November 1, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Stanley Johnson
    Chair, FSU Faculty Senate

FROM: T. J. Bryan
      Chancellor

RE: Senate Resolutions 2004-09-1 and 2004-09-2

After conferring with Provost Marion Gillis-Oliten, I have determined that I cannot approve Resolution 2004-09-1 for the following reasons:

- There are no self-governing units at the university. All units are subject to higher authorities—schools and colleges, vice chancellors, chancellor, the Board of Trustees in some instances, and the Board of Governors. Statutory authority and/or the Code govern all operations.
- It is not clear how the constitution differs from the code of the school or college.
- It is not clear what the rationale for creating the codes is.
- The resolution disenfranchises units, for it assumes that they desire to operate in the fashion described and imposes a system on them that they may find intolerable.

Again, after conferring with Provost Gillis-Oliten, I have learned that Dr. Akbar Aghajanian has agreed that he will purchase membership in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research for one year. I cannot make a financial commitment to continue the membership with university operating funds. The appropriate source of such support is the departments and school or college with faculty that make use of ICPSR services. At the Chancellor’s level, funds are not provided for memberships that serve only a subset of the university; instead, funds are used to purchase memberships that meet the needs of faculty, administrators, and staff regardless of their disciplines or professional roles. These memberships include organizations such as NAFEO, the American Council on Education, and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.
I realize that the Faculty Senate has expended considerable time and effort to develop these resolutions. I look forward to working with the Faculty Senate to move the university forward.

cc: Dr. Marion Gillis-Olton
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