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UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Agenda for Meeting of April 8, 1996
3:30 PM, Board Room, Gilchrist Hall

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for press identification.
2. Comments from Chair Gable.
3. Comments from Provost Marlin.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

- 593 Request from the Department of Educational Administration and Counseling to change its name to Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling and Postsecondary Education.
- 594 Request from Linda A. Fernandez that the Faculty Senate support the implementation of a pesticide-free lawn policy.
- 595 Request for Emeritus Status from Barbara Pershing, Department of Design, Family, and Consumer Science, Robert D. Talbott, Department of History, and Francis J. Winter, Department of Political Science.
- 596 Review policy adopted May 18, 1995, that the Senate "try on a one-year basis, to send a summary of the senate meeting to faculty shortly after the meeting, with the Chair (of the Senate) establishing the means of distribution, either e-Mail or paper copy, and for the Secretary to type and distribute to the Senators the unedited archive copy of the minutes to be approved by the Senate body at the next senate meeting, at which time the body would make corrections as necessary. The full copy would be distributed to all faculty after approval from the Senate."
- 597 Response from the General Education Committee to the Senate's request to review the Recommendations of the Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Quality in the Curriculum.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

- 517 588 Report of the University Committee on Curricula and the Graduate Council.
- 515 587 Proposal by several faculty and endorsed by the Senate of the College of Natural Sciences that the Fall and Spring Semesters contain 15 full weeks of class with one full week of break in each.
- 516 588 Proposal by Martie Reineke that the Faculty Senate revise paragraph two of Section II, Responsibilities to Students, paragraph 5 of the "Professional Ethics and Academic Responsibility" Section of the University Policy and Procedures Manual.

The current paragraph states "Faculty members may decide for sound pedagogical reasons that it is necessary to use course materials that include representations of human sexual acts. When such materials involve photo or film depictions, information sufficient to enable individual students to make a knowledgeable choice about whether to take that course, or attend a specific class session must be made available. Students will not be penalized for not attending a specific class session if such material is to be shown, but students are responsible for learning the content of the class session."

The proposed change is "In order to facilitate student learning, faculty members should present the appropriate context for course content because learning is furthered when students are adequately prepared to deal with course materials. While students are responsible for learning class materials and completing course requirements, faculty should respect decisions by students, based on the exercise of their own intellectual freedom, to not attend part or all of a particular class session."

- 519 591 Report from the Committee on Admission and Retention.
- 520 592 Report from the Educational Policies Commission.

ADJOURNMENT