

## **Faculty Senate Motions 2008-2009**

### **Motions Passed**

**Motion 1-08-09:** The Faculty Senate recommends that language regarding the "chair of the University Council" attending Senate meetings be removed from its Bylaws (Article III, number 9).

**Motion 02-08-09:** The Faculty Senate recommends that under Article IV, number 3 (Duties of Officers) the President and Chairs of Academic Policy, Academic Support and Curriculum will be the Senate's representatives to the University Governance Council.

**Motion 04-08-09** – The Faculty Senate recommends that a new area for faculty and staff be placed on the third floor of DeNaples so that people could bring their own lunch or use the cafeteria, and also have complementary coffee and tea available during business hours.

**Motion 05-08-09:** Faculty should be free to exercise their discretion in choosing their mode of travel and will be reimbursed for actual expenses within the monetary limits of the faculty travel policy.

**Motion 06-08-09:** All documentation submitted by faculty, including the "University of Scranton Application for Faculty Travel" and the "Travel Expense Report", should be sent by the Provost's Office to Accounts Payable.

**Motion 08-08-09:** "The Faculty Senate wishes to express its concern that the system of clocks throughout the campus has been largely dysfunctional for a full semester. This situation has had an extremely negative impact on maintaining an orderly flow of classes as well as regulating the length of classes, the timing of lectures, tests, exams, and accurate record keeping for class attendance. The Faculty Senate, therefore, urges that this problem be addressed immediately and comprehensively in order to insure that all University clocks are functioning properly by the beginning of the spring semester, if not before."

**Motion 10-08-09** to send a letter to Gov. Rendell to support Senator Mellow's endorsement of the state school for the deaf.

Proposed Letter to Governor Rendell  
regarding funding cuts to the Scranton State School for the Deaf.

Dear Governor Rendell:

The Faculty Senate of the University of Scranton would like to note its opposition to the funding cuts for the Scranton State School for the Deaf.

The Scranton State School for the Deaf has, since 1880, prepared students to make positive contributions to society. It is not only committed to excellence in the education and social development of each student, but it also serves as a resource center in matters concerning deafness. The residential program at SSSD is vital to the survival of Deaf culture which includes the spiritual needs of the Deaf community.

The Faculty Senate at the University of Scranton views the Scranton State School for the Deaf as an important source of specialized learning that is critical to the educational, social and cultural development of a population that has enormous potential. They are in a unique position to eradicate the common misperceptions concerning people with disabilities, and we are all made better by their courageous example.

**Motion 09-08-09 tabled, reworded and presented at Feb 13 meeting:** The Senate expects that established curricular review procedures will be followed in a timely fashion by all interested parties. Prior agreements based on negotiations involving government agencies, accrediting agencies, commercial interests, or between administrators and individuals/departments, will have no bearing on the curriculum review process.

**Motion 11-08-09:**

The Faculty Senate is strongly concerned about the recent abrupt cancellation by the speaker Fr. Jim Schexnayder of his talk on gay/lesbian/bisexual/transsexual/queer issues that he was scheduled to present on campus. The Faculty Senate reaffirms its dedication to academic freedom and expects the university administration to rigorously defend our autonomy and academic freedom. Further, we expect that the Scranton Inclusion Initiative Steering Committee will promptly schedule another speaker and will support the students' efforts to develop and present programming.

*(This motion was sent to the President, the Provost and as a letter to the Aquinas.)*

**Motion 12-08-09:** The Faculty Senate will maintain a web site, which will include officers, members, committees, and agendas, and motions of the Faculty Senate. This web site will be linked to the University Governance Council web site and will be open to the public.

**Motion 13-08-09:** The Faculty senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum Proposal "REVISED: CHED curriculum update" program revisions as reposted in a modified form on 3/16/09.

**Motion 14-08-09:** The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal "REVISED: Rehabilitation Counseling/Criminal Justice Concentration," as reposted in a modified form on 3/2/09.

**Motion 15-08-09** – Beginning Fall 2009 course evaluation will be done during the last two weeks of class ending the midnight before the first day of finals. Grade hold will be removed, and additional question will be added asking for the expected grade.

**Motion 16-08-09:** (Motion from the FSCC) “The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: “Education PreK-4 Program Revision” as posted on 3/2/09 and reposted on 4/09/09 and 4/14/09.”

**Motion 17-08-09:** (Motion from the Chair of the Curriculum Committee:) “The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: “MS in Human Resources online” in its revised form, to be reposted in spring 2009.”

**Motion 18-08-09:** “The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: “ITAL major & ITAL international business major” as posted on 3/27/09.”

**Motion 19-08-09:** “The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal program deletion: “Graduate Human Resources Administration Program” as posted on 4/6/09.”

**Motion 20-08-09:** “The Faculty Senate recommends the Provost approve the curriculum proposal: “WRTG 177 revised and reposted as INTD 117 Writing, Research and Speaking” as posted on 5/1/09 and with the addendum to be posted in 5/09.”

**Motion 22-08-09:** The Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee recommends the Provost approve the online 12 credit hour certificate for KSOM.

**Motion 23-08-09:** The Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee recommends the Provost approve the Education program grades 4 to 8.

### **Motions Tabled**

**Motion 03-08-09:** The Faculty Senate recommends that a column be added to the course registration website to indicate how many of the openings included in the ‘seats’ category are reserved for majors.

**Motion 07-08-09:** It is the sense of the Faculty Senate that when a faculty member has to attend continuing education to maintain departmental accreditation or travel otherwise for the benefit of the University, the University should fully subsidize the

cost separately from the faculty member's faculty travel fund unless the travel is also to an academic conference in which the faculty member participates. In the latter case the reimbursement should still be full, but the amount of travel funds used should be negotiated.

**Motion 09-08-09:** The Faculty Senate/FSCC will apply the following to curricular Program proposals:

A negative recommendation should be assumed for proposals that do not follow established curricular procedure. Moreover, a positive recommendation should not be assumed for curricular proposals that come before the Senate (or its agent, the FSCC) for endorsement after the curricular details have been submitted to outside bodies. In these situations, on a case-by-case basis, if it is determined through discussion with administrators and the implicated outside bodies that a full normal review can take place, the Senate will generally agree to conduct the review, with an understanding that our recommendations will be taken as seriously as is expected under good governance. The Senate will reject requests to endorse curricular proposals for which a full normal review of the curriculum cannot feasibly be given because acceptance is already implied through agreements with outside bodies. Any curricular change making it into any public or legally binding document of the university that has not been reviewed and recommended by the Faculty Senate (or its agent, the FSCC) is a violation of university policy and procedure, and that finding will be communicated by the Senate to all parties (e.g., accrediting agencies, trustees) with interest in the curriculum at the university.

**Motion 21-08-09:** "The Faculty Senate recommends that the following University Speakers Policy be accepted." [See attachment.]