

MOTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2004-2005 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Faculty Senate deliberated and responded to the following motions from the Senate Committees:

Academic Policy and Services Committee:

- ❖ The APS committee moved that the Faculty Senate approve a new Master of Science program in Finance.

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (September 16, 2004)

- ❖ The APS committee moved that the Faculty Senate approve changes to the Faculty Manual regarding classified research as recommended by the Classified Research task force.

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (March 17, 2005)

Faculty Life Committee:

- ❖ The Faculty Life committee moved that the Faculty Senate enthusiastically urges the Vanderbilt University Administration to implement a plan for expanding the childcare benefit options.

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (May 9, 2005)

- ❖ The Faculty Life committee moved that the Faculty Senate approve the following:
 - a. amending the existing phased-in retirement plan option for the University Central by expanding the period for phased-in retirement of appointments on a Full-Status-Partial-Load basis (at least 50 percent of full load) from three to five years,
and
 - b. allowing faculty who have enrolled in the phased-in retirement plan to continue with the health-care plan on the basis of one year of medical coverage for every three years of service (from currently one year for every five years of service), up to a maximum of ten years (up from a current maximum of five years).

Motion tabled for further study by the Faculty Senate (May 9, 2005)

- ❖ The Faculty Manual task force of the Faculty Life committee moved that the Faculty Senate approve adding language to the Faculty Manual outlining the process by which changes are made to the manual itself.

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (April 14, 2005)

Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee:

No motions from PEAFF

Senate Affairs Committee:

- ❖ The Senate Affairs committee moved that the Faculty Senate approve the recommendation for reapportionment of elected senators.

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (April 14, 2005)

Student Life Committee:

- ❖ The Student Life committee moved that the Faculty Senate approve the following recommendation from the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics:

“Resolved that the Senate supports the COIA recommendations for changes to be made in NCAA bylaws as set forth below:

2. SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1 Athletics scholarships shall be awarded on a year-by-year basis with the presumption that they will be renewed for five years, or until graduation, whichever comes first; renewal shall be subject to students' maintenance of good academic standing, conformity with campus codes for student behavior, and adherence to team rules. If a student graduates in fewer than five years an institution may renew the scholarship if the student has athletic eligibility remaining. Institutions shall establish criteria and a mechanism for revoking a scholarship. The final authority for revoking a scholarship shall rest with the chief academic officer. A student awarded an athletics scholarship who is no longer participating in athletics will be counted against the NCAA maximum number of awards for that sport, unless the scholarship is revoked.

3. CURRICULAR INTEGRITY

3.1 Campuses shall collect data on athlete enrollments and grades by course section, including indication of course GPAs, for each individual sport, and shall convey that information to the campus Faculty Governance Body, ensuring that the anonymity of individual students is protected to the degree provided by law. Where no campus Faculty Governance Body exists, the information shall be conveyed to the Campus Athletics Board.

4. SEASON LENGTH AND SCHEDULING

4.3.2 NCAA bylaws should be amended so that divided competition seasons are not permitted.

Resolved that the Senate supports the COIA in its development of principles, rules and best practices for academic integrity in intercollegiate athletics.”

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (February 10, 2005)

The following motions were introduced by Senators from the floor:

- ❖ Senator Doug Perkins introduced a motion for the Senate Executive Committee to set up a town hall meeting to address the Living Wage issue.

Motion approved by the Faculty Senate (February 10, 2005)

- ❖ Senator Jacek Hawiger introduced a motion for the Faculty Senate to begin awarding honorary degrees as stated in the Vanderbilt Code of Bylaws.

Motion tabled for further study by the Faculty Senate (April 14, 2005)