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Senate Chair Pierre Ramond
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Dear Pierre,

It is my honor and privilege to present to you the summary of activities for the Faculty Senate during the 2003-2004 Academic year. Indeed this past year was transitional, as the university implemented policies that established a foundation for Shared Governance. I believe that the constitutional amendments, by-laws amendments and change in our philosophy all will enhance our university both internally and externally. This report is a more detailed overview of the actions taken by our Faculty Senate, which was summarized in the Agenda provided to you earlier (Attachment).

I wish you the best in your term and encourage all to assist you in the development of our new structure. I remain committed to assisting you and the Faculty Senate as needed.

Best regards,

Anthony B. Brennan, PhD
Past Faculty Senate Chair 2003-2004

Attachment: 2003-2004 Faculty Senate Agenda



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Faculty Senate Chair
Annual Report
2003-2004 Academic Year

Faculty Senate Meeting Agendas

The agendas for the regular Faculty Senate meetings are listed on the web at http://www.senate.ufl.edu/senate_agenda.htm. A number of special combined Faculty Senate Meetings and Public Forums were also held this year to address the constitutional amendments and by-law changes. The overall Faculty Senate Agenda for the 2003/2004 Academic Year is also included as reference.

Faculty Senate Action Items Approved

- Recommendation to the President to create the position of Faculty Ombuds (September)
- Approved Honorary Degrees for Jerome Modell and William F. Whitman (November)
- Resolution requesting administration to withdraw endorsement of donation of right-of-way for SW 24th Avenue extension (November)
- Resolution in support of Administrative and Professional Assembly (APA) (November)
- Proclamation for President Charles Young (December)
- Approved change of College of Natural Resources and Environment to School of Natural Resources and Environment (December)
- Approved honorary degree for US Senator John McCain (December)
- Approved change of Department of Theatre and Dance to School of Theatre and Dance (January)
- Approved change of Department of Health Science Education to the Department of Health Education and Behavior (January)
- Approved honorary degrees for Samuel Proctor and Karl Pister (February)
- Approved implementation of Senate policy councils as ad hoc committees (March)
- Approved amendments to Article I (The Governance of the University), Article III (The Faculty), Article IV (The Faculty Senate), Article V (Councils and Committees) and Bylaw 21 (Definition of Faculty) (April)
- Approved change of Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences to Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology (April)

- Approved change of Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism to Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management (April)
- Approved change of Department of Health Services Administration to Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy (April)
- Approved change of Department of Health Policy & Epidemiology to Department of Epidemiology and Health Policy Research (April)
- Approved transfer of Geomatics program from College of Engineering to College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (April)
- Approved Division of Continuing Education course evaluation form (April)

Special Committees/Task Forces:

- Senate Committee on Senate Structure and Effectiveness
 - Report Submitted to Senate
 - Recommendations combined with Recommendations of Presidential/Faculty Senate Task Force on Shared Governance
 - Constitutional and By-Law Changes Approved
- Provost /Faculty Senate Task Force on Quality of Life
 - Report Submitted to Senate
 - Faculty Survey Completed May 2004
- Presidential/Faculty Senate Task Force on Shared Governance
 - Report Submitted to Senate
 - Recommendations combined with Recommendations of Committee on Senate Structure and Effectiveness
 - Constitutional and By-Law Changes Approved
- Faculty Compensation Committee
 - Report Submitted to Senate
 - Recommendations used as Guidelines for Merit Pay Program
- Tenure Committee
 - Initiated

**Senate Agenda
Academic Year 2003-2004**

| Item | Issue | Person Assigned/TBA | Target Date |
|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Shared Governance | Faculty Definition: Tenure track, non-tenure track, clinical, Instructor Scope of Shared Authority | A. Brennan | Constitution Revisions Completed |
| Faculty Ombudsman | Faculty guidance, Faculty grievances, Faculty mentoring | J. Larson | Approved/Budget Allocation Required |
| Sustainability | Continue with an Active Implementation Plan/Committee | C. Kibert/D. Newport | In Progress |
| SW 24 th Avenue Teaching Lab | Teaching and the Master Plan, Conservation areas Benefit/Loss Outcomes | E. Poppel | Completed |
| Town Gown | Maintain Channels involving Faculty/Students/Staff/Community | J. Layon | Revitalize |
| Family Friendly Policy | Faculty & Partner benefits, T&P Policy | J. Larson/A. Kwollek-Folland | IN PROGRESS |
| Tenure Policy | Time to tenure, national trends vs. tradition, public vs. private | A. Brennan | May through Sept 04 |
| Senate Elections | University based elections for all Senators Curriculum Complete in March – Committee Structure | P. Ramond | In Progress |
| Strategic Plan (s) | Joint Implementation Committee to formally develop/assign responsibilities/authorities | A. Brennan | Revisit |
| Faculty Club | AAU Recognized Faculty Faculty Identity on Campus Faculty Status on Campus | Unassigned | NEED |
| Research Structure/Programs | Graduate Faculty Council Joint Committee - Research Initiatives | Connected to Shared Governance | |
| Academic Freedom | Separate Academic Freedom from Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards | J. Layon/P. Kumar | Schedule for Aug. |
| Senate Office/Staff | Assign Office Space/Staff/Budget | A. Brennan | Space Complete/Staffing In Progress |