



AGENDA COMMITTEE

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AGENDA FOR FACULTY MEETING: Wednesday, May 21, 3-5 p.m., CAB 110

1. Proposal for Evergreen to become a sister college with the University of El Salvador (see attached). (15 minutes)
2. Proposal to approve the Faculty Handbook sections of the Report from the Sexual Harassment DTF (see attached). (15 minutes)
3. Discussion with Planning Council members on how and when the Strategic Plan will be implemented, and on what roles the students and faculty will have in implementation decisions. (30 minutes)
4. Presentation for approval of the 1987-88 curriculum. (30 minutes)

THE FINAL FACULTY MEETING FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 10:30-12, in CAB 108. The agenda item for this meeting will be the new faculty governance procedures, and the Agenda Committee will report to the faculty, as requested, on how we think the new process has been working.

An important note: Senator Nita Rinehart is leading an effort that may increase faculty salaries in the state. She wants to hear from us. To that end, she is conducting a survey of all higher education faculty members -- part- and full-time faculty from community and four-year colleges and universities -- in the state. That survey should be here within two weeks. The Agenda Committee strongly urges you to complete the survey and return it as instructed. A high rate of return may be just as important as our answers to the questions.

In addition, if you have strong feelings and/or good thoughts about funding of higher education, write or call your legislators. Senators Rinehart, McDonald and Cantu are especially interested in your helpful ideas.

To: TESC FACULTY

From:

Ref: Declaring TESC a "Sister College" to the University of  
El Salvador

RECOMMENDATION TO THE FACULTY:

It is recommended that TESC be declared a sister college to the University of El Salvador. General statements about what the sister college project might entail are included in the attached resolution.

We are asking that the TESC Faculty sign the resolution declaring TESC a "sister college" of the UES.

EXPLANATION:

a) Present policy comparison:

There have been some informal institutional ties with other universities. Faculty and students have participated in cultural and educational programs in other countries. It is our understanding that TESC does not have an official sister college status with any institution of higher learning. We would like to have TESC officially declare itself a sister college with the University of El Salvador.

b) Proposed by:

The project is being proposed by the TESC-UES Sister College Committee in conjunction with the Peace and Conflict Resolution Center. The rector of the UES, Miguel Parada and the president of the student association, Antonio Quezada, extended the invitation to Evergreen to become a sister college. Quezada met with thirty faculty, students and administrators to discuss the possibility of a sister college relationship in November of 1985. The sister college committee was formed to pursue such a relationship. We now have the signatures of over 830 students on a resolution to declare TESC a sister college.

c) Purpose:

The central purpose of declaring TESC a sister college to the UES is to show our moral support for the university. International public recognition of the UES strengthens its position as a viable institution of higher learning. Public recognition of the UES makes it difficult for the Salvadoran military to respond with traditional acts of repression against the academic community.

The declaration also institutionalizes and officially legitimizes the work of the sister college committee here at Evergreen.

d) Background:

The El Salvadoran Constitution establishes the University of El Salvador as the primary public institution for higher education. The constitution guarantees the university's right to exist, grants it academic freedom, governing autonomy and full funding. The right of academic freedom allows for the free and open exchange of ideas. This is a basic right in a free and democratic society. Governing autonomy gives the university the right to teach and operate freely without governmental interference. Full funding insures the right to higher education for students from all sectors of El Salvadoran society.

Each of these guarantees have been continually threatened by repressive measures. In 1980 the UES was invaded by the Salvadoran military. Many students were killed and the campus suffered millions of dollars in damage. Throughout its history many administrators, faculty and students have been tortured and murdered. In 1984, because of international support, the damaged university was reopened, but threats to its existence continue.

International support and sister college relationships have been instrumental in lessening government repression, guaranteeing access to higher education and freedom of expression. Declarations such as these are key to the survival of the university and its members.

SCHEDULING:

We feel it is in the best interest of the Evergreen community to make an official declaration before the end of the 1985-1986 academic year. This sister college proclamation would highlight this years chosen graduation theme, "Taking Risks". It is also timely because a portion of the class gift has been designated for the rebuilding of the UES library.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no direct financial support required by TESC for any of the specific projects the sister college committee has in mind. We intend to do our own grant writing and fund raising.

However, we would benefit from the technical assistance and guidance of various resource staff members that are already extended to the Evergreen community.

PROGRAM IMPACT:

There is the future possibility of an impact on program. We are interested in opening opportunities for students, faculty and administrators to visit the UES and come to an understanding of the cultural, political and economic facets of the Central America crisis. This would be dependent on faculty, administrator and student interest, program flexibility and financial resources of participants. A declaration would not hold the institution responsible for providing this type of program. But, it would show institutional support for those interested in persuading them.

LEGAL PROCESS:

The Attorney General has reviewed the proposed sister college project and has stated that it is within the legal boundaries of TESC to declare itself a sister college to the University of El Salvador.

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE A SISTER COLLEGE WITH THE  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR

- WHEREAS: We, The Evergreen State College (TESC) community recognize the importance of education; and the right of all people to have access to higher education; and
- WHEREAS: The National University of El Salvador has fulfilled these needs in the past; and
- WHEREAS: The El Salvadorean Constitution guarantees the UES full funding, administrative autonomy and freedom of academic expression; and
- WHEREAS: These aforementioned constitutional rights have continually been denied to the UES; and
- WHEREAS: In disregard of these constitutional rights, the UES was invaded by government military forces in 1980 causing severe damage to the University and killing many faculty, students and administrators; and
- WHEREAS: The Report of the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America recommends that the United States, in close partnership with the Central American universities, develop a long-term plan to strengthen the major universities in Central America. Their proposal included "an expanded program of pairing US and Central American colleges and universities;" and
- WHEREAS: Representative Don Bonker, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee declared his support for the TESC - UES Sister College Project; and
- WHEREAS: The intent of the Sister College Project is consistent with goals and aspirations of TESC in providing inner-cultural and interdisciplinary education; and
- WHEREAS: There is widespread support for the Sister College Project amongst student, faculty, and administration at TESC; and
- WHEREAS: International support of the UES has helped insure the continued existence of the University;

Therefore be it resolved, we the undersigned members of TESC Faculty

- 1) Declare TESC a "sister college" of the UES.
- 2) Support the students, faculty, and staff of the UES in their efforts to assure the University's continued existence, and its ability to provide public access to higher education.
- 3) Support the efforts of The Sister College Committee to make institutional contacts between TESC and the UES.
- 4) Support the non-financially binding efforts to arrange cultural and educational exchanges between TESC and the UES.
- 5) Commend the efforts of The Sister College Committee for its material aid drive and private fundraising projects aiding the UES.
- 6) Ask the government of El Salvador to uphold its constitutional responsibility to provide full funding and autonomy to the UES, and to protect the human rights of members of the UES.
- 7) Support the establishment of a TESC network to protect the human rights of members of the UES.