

UCF Faculty Senate
Minutes August 26, 2004

Dr. Arlen Chase, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of April 22, 2004 were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Dr. Chase introduced Guests Drs. Huff Corzine, John Schell, Jennifer Helman (Student Government) and President Hitt. The meeting was preceded by a reception for all members of the senate.

Dr. Chase asked that faculty to please be receptive to requests for announcements about support of Football as the season begins.

Voter Registration – Jennifer Helman

There is a student voter registration drive in progress. Student government would like to have a few minutes of class time to announce voter registration to students. All questions or concern be forward to the Student Government Association.

Budget Report – Provost Hickey

Enrollment is 43,202, up slightly from last year. We expect about 43,100 +/- after drop/add. Enrollment may be negatively impacted by Hurricane Charley.

New FTIC is about 4,078, slightly below last year. There is about a 13% decrease in transfer students. Returning FTIC is up 9%. Retention numbers are continuing to go up. Returning graduate student numbers are up 3.3%

Faculty reminded to review information on budgets for this year and how it's being distributed. Everyone received more money this year. We are moving towards a fully funded Pegasus model, which includes funding of faculty and staff lines, equipment and other components of operating costs. There were no questions from Senate Members.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Naval Modani has worked with the Committee on Committees to set up standing and reporting committees. Committee Chairs are:

Budget & Administrative – Dr. Charles Kelliher
Graduate Council – Dr. Stephen Goodman
Personnel – Dr. Mark Kamrath
Undergraduate Policy & Curriculum - Dr. Bob Pennington

Dr. Chase announced to the senate that while we do not have any old business, do have some old issues which remain to be addressed. These are being referred to appropriate committees.

- Tenure on Centers and Institutes mostly resolved by creation of new colleges. Only one institute still not a college.
- Sabbaticals were a topic of discussion last year. Issues related to sabbaticals being bargained. Personnel committee asked to address these issues. We are not a part of the bargaining unit but we can make recommendations for policies.

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- Evaluation of area campus faculty. Some problems because of no clear process in place.
- Discussion about TIP, RIA and SoTL. Questions include if they should be recycled and/or if we should even have these awards or should we go to another system.
- Salary and Rank compression. Has been a problem for a long time. Need to find a long term solution.
- Use of citation indices for various faculty evaluation situations (e.g. promotion and tenure, as a performance measure, for some awards). Are they appropriate for these uses and are there any solutions.
- Final exam polices
- Implementation of SACS. Will be presentation at September meeting.
- Have received undergraduate teaching equipment funding the last few years via specials. There will now be a permanent sum allocated. This year it is \$410,000. Budget and Administration committee asked to develop procedures for allocation of this money.

NEW BUSINESS

Kickoff Luncheon

Faculty Senate has bought a table at the football kickoff lunch, Tuesday August 31st. There are several seats still available to any faculty senate member and if you are interested in attending please see Latrecia Rice at the end of the meeting today.

Constitution Revision

The Faculty Senate Constitution needs revision because there are three new colleges. Steering committee has met about this the last two weeks. Hope to bring proposed revisions forward to senate and then full faculty this fall. Dr. Modani presented summary of proposed modifications to Constitution to incorporate new colleges, and any future new colleges. This will give more flexibility to formation of committees which will ensure full representation on committees. The revision will reduce the need for additional constitutional revision if additional colleges are added in the future. Timeline is quite tight for the revision and approval process to determine allocation of senators before votes for 2005-2006 Faculty Senate occur.

New Colleges

Dr. Cook asked for explanation of process for creation of new colleges and how we, as the Faculty Senate can be involved in this in the future. General discussion about this. Some senate members have heard rumors about changes in existing colleges and creation of additional new colleges. An example is a potential separation of the College of Arts and Sciences. Would like input and consultation on this process.

Creation of new colleges should not occur without input and discussion at Faculty Senate level and in the committees such as Budget and Administrative procedures, Graduate Council, Personnel and Undergraduate Policy & Curriculum. To fail to do this is inconsistent with true collegial governance. Issues of the new colleges include the size of the colleges. The steering committee was told about the third new college a week before announced at Board of Trustees where it was approved.

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Dr. Trouard asked for a resolution on this. Dr. Cook suggested a statement with a request that we be informed and asked for input on the creation and dissolution of colleges. Dr. Modani reminded the group that the Senate does not usually entertain resolutions of substance from the floor. Dr. Chase asked Personnel and Budget and Administration committees to address this in an early meeting.

OTHER

"Why UCF is not a member of AAU" presentation by Julie Per-Armacost

Dr. Julie Pet-Armacost presented an analysis, originally done for the Board of Trustees about why we are not in the AAU (American Association of Universities) and nationally ranked. To be a member of AAU we must be invited. The only university in Florida in AAU is UF. Extensive data comparing UCF to other institutions was presented. Discussion and questions related to steps needed to change our ranking in the future. Dr. Armacost thanked for her presentation.

Question related to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. We have not been allowed to join. Provost will be asked to address this.

ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn at 5:35 made and seconded. Approved.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.