

August, 2005

Senate Colleagues:

Following are the results of the SEC's April 2005 survey. They are being sent to you by email so you have time to consider them carefully. A printed copy will also be in your packet for the retreat.

The questions resulted mostly from conversations with various senators during the 04-05 academic year. The wording and format followed my preferences.

All of the results are included. Nothing was eliminated or summarized. The editing was light—limited to spelling and punctuation. The first section is frequency tables, and the second section is the narrative responses. Some of the questions/items reported above the frequency tables were truncated by the software and not editable as text, but the meanings should be clear. You should be cautious about interpreting the results, since there was no check to see how questions were interpreted; moreover, the sample is about half the Senate's membership.

Nearly all of the frequency tables show a clear consensus—*Senators were seldom neutral*. Moreover, the narrative questions show a strong consensus about some issues.

Lastly, notice some questions appear to form sets or groups.

*Senate function set:* 2, 6, 10, 15, 9, 50, 52, 51, 55, 56

*Senate role set:* 3, 18, 26, 29, 40, 48, 58, 59

*Senate perception set:* 4, 13, 14, 8

*Committee set:* 9, 20, 21, 28, 36

Hopefully you will find these results stimulate the thinking of your respective committees and suggest broader actions you may propose to the Senate. I am looking forward to hearing your responses, and in some cases, clarification of your survey responses.

For the Executive Committee,

Bob Loesch

## Frequency Tables

### IMPORT 1. The Senate's work is important to the welfare of FSU.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	29.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	12	70.6	70.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

### FAIRLY 2. The Senate handles business fairly.

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	11.8
4.00 Agree	7	41.2	41.2	52.9
5.00 Strongly Agree	8	47.1	47.1	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

### VOICE 3. The Senate should have a stronger voice in campus affairs

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
4.00 Agree	9	52.9	52.9	70.6
5.00 Strongly Agree	5	29.4	29.4	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

### FCINFORM 4. The faculty is sufficiently informed of the Senate's work

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	9	52.9	52.9	58.8
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	76.5
4.00 Agree	4	23.5	23.5	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**COMACT 5. Senate committees inappropriately act without Senate approval.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	41.2
3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	70.6
4.00 Agree	2	11.8	11.8	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**RUN 6. Senate meetings are orderly and well run**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
4.00 Agree	11	64.7	64.7	70.6
5.00 Strongly Agree	5	29.4	29.4	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**EQSEN 7. Each college should have an equal number of senators**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	41.2
2.00 Disagree	6	35.3	35.3	76.5
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	82.4
4.00 Agree	2	11.8	11.8	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PRESO 8. This years's presentations by guest speakers from administration and staff were useful**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	11.8
4.00 Agree	12	70.6	70.6	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**RPTANN 9. All committees should report on the Senate floor more than annually.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	23.5
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	35.3
4.00 Agree	8	47.1	47.1	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**RRITATE 10. I become irritated when Senators who have the floor wander from the subject at hand**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	23.5
4.00 Agree	8	47.1	47.1	70.6
5.00 Strongly Agree	5	29.4	29.4	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**CHARTER 11. The Preamble, Charter and Policies and Procedures documents are adequate.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	23.5
4.00 Agree	12	70.6	70.6	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**MOREMEM 12. The Senate would function better with more members.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	11	64.7	64.7	76.5
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	88.2
4.00 Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**UPERCEPT 13. The Senate needs to learn more about University-wide perceptions of the Senate.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
4.00 Agree	14	82.4	82.4	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PERCPT 14. The Senate needs to learn more about the faculty's perceptions of the Senate.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	11.8
4.00 Agree	13	76.5	76.5	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**RROAD 15. Sometimes actions are "railroaded" through the Senate without adequate discussion or debate on the Senate floor.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	25.0	25.0
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	6.3	31.3
4.00 Agree	8	47.1	50.0	81.3
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	18.8	100.0
Total	16	94.1	100.0	
Missing System	1	5.9		
Total	17	100.0		

**MAJRULE 16. The will of the majority of senators usually prevails.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
4.00 Agree	13	76.5	76.5	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**MINORVU 17. The view of the minority of senators is appropriately considered.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	23.5
4.00 Agree	11	64.7	64.7	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**ADINFORM 18. The Senate is adequately informed about FSU academic issues.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	29.4
4.00 Agree	9	52.9	52.9	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**SENPREP 19. Senators come to meetings prepared to act on the contents of the senate packet.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	29.4
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	52.9
4.00 Agree	7	41.2	41.2	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**MCOMRPT 20. The Senate needs to hear more reports from its university-wide committees.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	23.5
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	41.2
4.00 Agree	8	47.1	47.1	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PLSCOM 21. I am pleased with the work of Senate committees.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
	2.00 Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	17.6
	3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	23.5
	4.00 Agree	12	70.6	70.6	94.1
	5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**COMMISS 22. Senate committees give adequate consideration to their mission statements.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
	3.00 Neutral	6	35.3	35.3	41.2
	4.00 Agree	9	52.9	52.9	94.1
	5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**REVCOMP 23. Senate committees appropriately review their membership composition.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
	2.00 Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	17.6
	3.00 Neutral	7	41.2	41.2	58.8
	4.00 Agree	7	41.2	41.2	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**APATHY 24. Senators are apathetic about important issues.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2.00 Disagree	8	47.1	47.1	47.1
	3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	70.6
	4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	88.2
	5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**REVTIME 25. I find it difficult to find time to review the Senate meeting packet.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	23.5
2.00 Disagree	8	47.1	47.1	70.6
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	76.5
4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**ABOVCOLL 26. Senators should place the welfare of the University above the welfare of their respective**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	41.2
4.00 Agree	4	23.5	23.5	64.7
5.00 Strongly Agree	6	35.3	35.3	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**EVWEB 27. I find it difficult to find time to review committee minutes on the Senate web page.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	23.5
3.00 Neutral	6	35.3	35.3	58.8
4.00 Agree	6	35.3	35.3	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**INFORMEC 28. I feel adequately informed about the activities of the Executive Committee.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	10	58.8	58.8	64.7
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	82.4
4.00 Agree	2	11.8	11.8	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	



**EPCOLL 29. Senators' main priority should be to represent the views of their colleges or units.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	35.3
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	52.9
4.00 Agree	6	35.3	35.3	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**UNCOMFOR 30. I feel uncomfortable speaking on the senate floor.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	41.2
2.00 Disagree	9	52.9	52.9	94.1
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PREAWRD 31. The Senate needs to take a more active role in the presentation of its awards: distinguished teacher, international educator, faculty research, faculty development.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	23.5
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	41.2
4.00 Agree	7	41.2	41.2	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**ELCMIDYR 32. To insure continuity, all senate elections should occur mid-year.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
2.00 Disagree	6	35.3	35.3	52.9
3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	82.4
4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**APTMIDYR 33. Committee appointments should occur mid-year.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
2.00 Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	58.8
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	82.4
4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**OFCROATH 34. Senate officers should take an oath of office.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	47.1
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	64.7
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**AWRDEVNT 35. The Senate should have an annual awards event to honor some of its members.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	41.2
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	64.7
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**COMBIN 36. Some committees should be combined with others to create fewer Senate committees.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	35.3
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	58.8
4.00 Agree	6	35.3	35.3	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**SENCHAIR 37. Only senators should chair senate committees.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
2.00 Disagree	9	52.9	52.9	70.6
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	76.5
4.00 Agree	1	5.9	5.9	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**SENOATH 38. All senators should take an oath of membership.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	23.5
2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	52.9
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	64.7
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**WEBNAV 39. I find the Senate's web pages easy to navigate.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
3.00 Neutral	11	64.7	64.7	82.4
4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**GOVOFCLS 40. The Senate should adopt resolutions on higher education practice and send them to the appropriate government officials.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
3.00 Neutral	6	35.3	35.3	47.1
4.00 Agree	8	47.1	47.1	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**NAMCOM 41. Senators' meeting nameplates should specify of which committee they are a member.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	29.4
3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	58.8
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**EMATTACH 42. More Senate documents should be sent as email attachments instead of hard copy distributions.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	52.9
3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	82.4
4.00 Agree	1	5.9	5.9	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**MORADHOC 43. The Senate should create more ad hoc committees to delve into specific campus issues.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	41.2
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	58.8
4.00 Agree	7	41.2	41.2	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PARLIGID 44. Each senator should be given a commercially published guide to parliamentary procedure.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
3.00 Neutral	7	41.2	41.2	58.8
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**UHONSERV 45. The University needs to enhance the way it honors senate service.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	31.3	31.3
	3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	25.0	56.3
	4.00 Agree	4	23.5	25.0	81.3
	5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	18.8	100.0
	Total	16	94.1	100.0	
Missing	System	1	5.9		
Total		17	100.0		

**SERDBASE 46. We should have a searchable database of all Senate documents on the Senate's web page.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	23.5
	4.00 Agree	9	52.9	52.9	76.5
	5.00 Strongly Agree	4	23.5	23.5	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**REPDEPT 47. Senate membership should be based on representation from departments or units rather than colleges.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00 Strongly Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	23.5
	2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	52.9
	3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	82.4
	4.00 Agree	1	5.9	5.9	88.2
	5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
	Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**GOVLEGIS 48. The Senate should communicate its positions about higher education issues to government officials and legislators.**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	6.3	6.3
	2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	6.3	12.5
	3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	31.3	43.8
	4.00 Agree	7	41.2	43.8	87.5
	5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	12.5	100.0
	Total	16	94.1	100.0	
Missing	System	1	5.9		
Total		17	100.0		

**DEANMEMB 49. The deans should be members of the Academic Senate.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	9	52.9	52.9	52.9
2.00 Disagree	6	35.3	35.3	88.2
4.00 Agree	1	5.9	5.9	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**ANPLNMT 50. The Senate should have an annual planning meeting.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	11.8
4.00 Agree	12	70.6	70.6	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**REVHIRED 51. The Senate should have a mechanism for reviewing national academic trends in higher education.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
4.00 Agree	13	76.5	76.5	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**RETASPLN 52. The Senate retreat should serve as an annual planning meeting.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
4.00 Agree	13	76.5	76.5	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PBTORCH 53. The Senate should seek more publicity in The Torch.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	11.8
3.00 Neutral	6	35.3	35.3	47.1
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	29.4	76.5
5.00 Strongly Agree	4	23.5	23.5	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**CONSULT 54. The Senate should hire an outside expert to conduct a workshop on parliamentary procedure.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	52.9
3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	82.4
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	17.6	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PRIUNPLN 55. The Senate should link its priorities to the University's planning goals.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	12.5	12.5
2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	25.0	37.5
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	25.0	62.5
4.00 Agree	5	29.4	31.3	93.8
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	6.3	100.0
Total	16	94.1	100.0	
Missing System	1	5.9		
Total	17	100.0		

**RETRTPLN 56. The Senate should use its retreat to refine its planning goals.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	17.6
4.00 Agree	10	58.8	58.8	76.5
5.00 Strongly Agree	4	23.5	23.5	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**DPTHEADS 57. The Senate should include department heads in its membership.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	41.2
2.00 Disagree	8	47.1	47.1	88.2
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**HIRLRNCM 58. The Senate should take an active role in Higher Learning Commission (formerly NCA) self studies.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 2.00 Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
3.00 Neutral	5	29.4	29.4	41.2
4.00 Agree	8	47.1	47.1	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**GENED 59. The Senate should have a committee dedicated to university general education practices.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	17.6
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	35.3
4.00 Agree	6	35.3	35.3	70.6
5.00 Strongly Agree	5	29.4	29.4	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**MEMCOMP 60. The Senate should reconsider its membership composition (proportional college representation).**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	6	35.3	35.3	35.3
2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	64.7
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	76.5
4.00 Agree	2	11.8	11.8	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**REPBYDEP 61. The Senate should consider representation by department or unit rather than college.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	41.2
2.00 Disagree	4	23.5	23.5	64.7
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	82.4
4.00 Agree	1	5.9	5.9	88.2
5.00 Strongly Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	



**EQECHCOL 62. The Senate should have an equal number of members from each college.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	41.2
2.00 Disagree	6	35.3	35.3	76.5
3.00 Neutral	2	11.8	11.8	88.2
4.00 Agree	2	11.8	11.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**MISONWB 63. It would be acceptable to me to post items for the Senate's consideration that miss the packet on the Senate web page.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	1	5.9	5.9	5.9
2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	35.3
3.00 Neutral	1	5.9	5.9	41.2
4.00 Agree	10	58.8	58.8	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**ATLARGE 64. The Senate should elect university-wide, at large members.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	29.4
2.00 Disagree	5	29.4	29.4	58.8
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	17.6	76.5
4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**PARLMIN 65. Each meeting of the Senate should contain a "parliamentary minute" or very brief lesson from the parliamentarian.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	18.8	18.8
2.00 Disagree	3	17.6	18.8	37.5
3.00 Neutral	3	17.6	18.8	56.3
4.00 Agree	4	23.5	25.0	81.3
5.00 Strongly Agree	3	17.6	18.8	100.0
Total	16	94.1	100.0	
Missing System	1	5.9		
Total	17	100.0		

**LCNOTES 66. I would prefer to receive the Senate packet in electronic form delivered by Lotus Notes.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	3	17.6	17.6	17.6
2.00 Disagree	6	35.3	35.3	52.9
3.00 Neutral	4	23.5	23.5	76.5
4.00 Agree	3	17.6	17.6	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

**ONGPROP 67. The Senate should consider long proposals a part at a time rather than as a whole.**

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1.00 Strongly Disagree	2	11.8	11.8	11.8
2.00 Disagree	7	41.2	41.2	52.9
3.00 Neutral	7	41.2	41.2	94.1
5.00 Strongly Agree	1	5.9	5.9	100.0
Total	17	100.0	100.0	

### Narrative Comments

Following are all of the comments. Similar comments are grouped together. Editing was light.

*What are the Senate's major strengths?*

- Allow faculty to participate in university policy and procedure implementation in an active way
- Keep/maintain university administrators and faculty in balance
- Working with and communication between the faculty and administration.
- Networking
- Keeping abreast of issues within the university
- Open debate of campus issues
- Collegiality. A forum of the exchange of ideas and concerns from across campus.
- Representation from the academic units on campus
- Equal representation on committees so no one college determine outcomes
- Represents faculty university-wide.
- Representation from all colleges on campus
- Promotes understanding across programs
- Equal representation from each college
- Ability of most to set aside differences for the better good.
- Provides a *faculty* forum for academic issues.
- Opportunity for the faculty to have *some* say
- Providing a "faculty voice" in University affairs
- It discusses issues that are important to the campus community.

- Brings together diverse faculty from across campus to discuss mutual concerns.
- Commitment to excellence in education
- Well run meetings
- Careful consideration of issues
- Being a watchdog for quality of education

*What are the Senate's major weaknesses?*

- Inability to actually get changes if the Administration won't agree
- Seem like we are "bowing" a bit too much to the VPAA lately.
- Sometimes it is unclear if there will be action after a discussion.
- It is only *advisory* to administration
- No power. Its resolutions (etc.) are only advisory
- For small colleges, there are too many committees
- We have no paper plates for our bagels
- Not enough female senators
- Not enough diversity e.g. "good old boy network"
- Only one meeting per month makes it difficult to conduct much business, especially if the Senate's role is expanded
- Lacks clear sense of purpose or direction—at least does not clearly communicate there . . . Why do we exist as a body?
- What is/should be our primary function?
- It is a large body, but I don't think it should be reduced in size.
- The campus community is not as informed as it could be on the work of the Senate

- Most faculty are unaware of Senate activities
- Off-Balance. What used to be considered supporting roles have become majority leaders.
- Apathy. Senators (the majority) seem to be unprepared or lack concern by their demonstrated silence in Senate meetings
- Be a bunch of passive participants invested in just their senator positions for their resume.
- Ill prepared senators
- Some senators wish to dominate discussions
- Occasionally some senators (usually from one specific college) are allowed to bend rules, ignore protocol, etc. to get their way
- Committees act without accountability or respect for the Senate
- The Senate should never be a forum or platform for faculty union issues
- Kendall and GR are totally separate—they can be at cross purposes to FSU Big Rapids but we have no say
- No progress—do the same old, same old and be there

*What are the most important goals for the next Senate?*

- Look at country-wide trends in academics at the university level
- Address all the issues raised by the Senate General Education Task Force
- Revision of General Education and putting a working model in place
- General education requirements
- Addressing Dr. Michael Harris' concerns about flexibility in course offerings especially Gen Ed.
- Gen Ed

- Support or not the current mission but stop the multiple, subversive attempts to revise the current mission of FSU
- To address the two previous weaknesses of “Off-Balance” and “Apathy.”
- Trying to develop and maintain a meaningful, posture academically oriented relationship with the President and VPAA.
- Including FSU-GR in the curriculum approval process and APR
- Getting a handle on our relationship with FSUGR
- Continuing its role as a voice of the faculty in University affairs.
- Address all functions as listed in Article II of the Official Charter each academic year
- Learn from the mistakes and good work done in the past and go forward

#### *Additional Comments*

- I am interested in seeing the outcome of this survey
- The “Senate” needs to consider a bicameral structure. That is, much like our congress, we should have 2 entities. First a House of Representatives. This would be what our *current* Senate structure is today. Representation of colleges based on numbers of full-time faculty in each college. Second, a “Senate” with one or two representative (equal number, regardless) from each college as a check and balance. A motion is *not* fully implemented without positive support from *both* divisions (or houses).
- Ad Hoc committees have been formed by this Senate, faculty have given *countless* hours of time to this cause, and—even though administrative representation is included on the ad hocs—the results of the various ad hoc’s work has been totally and absolutely dismissed by the administration without regard to the faculty representation, legitimacy nor respect. This is done when the “findings” do not meet with administrator’s opinion. Therefore, ad hocs that have any affect on issues *not* governed by this Senate need to be eliminated or never considered *without* being formed as a Task Force through the VP’s office. Instead of establishing ad hocs, the Senate’s role should be to motion a request to the VP’s office to establish a “Task Force.”