

Faculty Senate Meeting

February 16, 2006

Dr. Manoj Chopra, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of *January 26, 2006* were unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Dr. Chopra introduced guests Drs. Lin Huff-Corzine, Lynn Hawkins and Dennis Dulniak and Ms. Charlie Piper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Rumblings in Tallahassee about proposed 5% tuition increases. May be less.
- ◆ Lists for election for Faculty Senate for 2006-2007 have gone to Deans.
- ◆ Need to have another meeting next week so this meeting will be recessed for a continuation meeting next week at originally scheduled time.

Provost Hickey

Provost commented on the tuition issue. If less of tuition increases, there may be less new state support for enrollment growth. Percent increase may not impact number of students or applications but student government association is advocating for a lower tuition increases. We are 49th or 50th lowest tuition in the country. We have room to increase undergraduate instate tuition if needed and still remain highly competitively. Any increase in tuition also has an impact on Bright Futures and Tuition and Graduate and Out of state tuition meets or exceeds market.

Old Business

Ad-hoc committee UCF-TIP/RIA/SoTL- Dr. Cook

We will have a 45 minute discussion on this item if needed. Purpose of discussion is to provide input to ad hoc committee and steering committee. Ad hoc committee members were recognized and thanked for work on this project. The committee has been meeting to look at procedures for UCF TIP and address questions and concerns raised. Major change is to be more inclusive of faculty with assignments which have made them ineligible for awards in the past.

Retained original eligibility criteria based on good quality teaching of large numbers of students (high FTE generation) with an added option to allow those not meeting eligibility on this basis in a new ad hoc category. Encourage inclusion of criteria other than the student perception of instruction as evidence of quality teaching. Make eligibility every five years. But, if on sabbatical or other leave or non teaching assignment can use a prior year.

Some suggestions for portfolio were made but nature of most of portfolio must be determined by the college. Ad hoc category: If a college has only one award, will still have only one award with ad hoc and median category submissions being considered together. Internship issues: No teaching occurs. Amount of work for these is minimal. Leave it up to the college selection committees.

Will new colleges be reflected? Yes. Questions about letter for students currently enrolled. Any college can consider what criteria they will use. Contextualization of student perception data can be part of the criteria suggestion. Optional criteria for colleges for credit hours for internships. Instructors who are not eligible for SoTL may be allowed to put in for TIP here since they can not get a SoTL.

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Question asked about the TIP criteria procedures committee. Who has ultimate authority of documents?
Answer: The provost and oversight of college criteria. Eligibility review committee by Senate. Need information on voting on committees in colleges.

Apportionment issue: College-given criteria can apportion between nominal and ad hoc group. Total to any one college set but college can determine how many they give in each group. Committee members discussed over time. Objection that in some departments there will be disproportion because some departments have such small teaching loads. Would be better if College can determine number of ad hoc?

Question asked why all the titles are used (schools, departments). To reflect all possible titles for the academic unit. Traditionally about 65% of all faculty are eligible to apply each year. Materials which evaluate teaching must go beyond SPoI. Delete 10 % phrase. (In part B). Need college selection committee statement and how to vote on them. Criteria 5 (c) does already give ability to shift if not enough qualified candidates are found in a category.

Institutional research office did get data about eligibility and what caused faculty to drop out of eligibility. Final authority of who gets awards – provost and president's role. Punctuation corrections need to be made. The next meeting of the subcommittee will take place in Phillips Hall, Room 406I on March 1st at 11 AM. If only allocate 10% in the ad hoc category, it will discourage faculty from applying. Reallocation of awards in section 5 (c).

Contract says will not be rolled over so does that need or to be omitted consistent with contract. Contract says it will go into general wage increase pool for that year. Current contract does not allow roll over as included in the revised criteria. Suggested we leave this in to give sense of the Senate as to awards consistent with the role of the Faculty Senate. Rollover is not related to those who retire. It is only if not all awards given. If someone retires the award comes back to be awarded the next year. Please communicate with Ida Cook or other committee members with comments.

New Business

Proposed move of Liberal Studies program to Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Background: Dr. Schell informed the Senate that The Office of Undergraduate Studies was original home of Liberal Studies. When Office of Undergraduate Studies was abolished, the Liberal Studies program was moved to College of Arts and Sciences. With recent changes in CAS, we now see the value of moving it back to Office of Undergraduate Studies since it is reflective of many colleges. Dr. Schell is bringing this issue here in consulting mode. Interested in questions and discussion.

What is rationale for gauging the number of students for criteria for where program is housed? There are no budget implications for any college in this move. All credit hours go to the college of faculty teaching the course taking by students in Liberal Studies. Only two GIS courses are taught in Liberal Studies. Desire is to have those courses based in a Department or School and therefore in a college. What is the role of Advisory Council for Undergraduate Studies? This is not the council. It is an Advisory Council for Liberal Studies. Their function will not change. Details of administration not determined.

Dr. Koons raised the point that the issue of degree granting programs not in colleges has been addressed in past. Is that going to happen here? We would have a degree granting program in a college

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and missed that level of administration and supervision. Bachelor of Applied Science is also in Office of Undergraduate Studies. Office of Undergraduate Studies has a council which meets regularly and would continue to do that for liberal studies. Group with associate deans from all colleges would look at any new tracks.

Question rose about interdisciplinary studies groups remain in college of Arts and Humanities. Will be under the dean in that college. Initial concern with programs not in colleges was also a concern with faculty. There are no faculty in this entity.

There was an AS/BS program in Photography with faculty which was related to Liberal Studies. This program has been moved to College of Arts and Humanities. Faculty were housed in art department. Other individual faculty do have clear home in a department. What about graduate program in Liberal Studies. That will go to Office of Graduate Studies. It was suggested that most of courses in sciences should be housed in College of Science.

Question rose about why the Office of Undergraduate Studies was abolished in past. It was in response to SDES and thought that Office of Undergraduate Studies was redundant. It lacked academic integrity and rigor. This was corrected by move to a college where curriculum addressed as part of the work of the college. It had an academic committee and accommodated minors and concentrations. The masters' degree grew out of these efforts. Colleges gave the program academic respectability. Because the program is made up of minors and concentrations in departments, it will give the program overview.

Liberal studies does generate dollars via Pegasus model which looks at number of majors as well as enrollees. The college that has these students will get this money. If in Undergraduate Studies, the cost of salaries in the office to monitor this far exceeds income per major.

Office of liberal studies was interdisciplinary work in addition to simple liberal studies. Data based on intents to graduate. Have an N of 372 on which the data presented was based. It is not clear how percentages per colleges are determined. It reflects coursework done in major degree. Initial suggestions were to go to the new College of Arts and Humanities. But, then Dr. Schell came to realize that the students are from many areas. Ran the data and found this to be true.

Dean Siedel commented that this was a done deal. It was a broad discussion. Some in the sciences were concerned about some of the sciences based programs being reviewed by College of Arts and Humanities in the past.

Provost Hickey commented that when this came to his office it came from the Liberal Studies advisory office and the data supported the proposals to place it out of any one college. It could go to the college where most students host the program. Question: Would this mean that the program would be moved as the average change over time. Provost commented that his office did not go looking for this program. The program came to the Provost Office. Drs. Schell and Bishop will provide administrative home. Academic home is departments of majors and concentrations where the courses are housed.

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It will go to the advising program of liberal and interdisciplinary studies in a fixed location. If a decision is made to do this, there will be a home for liberal studies in space on 3rd floor of classroom building (CL).

Discussion: Another strong program with no faculty and that is Honors. Could this program be placed in the honors college? Yes, this was considered because there was a feeling these are very different programs. Both have the same issues in getting instructors to teach in some of the programs in the college. Addressing this in a way of purchasing instruction for Honors College. Have talked about using a similar model for Liberal Studies and interdisciplinary studies program. There is a need to provide the director with means to implement program.

Dr. Cook asked for additional information with better data about where most of courses are taken not just intent to graduate. Students need to have a sense of a home. If and when any faculty hired for this program, the Senate needs to be informed. Dr. Schell said that if that happens, he will come to the Senate. No intent to hire faculty to this program just as there are none hired to honors college program faculty. Provost Hickey stated agreement with this statement. This concluded discussion on this topic.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Budget & Administrative** – Dr. Charles Kelliher
Will report on Feb 23rd.
- **Graduate Council** – Dr. Stephen Goodman
Will report on Feb 23rd.
 - **Policy and Procedures Subcommittee** (chaired by Stephen Goodman)
No report
 - **Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee** (chaired by Ram Mohapatra)
No report
 - **Graduate Appeals Subcommittee** (chaired by Jana Jasinski)
No report
- **Personnel** – Dr. Jeff Kaplan
Dr. Kaplan presented a resolution from the committee on Travel Reimbursement. He read as follows. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2005-2006-4 Travel Reimbursement

Whereas, the University expects faculty to travel as an essential part of their duties and responsibilities - for the enrichment and enlightenment of their professional development in teaching, service and research.

Be it resolved that the University of Central Florida will relentlessly pursue avenues that will lead to:

- a) an increase in the per diem rate for meals to be consistent with the current federally established guidelines.
 - b) an increase in the mileage rate for faculty using their own vehicles to be consistent with the current federally established guidelines.
 - c) a streamlining of the procedure to file a claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred while on university business.
- **Undergraduate Policy & Curriculum** - Dr. Bob Pennington

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Will present at next meeting.

Other

NONE

ADJOURNED

Because of time of day, it was suggested by Dr. Chopra that the Senate recess after this discussion and continue with the rest of agenda next week. Motion made seconded and approved. The meeting recessed at or around 6:30 pm.