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President H. C. Bailey	Vice President L. Benjamin	Dr. F. Ware	Dr. D. Marks

Minutes of January 23, 1997 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Valdosta State University Faculty Senate meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. in Powell Hall Auditorium. Members present were: President and Chair - Hugh C. Bailey; Vice President, Academic Affairs - L. Benjamin; Executive Secretary - F. Ware; Parliamentarian - D. Marks; Ex-officio Senators - J. Brignati, K. Ferrell (absent), L. Milbrandt (absent), T. Dasher, K. Stanley, F.D. Toth (absent), F. Brown, E. Clark (absent), G. Gaumond; College of the Arts: V. Pennington, J. Davis, C. Klein, C. Edwards, M. Harbin; College of Arts and Sciences: S. Goel, J. Hiers, M. Leake, D. Marks, P. Marks, S. Childs, B. Derrick, L. Hanes, B. Brown (absent), D. Boyd, S. Gravett, K. Rumstay (absent), E. Sheeley (proxy S. Gravett), M. Hardin (absent), A. Lazari (absent), D. Bogyo; College Business Administration: A. Reddy, J. Oliver, F. Ware,

H. Ray; College of Education: G. Akins, C. Backes, R. Deavours, R. Johnston, J. Hertzog (proxy G. Akins), J. Lee, J. Dorminey (proxy J. Lee), M. Griffin (proxy T. Root-Sirmans), T. Root-Sirmans, K. Wells, R. McClung, M. Garber (proxy R. Johnston), J. Hummel (absent); College of Nursing: S. Cantrell, D. Roush; Developmental Studies: W. Lefiles (absent), C. Walker (absent); Odum Library: S. Crawford, D. Van Petten; Pres of SGA: G. Williams (absent)

The meeting was called to order by President Bailey and proxies were identified by F. Ware.

The minutes of the December 5, 1996 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

a. Dr. Benjamin presented the minutes of the November 11, 1996 meeting of the Academic Committee for Senate acceptance. The minutes of the meeting were adopted.

b. Dr. Benjamin presented the minutes of the December 9, 1996 meeting of the Academic Committee for Senate acceptance. The minutes of the meeting were adopted.

c. Report of the Committee on Committees - D. Roush stated that the Committee on Committees will meet on February 3 and will validate election results. The Committee is currently gathering ballots to confirm the election of the Senate seats for 1997-2000. They are also gathering information regarding elected positions from each unit to the statutory committees. Election results will be distributed at the February Senate meeting. They are also working on the committee volunteer list that will be

distributed to all faculty and staff for assignment to various committees.

D. Marks stated that there some further committee elections that depend on who has or has not been elected senators. He stated that it was necessary to go through the by-laws and check eligibility for those other committees in the statutes.

d. Report of the Institutional Planning Committee - L. Hanes stated that the IPC met on Wednesday, January 15. The topic of discussion was the draft document Assessing Institutional Effectiveness at Valdosta State University. The committee agreed to provide copies of Appendix A of this document (the section on common and optional goals) for the Faculty Senators for your information and responses. Each Senator will receive a copy of Appendix A in the mail. She stated that if there were responses or suggestions concerning Appendix A, please send them to her, in writing, by February 13, 1997. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, 1997 at 3:00 p.m., in the first floor meeting room of Odum Library.

e. Report of the Faculty Affairs Committee - G. Akins, reporting for J. Dorminey, stated that the Faculty Affairs Committee has a meeting scheduled for February 6. Current items on the agenda include: (1) drafting and development of administrative evaluation instruments; (2) formation of a special subcommittee to consider the summer school pay/contract issue; (3) from Dr. Benjamin, at last Executive Committee Meeting, received a draft of the Policies Governing Faculty Leave With Pay for Professional Development. The Faculty Affairs Committee has been asked to consider and provide feedback. G. Akins stated that if anyone had questions, please e-mail or call J. Dorminey.

f. Report of the Faculty Grievance Committee - B. Derrick stated that there was no report.

g. Report of the Senate Executive Committee - F. Ware stated that it was not on the agenda, but that he had located three people, D. Marks, G. Akins, and V. Pennington, to be the Nominating Committee for this next year for office of Executive Secretary and Committee on Committees Chairman. There was a motion made to accept these as the Nominating Committee. Motion passed.

1. F. Ware stated that Electronic Distribution of Faculty Senate Minutes and Agendas, proposal has come from Recycling Subcommittee, so it's hard for us to remand it to the Recycling Committee. He stated that the Executive Committee decided to bring this forward and get input from the Faculty Senate.

C. Backes stated that the Recycling Committee is a subcommittee that falls under the Environmental Issues Committee. He stated that he called a special meeting of the Environmental Issues Committee and that they had just met at 1:30 p.m. on January 23. The EIC passed the resolution from the Beautification Subcommittee with the following comments: official printed copies should continue to be archived; faculty and staff who wish to receive printed copies should be accommodated. There were also other possibilities discussed such as including the agendas and minutes on the VSU web page, but sending printed copies to all Senators. He stated that they decided to leave it up to the Senate to work out the details.

D. Marks stated that the Recycling Committee is a subcommittee of the Environmental Issues Committee, and therefore this report comes properly from the Environmental Issues Committee and it should be taken as a motion from the

Environmental Issues Committee.

P. Marks asked if a projection system could be arranged to project the minutes during faculty senate meeting, as we were now doing with the Academic Committee. She stated that that would take care of the problem of someone not having a printed copy.

C. Backes stated that it would save a lot of effort for one to type this up one time, down-load it into everyone's internet address and it's finished. Once the address file is set up, it's done.

G. Akins stated that plenty of time should be allowed for this transition to take place.

B. Derrick recommended that the Senate pass this, but it should be passed with the understanding that the Executive Secretary would be expected, if it is passed, to proceed to begin to put this in motion, but that it would be a recognition that some time would be taken and that if difficulties arise, the Executive Secretary would bring it back to the Senate.

Motion made and passed.

2. S. Gravett, reporting for E. Sheeley, stated that the Post-Tenure Review Committee met on January 22 to look at the final draft of the report dealing with (1) Pre-tenure Review, (2) Post-tenure Review and (3) Prioritization of the pool of eligible faculty when the review process is begun in fall, 1997. The committee approved this rough draft. After making some typographical corrections in the report, it will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate for discussion at the February Senate meeting. It will also be entered on the senate gopher pages for faculty access, possibly

by the end of next week. The committee recommended that faculty relate their input concerning the report, in writing, to their senators for discussion at the February Senate meeting. The committee also wanted to remind the faculty that the Post-tenure Review Committee was a special committee of the Faculty Senate which was formed in response to a mandate from the Chancellor and the Board of Regents that institutions in the University System of Georgia

"will implement a process to conduct evaluations of all tenured faculty members (post-tenure reviews), beginning five years after the most recent promotion or personnel action and continuing at five-year intervals. This will include submitting to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for approval:

Criteria to be used in post-tenure reviews, consistent with the institution's mission.

Specific guidelines for addressing those cases in which an individual's performance is deemed unsatisfactory, which the Senior Vice Chancellor will review in consultation with the University System's Office of Legal Affairs."

The committee has attempted to develop a document that is in accord with the mandate, and acceptable to the faculty, administration and Senate.

3. Followup on the Beautification Subcommittee (of the Environmental Issues Committee)'s December 5, 1996 Resolution that Plant Operations Not Proceed with Tree Removal for a Parking Lot - C. Backes presented an amended version with a note:

"We, the members of the Beautification Subcommittee of the Environmental Issues Committee, charged with overseeing the VSU Tree Preservation and Maintenance Policy (TPMP), passed by the Faculty Senate in 1993, recommend that Plant Operations not proceed at this time with the clearcutting of 5.8 acres of forested land near One-Mile Branch west of Sustella Avenue for a parking lot, because we find the proposal inconsistent with paragraphs 5 and 6 of the TPMP, to wit, "As the campus continues to undergo development, special consideration

must be given to the design and placement of new buildings to minimize the loss of trees" and "... alternatives to removal should be strongly considered." We feel there has not been a thorough discussion of alternatives and that existing trees have not been given the 'special consideration' in this proposal that is mandated by the TPMP. We will gladly work with the administration in developing a more acceptable plan for addressing our campus's parking needs while preserving its natural beauty and heritage.

The EIC supports the spirit of this resolution and encourages the administration to work more closely with the Environmental Issues Committee and the Campus Beautification Subcommittee and other related committees in the restoration of the designated wetland areas and on other projects in the future."

J. Oliver asked what restoring the wetlands would entail.

J. Brignati stated that there are 2.6 acres of wetlands which we will restore with some trees that are in wetland areas.

Motion made to approve resolution. Motion passed.

F. Ware stated that item #4 "Policies Governing Faculty Leave With Pay for Professional Development" has been turned over to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

General Discussion

D. Boyd stated that the Traffic and Parking Subcommittee met on January 22. He stated that they were under time pressure to get the fee schedule for the next academic year which involves student fees. Most of the discussion was about how to pay for the additional lots for faculty and staff to park and what faculty and staff's responsibilities would be. It was decided that \$50 a year would be appropriate. The SGA has agreed that \$50 a year for student parking was ok.

There was discussion about alternatives on how to generate funds for faculty and staff. D. Boyd suggested parking meters. He stated that there are sixty 15 min. parking spaces, forty-seven 30 min. parking spaces, and eighty-eight 2 1/2 hour parking spaces in Oak Street parking lot. He suggested that if meters were put on these

parking spaces, this would generate about \$50,000 a year, which is about \$50 each for faculty and staff.

J. Brignati stated that he was told we would need to go to Auxiliary Services to build the additional lots. The SGA leaders agreed that \$50 would not be too much; however, we do not know how the whole SGA will react. He stated that the basic concern we have is replacing the parking lot when we build the Biology and Chemistry Building. State funds cannot be used to build that lot. About \$330,000 has to be added to the budget for the Biology and Chemistry Building. The Board will not allow this money to be used for the parking lot. J. Brignati stated that to replace the parking lot and build one on Georgia Avenue that will be larger than the one that currently exists here. We would end up with about 150 more spaces than we currently have. He stated that the Foundation had just purchased the last piece of property that we need on Georgia Avenue. Without dollar support from faculty and staff, this cannot be accomplished without affecting the Biology and Chemistry Building.

There was further discussion about the cost of parking meters and the amount of parking fees for faculty and staff.

F. Brown asked if there was presently assessing a bus fee to students. J. Brignati stated that we are not assessing a bus fee. They were not assessing a fee on all students, just the students who have cars.

G. Akins requested that faculty assume the parking cost and that the staff have no costs. Since staff makes minimum wage, they should not have to pay.

B. Derrick asked where in the budget do salaries and office costs for people in auxiliary services come from now.

J. Brignati stated that this comes from various auxiliary service areas. They are self-supporting, but they are all independent of one another.

D. Bogyo stated that at the last meeting we heard that the Student Government was considering a motion to restrict parking for freshmen and sophomore students.

J. Brignati stated that the last he heard from SGA, the new lot at Sustella Avenue would be restricted to freshmen. He stated that he had not heard whether or not freshmen should be restricted from parking on campus.

D. Marks requested that the issue of the parking fee be remanded back to the Parking Usage Committee for that committee, in conjunction with Mr. Brignati and others to draft a recommendation concerning what the parking fees should be for faculty and staff. Motion seconded.

J. Davis questioned what the status was of the consultants who are addressing the issues of using gates for the different areas.

J. Brignati stated that those areas are now being patrolled and each installation would be about \$20,000 per gate.

D. Boyd stated that that recommendation did come to this body back in the spring and it was remanded to some other committee.

F. Ware stated that he thought it went back to Auxiliary Services.

D. Marks stated that there were broader issues that needed discussion by the whole body and the deliberation does take some time, and we should take that time and ask the subcommittee to report back at the next meeting.

J. Brignati stated that he needed to submit something to the Board by February 20. He stated that if we could pass a fee for one year and revisit it so that next

February if that's not accurate or if that was too much, we can adjust it next year.

B. Derrick stated that the issue of faculty and staff is a question that needs a closer look at some actual figures in terms of alternatives and is why the discussion does need to go on a bit more and not on the floor of the Senate with a proposal coming back from the committee.

M. Leake suggested that while we discuss this issue, we notify the Staff Council and communicate the discussion with them.

There was a motion made to remand this issue back to the Parking Usage Subcommittee for them to formulate recommendations and bring through the Environmental Issues Committee to the next Faculty Senate meeting on February 27.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

