

# FACULTY SENATE MOTIONS 2008-2009

THOMAS BRESLIN, CHAIRPERSON

## SEPTEMBER 2, 2008:

### Motion 08/09:01:

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th shall be changed to September 9th: the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd at the University Park Campus shall be changed to Tuesday, September 16th at the Biscayne Bay Campus; and the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 14th at the Biscayne Bay Campus shall be changed to meet at the University Park Campus.

### Motion 08/09:02:

Faculty shall be represented on the Budget Stabilization Task Force by the Chair of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee and ~~at least one other member~~. one other member of the Senate Budget Committee

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

No Motions were approved at this meeting.

## OCTOBER 14, 2008

### Motion 08/09:03:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of George Pearson as Parliamentarian

### Motion 08/09:04:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of the Honorable William M. Hoeveler, U.S. District Judge for an Honorary Degree.

### Motion 08/09:05:

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Mr. Marvin O'Quinn, President, Public Health Trust and Chief Executive Officer of the Jackson Health System for an Honorary Degree.

## OCTOBER 28, 2008

### MOTION 08/09:06

*(Constitutional Changes)*

Article V.F.

“All members of the Senate will be members of either a Standing or an *ad hoc* committee of the Senate for at least one year of each elected two-year term. Members not elected or appointed to a committee by their respective units by the beginning of the second year of their two-year term will be appointed (by October 1 of their second year) to either a standing or an *ad hoc* committee by the Faculty Senate Chair with the guidance of the Steering Committee and the Senator's preferences. Priority in the placement of members will be to committees lacking Senate representation. Tenure track faculty members may be excused from service at their request; others may be excused by the Steering Committee for exceptional circumstances.”

### Motion 08/09:07:

*(Constitutional Changes)*

Article V.K (new):

The Faculty Senate Chair may, with the guidance of the Steering Committee and the approval of the Senate, add faculty members who are not Senators to Standing Committees or *ad hoc* committees as appropriate.”

**Motion 08/09:08:**

The Faculty Senate approves the Nomination of Kevin O'Shea as Chair of the Graduate Council

**Motion #08/09: 09:**

The Faculty Senate approves the Undergraduate Minor in Communications Studies.

**Motion #08/09: 10:**

The Faculty Senate approves the new Foreign Education Physician in BSN Track.

**Motion #08/09: 11:**

The Faculty Senate approves the first year curriculum for the Doctor of Medicine Degree

**Motion #08/09:12:**

The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #1 with the following correction: HSA 6905: New title should read: Directed Study in Health Services Administration

**NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

**Motion 08/09: 13:**

Recognizing the importance of President Maidique's signature on the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, and the rising interest of students, staff and faculty on issues of sustainability, the FIU Faculty Senate encourages President Maidique to fill the recently vacated chairmanship of the Climate Commitment Task Force as soon as possible and urges him to maintain his support of the Task Force's activities.

**Motion 08/09:14:**

The Faculty Senate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee is soliciting questions concerning research activities from the faculty. Questions, submitted through the Faculty Senate office, will be forwarded to the committee for discussion and subsequent deliberation with the Senior VP for Research (or whoever represents the administration). Results of these discussions will be presented to the Faculty Senate.

**DECEMBER 2, 2008**

**Motion 08/09:15:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the proposal for a New Track in Music Education for the Bachelor of Music.

**Motion 08/09:16:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommend approval of the proposal for a New Track In Physics Education for the Bachelor of Arts In Physics

**Motion 08/09:17:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommend approval of the proposal for a New Track in Anthropology for the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Anthropology

**Motion 08/09:18:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommend approval of the proposal for a New Track in Sociology for the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Anthropology

**Motion 08/09:19:**

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

- **Proposal for Majors for the Ph.D. in Biology**
- **Proposal to Establish Unit Specific Graduate Admissions Standards for the MS in Materials Science Engineering**

**JANUARY 13, 2009**

**No Motions were approved at this meeting.**

**JANUARY 27, 2009**

**Motion #08/09:20**

**The Faculty Senate approves the new graduate majors in Psychology as follows: M.S. in Behavior Analysis, M.S. in Counseling Psychology, PhD. in Legal Psychology, PhD. in Clinical Science, M.S. in Developmental Science, Ph.D in Developmental Science, M.S. in Industrial Organizational Psychology, PhD. in Industrial Organizational Psychology**

**Motion #08/09:21:**

**The Faculty Senate Approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #3 with the exception of the Request to Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admissions Standards: Master Degree Program in Materials Science Engineering.**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

**Motion #08/09:22:**

*(Constitutional Changes)*

**Article V: - Committees**

**8. Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee**

**a. Membership**

- i. This committee shall consist of a minimum of five faculty members who will be appointed by the Chair of the Senate and approved by the Steering Committee.
- ii. Members shall be senior faculty, associate or full professors, with demonstrable achievements in and recent commitment to research, scholarship or creative activity reflective of the broad diversity of research, scholarship and creative activities at F.I.U.

**b. Duties and Responsibilities**

- i. To identify research, scholarship and creative activity issues of importance to the university community;
- ii. To recommend policies and procedures that impact, encourage and facilitate the implementation of research, scholarship and creative activities at FIU;
- iii. To review current and proposed policies and procedures as they affect the conduct of research, scholarship or creative activities at FIU;
- iv. To advise and coordinate with the administration committees that deal with research, scholarship and creative activities, their funding and operations;
- v. And to perform other related duties as directed by the Senate or the Senate Chair

**Motion #08/09:23:**

**The Faculty Senate supports the global learning curriculum draft framework developed in response to a SACS requirement for a quality enhancement plan.**

**Motion #08/09:24:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Academic Calendar for 2009-2010**

**Motion #08/09:25:**

The Faculty Senate supports the University efforts to conserve power and reduce costs by controlling the proliferation of servers and centralizing server operations under UTS provided that cost savings can be demonstrated and faculty can be assured that any teaching or research activity will not be hampered by the implementation of such a measure.

**Motion #08/09:26:**

The Faculty Senate recommends that the final week schedule be posted alongside course schedules in PantherSoft when students are registering for classes.

**Motion #08/09:27:**

The Faculty Senate requests that the Registrar facilitate appropriate faculty access to student records.

**MARCH 10, 2009**

**Motion #08/09:28:**

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Mr. Dean Colson for an Honorary Degree

**Motion #08/09:29:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommend approval of the BA in Mathematics with a Track in Mathematics Education

**Motion #08/09:30:**

The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of Bulletin 4 with the following deferment:

- Approval of course change request for EIN 3235 due to an outstanding objection from the Statistics Department.

**Motion #08/09:31:**

The Faculty Senate approves an extra meeting date of May 5, 2009 to deal with any budget matters which may arise.

**MARCH 31, 2009**

**Motion #08/09:32:**

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Ambassador Steven Green for an Honorary Degree

**Motion #08/09:33:**

The Faculty Senate approves the revision of the Faculty Senate Meeting dates as follows: Cancel May 5, 2009. Add May 26, 2009.

**Motion #08/09:34:**

The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Professor Pete Markowitz as Chair of the Athletic Council.

**APRIL 14, 2009**

**Motion #08/09:35:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommend approval of the Undergraduate Track in Chemical Education in the BA in Chemistry.

**Motion #08/09:36:**

The Undergraduate Council & University Curriculum Committee recommend approval of the Undergraduate Track in Earth Sciences Education in the BA in Earth Sciences.

**Motion #08/09:37:**

The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of Bulletin 5 with the following deferment:

- Approval of new course proposals for ISM 4XXX – Health Information Systems Management, and ISM 6XXX – Health Care Information Management.

**Motion #08/09:38:**

The Faculty Senate approves the Senate meeting dates and Steering Committee dates for 2009-2010.

**MAY 26, 2009**

**Motion #08/09:39:**

The Faculty Senate approves of the following courses that were deferred in Bulletin 5:

Approval of new course proposals for

- ISM 4XXX – Health Information Systems Management
- ISM 6XXX – Health Care Information Management.

**Motion #08/09:40:**

The Faculty Senate approves the re-instatement of the following courses that were deleted in Bulletin 2:

- INR 6604--Theory I
- INR 6706--Political Economy of Intl Relations

**Motion #08/09:41:**

The Faculty Senate approves the following program closures for which the Senate received no objections: Bachelor's degrees: French Education, Mathematical Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Spanish Education Master's Degrees: English education MAT, French Education MAT, Mathematics Education MAT, Physical Therapy, Science Education MAT, Social Studies Education MAT, Spanish Education MAT.

**Motion #08/09:42:**

WHEREAS the Department of Religious Studies' offerings are a highly enrolled component of the University Core Curriculum, and Religious Studies are an increasingly vital part of a globalized curriculum, and

WHEREAS the Department has been exceeding its enrollment targets for several years and its activities have been of a caliber to attract favorable national and international attention to and support for the University, and

WHEREAS The proposal to scatter faculty from the Department of Religious Studies to various departments in the School of International and Public Affairs seems ill-advised for a number of reasons and destined to fail in the goal of maintaining religious studies at FIU, The Faculty Senate opposes the Administration's decision to eliminate the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Religious Studies.

**Motion #08/09:43:**

WHEREAS the College of Education has met its budget reduction requirements, and, WHEREAS the proposals submitted by the College related to Higher Education and Educational Leadership & Policy Studies will result in no additional savings, the Faculty Senate recommends a postponement of such program terminations until a consolidation proposal can be submitted to and approved by the Curriculum Committees. The proposals for consolidation or closure shall be submitted to the committees by March 16, 2010.

**Motion #08/09:44:**

**The Faculty Senate accepts the report of the Steering Committee Sub-Committee and accordingly opposes the termination of the B.S. and M.S. degree programs in Recreation and Sports Management.**

**Motion #08/09:45:**

**The Faculty Senate recommends the continuation of the Athletic Training Education Master's Degree program subject to external funding.**

**JUNE 16, 2009**

**MOTION #08/09:46:**

**The Faculty Senate requests that the three-year budget of the Athletic Program be sent to the Senate in electronic format via email within 30 calendar days.**

**MOTION #08/09:47:**

**The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Bulletin #6.**

**MOTION #08/09:48:**

**The Faculty Senate approves the Unit-Specific Graduate Admissions Standards (USGAS) for Masters of Science in Material Science and Engineering (MSMSE)**