of Science Degree in Science Education.

**Motion #07/08:56**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Social Science Teacher Education as of July 1, 2009 if and only if secondary teacher training continues to be provided using an alternative model that retains faculty subject matter expertise and full internships.

**Motion #07/08: 57:**

**The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Master of Science Degree in Social Science Education.**

**Motion #07/08:58:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Exercise Science.

**Motion #07-08:59:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Masters Degree in Exercise Science.

**Motion #07/08:60:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Masters Degree in Environmental Urban Systems.

**Motion #07/08:61**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Masters Degree in Technology Management.

**Motion #07/08:62:**

The Faculty Senate strongly opposes the proposed termination of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering because the ISE faculty has put forward two viable proposals to effect the requisite savings, without harming any of the other programs of the College of Engineering and Computing. These alternative proposals provide the necessary cost savings while maintaining the integrity the BS ISE Program.

**Motion #07/08:63:**

The Faculty Senate supports proposed termination of the Masters Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering with the condition that the University will maintain its commitment to provide the necessary resources for current students in the program to complete their degree within the usual accepted/expected time limit. Termination of the program disproportionately impacts a minority faculty member: the only Hispanic female PhD in the College. The Faculty Senate recommends that the faculty member be given every opportunity to remain at FIU. Termination of the program disproportionately impacts minority students: Hispanic and female.

**Motion 07/08:64:**

The Faculty Senate strongly opposes the proposed termination of the Doctoral of Science Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering because the ISE faculty has put forward two viable proposals to effect the requisite savings, without harming any of the other programs of the College of Engineering and Computing. These alternative proposals provide the necessary cost savings while maintaining the integrity the Doctoral ISE Program.

**Motion #07/08:65:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Health Information Management with the reservation that the termination of the program disproportionately impacts minority students: African American, and females.

**Motion #07/08:66:**

The Faculty Senate supports the proposed termination of the Bachelors Degree in Health Sciences with the reservation that the termination of the program disproportionately impacts a minority faculty member: Hispanic, female. It recommends that the faculty member be given every opportunity to remain at FIU.

**Motion #07/08:67:**

Based on existing contract and grant activity, its ability to decrease dependence on E&G funds, and its service to the community, the Senate supports the Center for Labor Research and Study's appeal and encourages the administration to revise the Center's current proposed E&G cut of 50% in FY 08/09 and 50% in FY09/10 to a cut of 25% in FY 08/09, 25% in FY 09/10, and 50% in FY 10/11.

**Motion 07/08:68:**

The Faculty Senate approves the proposed move of Social Work into the Stempel School of Public Health and of both Criminal Justice and Public Administration into the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Motion 07/08:69:** Constitutional Amendment establishing the Faculty Senate On-Line Review Committee (Second Reading)

**a. Membership:**

The Committee will be composed of five members, appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee. At least three of the five must have had experience teaching an on-line course.

**b. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- (i) To collaborate with the Vice Provost of Online Learning, FIU Online, and the Student Government Association to develop a strategic plan for the university's online learning programs.
- (ii) To integrate online instruction into the existing faculty and administrative governance system.
- (iii) To ensure the content, quality, and evaluation of online courses are equivalent to standards established for face-to-face courses.
- (iii) To review and recommend university-wide policies regarding online instruction including fee structure and student access.
- (iv) To keep faculty abreast of recognized national standards of online instruction methods and modes of evaluation.
- (v) To assist academic units (colleges, schools, and departments) develop online learning instruction committees for the purpose of developing unit-specific online learning practices.