MEMORANDUM

December 4, 1996

To: The Faculty

From: Kathy Haney
Faculty Secretary

Subject: Highlights of the fourth Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate met for an hour on Tuesday, December 3. Highlights:

Reports

The Speaker announced that he would soon have information about recommendations made by the committee setting weights and benchmarks for the 37 performance indicators as they apply to teaching colleges and universities. Mr. Mignone gave examples of two benchmarks he knows will be recommended: the number of out-of-state students will be limited to 20% of the total enrollment, and the average number of contact hours used in determining faculty workload will be the national average of 10.2. (The current average at the College is 10.7.)

Mr. Mignone also reported that Ray Huff, the consultant hired by the College to develop plans for new facilities (Bell Building and Bishop England property), has talked with administrators down to the level of deans and will make his preliminary recommendations on December 16. After meeting with the President and Vice-presidents in the morning, he wants to meet with six to ten faculty members at 2:00 p.m. The Speaker has asked the Committee on Nominations to select the panel; interested faculty should contact Caroline Hunt or the Speaker. Mr. Huff will hold an open forum at 3:00 p.m. on December 16, and everyone interested in space allocations for the new facilities is urged to attend.

New Business

• The Curriculum Committee made two motions; both passed.
  1. Guidelines for joint course proposals
  2. New course in History: HIST 255 (Naval History)

• The Committee on Graduate and Continuing Education brought five motions; the following four passed:
  1. New course: INTR 530 (Special Topics in Bilingual Legal Interpreting)
  2. New course: INTR 590 (Independent Study in Bilingual Legal Interpreting)
  3. Course change: (title and course description) INTR 502 (Legal Processes and Procedures)
  4. New Course: EDFS 697 (Special Topics in Educational Technology)
  *The proposal for a change in title, number and description to INTR 504 (Law and the Legal System of the United States) did not pass. (INTR 602, the original course, remains unchanged.)

Note: So that materials for the January 14 Senate meeting can be copied and circulated in time, the deadline for submitting items for the agenda is 4:00 p.m., December 18.