

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 5, 2003

I. COMMENTS — None.**II. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

On March 12, 2003, President Faulkner appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Charles T. Zlatkovich**, professor emeritus, accounting: Jack C. Robertson (chair), Gaylord A. Jentz, and Edward L. Summers.

On March 14, 2003, President Faulkner appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Begoña Aretxaga**, associate professor, anthropology: Pauline T. Strong (chair), James B. Brow, and Charles R. Hale.

On April 4, 2003, President Faulkner appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Yuichiro Hiraizumi**, professor emeritus, molecular genetics and microbiology: H. Eldon Sutton (chair), James J. Bull, and Hugh S. Forrest.

On April 18, 2003, President Faulkner appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Walt W. Rostow**, professor, economics and history: Douglas C. Dacy (chair), James K. Galbraith, and Bobby R. Inman.

III. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED.

D 2503-2504 Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for G. V. Desani.
 D 2505-2506 Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Charles Wilson Hackett, Jr.
 D 2508-2509 Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for S. Thomas Friedman.

IV. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL — None.**V. STATUS OF LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.****A. ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE THE LAST REPORT.**

D 938-940 **Policy on Teaching Continuity and Restructured Faculty Workload upon the Birth or Adoption of a Child.** UT System disapproved this legislation. (See Secretary's Report D 1566-1569.) In February 2002, referred by Chair Bruce Palka to the Faculty Welfare Committee for possible revision. On March 17, 2003, the Faculty Welfare Committee presented the revision, "Proposal to Modify Instructional Responsibilities Policy (D 2483-2484), which was posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 4, 2003, and approved by the Faculty Council on March 17, 2003; transmitted to the President on March 18, 2003.

D 1691 **Resolution from the Faculty Building Advisory Committee — Spring 2002.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on February 12, 2002. The resolution was approved by the Faculty Council on February 18, 2002. Transmitted to the president on February 19, 2002. Approved by the president on April 28, 2003.

D 2479

Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the University Co-op Board of Directors. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 4, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on March 17, 2003. Transmitted to the president on March 18, 2003. The president appointed Professor Isabella Cunningham to the University Co-op Board of Directors (2003-2007) to fill the position that will open when the term of Professor Diana Dinitto expires.

B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS — None.

C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD.

D 1140-1142

Proposal to Create a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Science, Option I: Middle Grades Teaching in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2000-2002*. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on February 21, 2001. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 9, 2001. Transmitted to the president through the provost on March 12, 2001. Transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 11, 2001. Approved by the executive vice chancellor and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on November 30, 2001. Disapproved on December 18, 2001, by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board because it did not meet Coordinating Board requirements. Notice of non-approval was received in the Office of the General Faculty on January 15, 2003. A copy of the letter with reasons for disapproval is on file in the Office of the General Faculty. On February 10, 2003, notice was received from the College of Natural Sciences that the Coordinating Board was reconsidering its disapproval. On the Coordinating Board's Web site, the proposal is listed as pending
<<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/uhri/proposals/search.cfm>>.

D. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR.

D&P 16517-16519

Recommendation for a Change in Regents' Rules Concerning Suspension of a Faculty Member with Pay. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 8, 1997, and transmitted to the president on December 9, 1997. Transmitted to the chancellor by the president on January 20, 1999, with these comments: "This legislation was discussed among my office, the Office of the Provost, and members of the Faculty Council Executive Committee. It puts into the *Regents' Rules* what has been the practice at The University of Texas at Austin. Confidential consultation with a faculty committee regarding a possible suspension is guaranteed, but the final determination is made by the president. This process has worked well on our campus. I recommend your favorable consideration of the proposed change." The president's office is currently attempting to determine the status of this item. On August 19, 2002, a letter of inquiry regarding legislation status was sent to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

D 2395-2397

Proposed Curriculum Changes to the Undergraduate Program in the School of Nursing Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006*. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on January 27, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 10, 2003. Transmitted to the president through the provost on February 13, 2003. Approved by the president through the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 28, 2003.

D 2465-2478

Proposed Catalog Changes in the College of Fine Arts Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006*. The following six documents were posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 4, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 17, 2003. Transmitted to the president through the provost on March 18, 2003. Approved by the president through the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 28, 2003.

- Proposed Changes in the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Music, Orchestral Instrument Performance Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006* (D 2465-2466).
- Proposed Changes in the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Music, Composition Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006* (D 2467-2468).
- Proposed Creation of a Major in Jazz Composition for the Degree of Bachelor of Music in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006* (D 2469-2470).
- Proposed Creation of a Major in Jazz Performance for the Degree of Bachelor of Music in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006* (D 2471-2472).
- Proposed Changes in the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Art, Studio Art Major and Art History Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006* (D 2473-2475).
- Proposed Changes in the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Studio Art Major, Design Major, and Visual Art Studies Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006* (D 2476-2478).

E. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

D 2480-2482

Recommendation for Change in the Residency Requirements in *The UT Austin Undergraduate Catalog*. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 4, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on March 17, 2003. Transmitted to the President on March 18, 2003.

D 2483-2484

Proposal to Modify Instructional Responsibilities Policy. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 4, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on March 17, 2003. The proposal had evolved, through cooperation with the administration and responses from the UT System, from a 1999 proposal for modified duties for faculty members who give birth or have primary responsibility for a newborn child (see D 938-940). Transmitted to the President on March 18, 2003.

D 2487 **Resolution in Support of “The Texas Compact: Local Control of Tuition and Tuition Assistance Plan.”** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 11, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on March 17, 2003. Transmitted to the President on March 18, 2003.

D 2488-2493 **Final Report President’s ad hoc Committee on Non-Tenure-Track Teaching Faculty.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 11, 2003. Endorsed by the Faculty Council on March 17, 2003. Transmitted to the President on March 18, 2003.

F. ITEMS UNDER RECONSIDERATION.

D 77-81 **Changes in Policies Concerning Grades Awarded with Credit by Examination.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on October 29, 1999. Approved by the Faculty Council on November 15, 1999. Transmitted to the president on November 16, 1999. Comment by the provost on November 10, 2000: "The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost continues to explore various options. A final decision has not yet been reached." In a letter dated October 12, 2001, President Faulkner made the following comments:

"A close reading of our current credit by examination policies, as well as the proposal, raises several concerns.

"In supporting the removal of letter grades earned in credit by examination from the UT Austin grade-point average, the proposal itself comments that credit by examination does not reflect a student's performance in coursework at UT Austin. Beyond that issue is a question about inconsistency between the way in which a final grade is normally determined in coursework at UT Austin and the way in which the grade is determined in credit by examination. In coursework, the final grade is almost always the result of multiple factors (tests, papers, attendance, participation, etc.). In credit by examination, the grade is the result of a single test.

"These and other issues still need to be considered as regards the granting of credit by examination. I am asking the Executive Vice President and Provost to appoint a special committee to address the issues and prepare a report. I will hold the current proposal (Documents of the General Faculty 77-81), pending the report of that committee."

In a memorandum dated August 19, 2002, the provost made the following comments:

"Rather than convene a new committee, a decision was made to refer this issue to the Educational Policy Committee. Professor Robert Duke, as chair of the Committee, was asked to draft a proposal for consideration by the President and Provost. The draft proposal is to be ready for review in September 2002."

VI. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE GENERAL FACULTY — None.

VII. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL.

- D 2520-2521 **Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Council Officers for 2003-2004.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 30, 2003. To be considered by the 2003-2004 Faculty Council at its special meeting on May 5, 2003.
- D 2530 **Schedule for Meetings of the Faculty Council in 2003-2004.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 30, 2003. To be considered at the Faculty Council meeting on May 5, 2003.
- D 2531 **Cancellation of Summer Meetings of the Faculty Council.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 30, 2003. To be considered at the Faculty Council meeting on May 5, 2003.
- D 2532-2533 **Nominations for the Intercollegiate Athletics Councils.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on May 1, 2003. To be considered at the Faculty Council meeting on May 5, 2003.
- D 2539-2541¹ **Revision of Proposed Procedures for The University of Texas at Austin Administrative Investigations of Policy Violations Alleged Against Faculty Members.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 30, 2003. Revision of the Procedures for The University of Texas at Austin Administrative Investigations of Policy Violations Alleged Against Faculty Members (D 2360-2362), which was passed by the Faculty Council at its meeting on November 18, 2003, will be considered at the Faculty Council meeting on May 5, 2003. The changes are a result of discussions between the administration and the Committee of Counsel on Academic Freedom and Responsibility chair.

VIII. STATUS OF LEGISLATION NOT APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.

- A. ITEMS DISAPPROVED, TABLED, OR WITHDRAWN — None.
- B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEES — None.
- C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY OTHER COMMITTEES — None.

IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED — None.

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The Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council Web site (<http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/>) on April 30, 2003. Paper copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, FAC 22, F9500.

¹ Legislative item added to report on May 1, 2003. Also, item D 2360-2362, under V.E, deleted.