

Steering Committee, April 8, 1997

Present: Amy Ward, Wythe Holt, Betty Bryce, Nick Stinnett, Don DeSmet, Rona Donahoe, Bob Sigler, Lee Pike, Bob Brooks, MB, Bob Halli, Ray White, Peggy Jessee

#### Agenda

- 1, Amy meeting tomorrow with the Council of Deans, talk about Faculty Handbook.  
[This is an historic first: 1st time a FacSen president has gotten invited to the Council of Deans.]  
Talk about Service document, and the need for SOME credit for service (merit raises, probably not T&P), both inside & outside the university.
2. Legislative updates -- we're up to 2%  
11 AM at Palmer Park, Gov James & legislators will be there.  
We need some faculty there... (even 5-6)  
Friday, meeting with Charles Steele..  
Perhaps a meeting with Phil Poole over weekend??
3. Faculty Handbook proposed revisions from John Schmitt  
Confusion about evaluation of programs/dept heads in Faculty Handbook is NOT the ACHE/SACS review of programs. Schmitt tried to insert wording to clarify that.  
Send back: Steering Comm sees no problem (Praise for making things clearer.) Point of information for the full Senate.
4. Honors Day (April 18) Frances Sommersell Award recipients are John & Helen McKinley; Senate Resolution in the past.  
Note in the agenda: "Res congratulating ..."  
Russell Bryant will be asked to draft the resolution for us.
5. Selection of faculty member to sit on the selections board for Justices of the student Court - April 9  
Bob Sigler will sit in. (Betty Bryce did it last year.)
6. Senate officer nomination -- 2

Committees:

AA

New College memo:

We trust this merger will not go forward until the Senate has received this necessary information for its mandated consideration under the Principles & Procedures..

Until we get the info we desire, we cannot say that the process is good.

Resolution from Wythe... on articulation agreement

Sen Ops

Committee restructuring -- Put it on the Web page...

R&S - NR

FA - NR

P&O - Change into ByLaws changes -- this would be the sec

StuAff - NR

Other

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The Steering Committee endorses the spirit of the resolution, and sends it to the Senate for debate.

--Resolution on Articulation --

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The Steering Committee has considered the following memo from AA. The content of the memo notes that several key issues need to be clarified w/regard to how New College would operate w/in A&S. The intent of the memo and the recommendation of the Steering Committee is that the key principals involved in the merger should initiate meetings ASAP to begin the process of resolving these key issues. Until this is accomplished, the Steering Committee believes that the FS cannot assess the possible consequences.

In light of this, the Steering Committee would like Senators to comment on the content of the memo, and provide feedback electronically to the Secretary immediately. If approved, the memo would be forwarded to the Provost, and we would await her response before taking further action.

This would mean that no special meeting would be required this week to discuss this issue. Our deadline to send the memo to the Provost is this Friday, April 11, so we need your feedback post haste.

If you believe that the Senate really should meet to discuss this issue at this point before sending the memo to Barrett, please let me know IMMEDIATELY so we can schedule a meeting Thursday or Friday afternoon. (If enough senators request it, we will call a meeting.)