

MEMORANDUM

November 6, 2002

To: The Faculty

From: Julia Eichelberger
Faculty Secretary

Subject: Highlights of the second Faculty Senate meeting (November 5)

The Senate met for about an hour yesterday. Here are the highlights:

- 1) A consultant from the firm of Ayers Saint Gross, which the College has hired to create a master plan for optimal use of all College facilities, reported to Senators on the way the master plan will be developed over the next 10-12 months.
- 2) The Speaker reported that at next May's Commencement, more students will participate than did last year. To ease crowding, each graduate will be allotted only 3 tickets rather than the traditional 4. The Speaker queried the Senate and heard no objection to faculty giving up their access to 1 ticket each for bringing a guest to Commencement; hence we will receive no such tickets this year.
- 3) The Speaker reported that we can expect state budget cuts to follow the Nov. 5 election. The College's plan is to absorb this shortfall by cutting operating expenses by 5%, but salaries and funds for research and for sabbaticals will not be affected. Deans will work with departments to determine how much of a cut they can sustain in their operating costs. Deans will cut 2.5% of their School's total operating costs, and the College plans to make up remaining cuts through its reserve funds.
- 4) The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee presented a proposal governing the use of campus bulletin boards. The motion passed.
- 5) The Curriculum Committee presented a number of Curriculum changes. All but one passed: HIST 343, which the Committee included in a list of History courses for deletion, was not deleted.

**Final Senate Meeting of Fall 2002:
Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:00 P.M., ECTR 116
Deadline for submitting items for Dec. 3rd agenda:
3 PM Thursday, 21 November**