

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SUMMARY OF AGENDA

April 5, 1993

- I. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** March 1, 1993
- III. **REMARKS BY UNIVERSITY PROVOST PIPES and/or VICE PROVOST ANDERSEN**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Senate President Lomax
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Resolution, introduced by Senator Shapiro, DUSC, at the March 1, 1993 Faculty Senate meeting concerning Senate voting on student issues  
  
Substitute resolution from Senator Shapiro, DUSC, regarding student membership on the Committee on Student Life and ad hoc committees created by the Committee on Committees and Nominations directly affecting student life
  - B. Recommendation on a statement of mission for the University of Delaware
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Introduction of new business





# University of Delaware

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TO: All Faculty Members

FROM: David G. Sperry, Vice President  
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting, April 5, 1993

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Sperry", written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, April 5, 1993 at 4:00 p.m. in room 110 Memorial Hall. The agenda will be as follows:

## AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the Senate meeting of March 1, 1993.
- III. Remarks by University Provost Pipes and/or Vice Provost Andersen.
- IV. Announcements: Senate President Lomax
- V. Old Business
  - A. The following resolution was introduced at the March meeting by Senator Shapiro and was referred to the Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate often deals with issues directly affecting the student body of the University of Delaware, and

WHEREAS, the student body has little influence over issues directly affecting them, and

WHEREAS, the perspective of informed and experienced students participating in the policy-making process of the Faculty Senate will enhance and strengthen the decisions made by the Faculty Senate, and

- WHEREAS, the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress (DUSC) is the official undergraduate student government of the University of Delaware, elected by students across colleges, and representative of students encompassing all of the colleges of the University and many of the backgrounds of different students, and
- WHEREAS, the DUSC has the knowledge, leadership, and experience necessary to evaluate and consider proposals and to determine their relative effect upon the student body, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that any resolution facing the Faculty Senate from one of the following committees be reviewed and voted upon by the DUSC before presentation to the full Faculty Senate, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that if the DUSC votes AGAINST said resolution, the Faculty Senate must gain a 2/3 vote IN FAVOR of said resolution in order for the resolution to pass.

Senate Committees

Coordinating Committee on Education  
Diversity and Affirmative Action  
International Studies  
Library  
Student Life  
Undergraduate Studies  
ad hoc committees pertaining to student life

After meeting with the Executive Committee, the above resolution was withdrawn and the following substituted by Senator Shapiro: [Refer to Attachment 1 for existing Committees' charges.]

- WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate deals with issues directly affecting the student body of the University of Delaware, and
- WHEREAS, the perspective of informed and experienced students participating in the policy-making process of the committees of the Faculty Senate enhances and strengthens the decisions made by these committees, and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of certain committees is to deal predominantly or fully with issues pertaining to student life, and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of these committees warrants the equal representation of faculty and student voting members, and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress (DUSC) is the official undergraduate student government of the University of Delaware, and has the knowledge, leadership, and experience necessary to evaluate and consider candidates for positions on the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Life, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the charge to the Committee on Student Life, as it appears in the Faculty Handbook, Section I, page I-22, be changed to read as follows: [Added text is in bold type, deleted text is within brackets and double underlined.] "This committee shall consist of . . . [three] four undergraduate students to be appointed by the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, . . ." and be it further

RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of the charge to the Committee on Committees and Nominations, as it appears in the Faculty Handbook, Section I, page I-14, be changed to read as follows: "It is authorized directly to constitute on an interim basis such subcommittees, task forces, or study panels as may be requested by faculty committees to help carry out their work, in each case promptly recording through faculty or Senate minutes the membership and charges of such subgroups. **Such subgroups which directly concern themselves with student issues shall consist of an equal number of faculty and student voting members.**"

B. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee concerning a statement of mission for the University of Delaware. (Attachment 2)

WHEREAS, the University should have a statement identifying its purpose and goals, and

WHEREAS, several committees developed a statement of mission for the University during the processes of first the Focused Vision effort, and then the Middle States Accreditation Self-Study, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has developed a proposed statement in response to Senate action in October 1992, and

WHEREAS, the content and principles of a statement of mission should reflect the consensus of the faculty, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University Faculty Senate approves as the statement of mission, the "Mission Statement for the University" and also recommends its approval by the Board of Trustees.

VI. New Business

- A. Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)

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Attachments: Committee Activities Report

1. Charges to the Ctes. on Student Life and COCAN
2. Mission Statement

## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES REPORT

### Academic Appeals, Committee on (William L. Nichol)

No activity before the committee at present

### Budgetary and Space Priorities, Committee on (Henry T. Reynolds)

1. Preparing resolution on new generic classroom building
2. Preparing resolution on food and beverages in classrooms
3. Reviewing current budget situation
4. Discussing "smoke free" environment policy

### Cultural Activities and Public Events, Committee on (Bill Lawson)

No items pending

### Faculty Welfare and Privileges, Committee on (Reed Geiger)

Revising "Mediation and Hearing Procedures"

### Graduate Studies, Committee on (Paul Hooper)

1. Reviewing Ph.D. program guidelines for Economics
2. Reviewing interdisciplinary graduate program in Biomechanics and Movement Sciences
3. Discussing exceptions to Minority Fellowship Policy from Psychology, Sociology, and Art History
4. Discussing library impact statement for new graduate program proposals
5. Reviewing Ph.D. program in Food Science from Agricultural Sciences
6. Discussing Graduate Program Policy Statement and addition of concentrations for Physical Education
7. Discussing Provost Pipes' letter about Exam Week
8. Discussing requirements and standards for doctoral dissertations

### Honorary Degrees, Faculty Advisory Committee on (Carol Hoffecker)

No items currently before the committee

### Instructional, Computing, and Research Support Services, Committee on (Suresh Advani)

Surveying faculty regarding familiarity with and need for computing support on campus

### Library Committee (John Hurt)

1. Discussing University policy towards maintaining serials collections

2. Discussing accessing serials at other institutions via computer network

Promotions and Tenure, Committee on (Jon Olson)

Reviewing promotion and tenure documents

Research, Committee on (Jerold Schultz)

Nothing to report

Student and Faculty Honors, Committee on (Michael Rewa)

1. Processing proposals for new Honors Day listings
2. Processing nominations for Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Advising, and Alison Awards

Student Life, Committee on (Robert Bennett)

Discussing Exam Week policy

Undergraduate Studies, Committee on (Michael Keefe)

1. Discussing revision to Bachelor of Fine Arts
2. Discussing Exam Week

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STUDENT LIFE, COMMITTEE ON

This committee shall formulate rules and regulations bearing upon the care, control, and government of students, and except where otherwise delegated, upon student extra-course activities. It shall advise the Vice President for Student Affairs on the implementation of rules and regulations enacted by the faculty or its Senate, and at least once annually shall review and evaluate with him or her these rules and regulations and their implementation. The committee shall generally assist and advise the Vice President for Student Affairs and be assisted and advised by him or her, meeting with the Vice President upon request and requesting meetings as needed. The committee shall also specifically advise upon student financial aid, student residence halls, student counseling and placement, and student health, and upon policies governing beverage alcohol use and substance abuse; it shall meet with the directors of administrative units responsible for these matters, at the request of the directors or at the discretion of the chairperson of the committee. It shall have general oversight of the policies of the Undergraduate Student Judicial System, as provided for below. It shall further advise upon student publications and make provision for faculty advisors to them. On all issues falling under its jurisdiction, the committee shall initially decide whether a change in the substance or wording of a policy should have the approval of the full Senate, or should only require approval of the committee itself, with the Senate informed of its action. The Senate ultimately may choose to act upon items sent to it as information.

(Rev. fall 1988)

This committee shall consist of two designees of the Vice President for Student Affairs; one representative of the Office of Graduate Studies, designated by the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies; five faculty members, one of whom shall be chairperson, one of whom shall serve on the Undergraduate Behavior Review Committee, one of whom shall serve on the Graduate Behavior Review Committee, and one of whom shall be appointed to membership on the undergraduate Council on Student Judicial Affairs, who shall have the authority to decide when policy changes contemplated by that Council shall require the approval of the Committee on Student Life; three undergraduate students, two of whom shall serve on the Undergraduate Behavior Review Committee; and one graduate student appointed by the Committee on Graduate Studies in the absence of a duly constituted Graduate Student Association, who shall also serve on the Graduate Behavior Review Committee.

(Rev. fall 1988)

**NOTE ADDED:****COMPARISON OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP****STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE**Current Composition

3 Administrators  
5 Faculty Members  
1 Graduate Student  
3 Undergraduate Students

Proposed Composition

3 Administrators  
5 Faculty Members  
1 Graduate Student  
4 Undergraduate Students

COMMITTEES AND NOMINATIONS. COMMITTEE ON

This committee shall have general oversight of the committee system of the faculty. It shall regularly review the system and may make recommendations to the faculty or its Senate concerning faculty organization at all levels. It shall monitor the work of the Senate committees and receive and review the monthly and annual reports. It shall recommend the elimination of committees that no longer serve a valuable function. It is authorized directly to constitute on an interim basis such subcommittees, task forces, or study panels as may be requested by faculty committees to help carry out their work, in each case promptly recording through faculty or Senate minutes the membership and charges of such subgroups. It shall prepare for action by the faculty or its Senate, slates of nominees for Vice President, Secretary, three Senate designees nominated for membership to the Committee on Committees and Nominations, faculty members to the Board of Trustees committees, and standing committees of the faculty, except where nominations and elections are otherwise explicitly provided for, and also for such ad hoc or other committees as the faculty or its Senate may specify. Upon request from the President of the University, it shall propose faculty names for University bodies he or she is preparing to appoint, in the nature of staff assistance without implying a position of the faculty regarding such bodies.

This committee shall fill vacancies in faculty committees for the unexpired terms using the following options: 1.) replacement for the period of the vacated member's term or 2.) for the period of the vacated member's term and an additional full term not to exceed three years. The committee is encouraged to solicit, receive, and hear suggestions regarding faculty committees from any member of the University community; adjudicate questions of interpretation of faculty committee functions, including

\* ~~Subject to the statement on "Guidelines for Faculty Involvement Related to Extraordinary Financial Circumstances"~~

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questions of overlap of such functions; help formulate rules of committee operation or procedure upon request; and perform other consultative or supervisory functions that will promote the effectiveness of faculty committees according to their charges.

This committee shall annually canvass the faculty for individual faculty members' interest in serving on committees, and may employ the members of the Senate to conduct the canvass on a personal basis. The willingness of nominees to serve on committees shall be ascertained before their names are submitted for action. The committee in preparing nominations shall have regard for equitable distribution with respect to academic ranks and with respect to disciplines and academic units of the University, and may consult with Deans and Department Chairpersons concerning workloads of faculty members. The committee may otherwise consult with the President and other appropriate members of the University community regarding its nominations. To ensure adequate information-flow between the Faculty Senate and the faculty committees, the Committee on Committees and Nominations shall take care that Senators are adequately distributed over the family of committees with appropriate memberships therein. It shall designate one of the faculty appointed to the Committee on Student Life to serve also as a member of the Council on Judicial Affairs. The committee's nominations shall specify committee chairpersons.

This committee shall receive and transmit to the faculty or its Senate the nominations of the duly constituted undergraduate and graduate student governments for student memberships on faculty committees as specified. In the absence of a graduate student government, each Senate committee shall choose its own graduate student member(s) as required, unless otherwise specified.

The committee shall consist of one member who is elected for a two-year term from and by each Unit as defined in the Constitution of the Faculty, and three Faculty members-at-large, elected for two-year terms by the Faculty Senate. Following this election, the Faculty Senate shall select one of the faculty designees to act as chairperson for a one-year term and who will also serve as a member of the Executive Committee. If feasible, at least one committee member shall be a senator.

(Committee Revised fall 1988)

## A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY

1           The central mission of the University of Delaware is to cultivate  
2 both learning and the free exchange of ideas. To this end, the  
3 University provides excellent undergraduate and graduate courses of  
4 study in a variety of disciplines. Our graduates should know how to  
5 reason critically and independently yet collaborate productively. They  
6 should understand the cultural and physical world, communicate clearly  
7 in writing and speech, and develop into informed citizens and leaders.  
8 The University faculty's strong tradition of distinguished scholarship,  
9 research, and teaching increases scientific, humanistic, and social  
10 knowledge for the enrichment of the larger society. A state-assisted,  
11 privately-governed institution, the University of Delaware was founded  
12 as a private academy in 1743, received its collegiate charter from the  
13 state in 1833, and was designated one of the Nation's historic  
14 land-grant colleges in 1867. The University works cooperatively with  
15 the area's unique cultural and technical institutions; it provides the finest  
16 library in the state and offers the region's people a rich array of public  
17 lectures, exhibitions, performances, service programs, and athletic  
18 competitions. The University strives for an atmosphere in which all  
19 people feel welcome to learn, embracing creativity, critical thinking, and  
20 free inquiry, and respecting the views and values of an increasingly  
21 diverse population.

Proposal dated March 22, 1993

