

The Faculty Senate

November 4, 1983

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Charles P. Bubany, President

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting #54, November 9, 1983

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, November 9, 1983, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Introduction of guests
- II. Approval of the minutes of the October 12, 1983 meeting
- III. Report on Status of the Faculty Handbook
- IV. Consideration of a motion to appoint a Senate committee on Long-Term Planning and Priorities - William Mayer-Oakes
- V. New Business
- VI. Other Business and Announcements
  - Referred the Study of Faculty Senate Election Procedures to Senate Study Committee A with a direction that it meet with the Faculty Senate Election Committee to discuss election procedures and problems.
  - 2. Confirmed appointment of the ad hoc Committee to Study Dead Week Policies which was formed initially in the Spring of 1983.
  - 3. From the Council of Faculty Governance Organizations:
    - a. The Constitution of the Council on Faculty Governance Organizations was ratified on September 23, 1983.

- Any voting representative may designate an alternate with voting privileges to attend Council meetings in his or her absence. In the event of a conflict, the alternate with the most recent written authorization will be considered the official representative.
- c. Letter to Governor White from COFGO (see attachment)
- 4. Received notice from Dr. Darling that Achievement Reports and Planning Statements from each college and operating division which reports to the Office of Academic Affairs have been placed in the Library for reference by any member of the university community.
- 5. Dr. Darling has advised that search has begun for an Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, appointment to commence January 1, 1984; Chairman of the Search Committee is Dr. William Conroy.

From the Academic Council minutes, October 18, 1983

- 1. A common faculty reporting date of one week before classes start was established (for Spring 1984 that date is January 9; for Fall 1984 the date is August 27).
- 2. The importance of documentation of teaching ability for tenure and promotion consideration was discussed and the Council was reminded of the requirement of evidence of effective teaching, including peer evaluations and student evaluations, be included in the dossier of the faculty member.

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Dear Governor White:

The recently constituted Council of Faculty Governance Organizations adopted the following resolution at its meeting on September 23, 1983:

Resolved that the Governor include the concerns and issues of higher education in any call for a special legislative session.

The intent of this resolution is to assert the principle that public education in the State includes both K-12 and higher education. One cannot seriously increase the quality of public education without considering the quality of both of these divisions. The obvious areas of mutual interest are the teacher education programs. A more important concern, however, is that high school graduates increasingly require higher education to complete their educational objectives. Therefore, the Council requests that you ask the Legislature to consider the needs of all public education in any special session you call.

The Council appreciates and wholeheartedly supports your efforts to bring about educational reform in this state. We stand ready to do what we can to see that your goals are achieved. Please call on us if we can be of any service.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Bishop
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