

*Faculty Senate Meeting
October 25, 2007*

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 September 27, 2007 were approved with minor changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITION of GUESTS and ADMINISTRATION

- Dr. Chopra recognized guest and administration, Provost Hickey, Dean Dorner (COPHA), Dennis Dulniak (Registrar), and John Schell.
- Graduate Council has requested that that the resolution on ETD Dissemination on the agenda today be withdrawn. In explanation, Dr. Liberman stated that there were issues regarding the resolution and the patent policy that must be resolved at the graduate council level. He anticipates return of the resolution at next month's meeting.
- The Benefits enrollment period ends at 5:30 pm tomorrow. Dr. Chopra asked the senators to remind their colleagues about deadline. Dr. Chase stated the benefits change from plans such as TIAA-CREF into FL retirement will occur in Mid-November. Assistance will be provided to faculty through the HR office.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Provost's Update - Provost Hickey reporting

A new department will be formed to merge HIS and HIM into a single department within the College of Health & Public Affairs. The department plans to develop a Master's in Public Health (MPH) degree and a Masters degree in Health Care Informatics. There were no additional costs to bring about the reorganization. Dr. Liberman is going to serve as the Interim Chair. This reorganization has been approved by President Hitt and will go to the BOT. The matter was brought today as informational item to the Senate.

Budget update - Provost Hickey stated that he was waiting for action by Governor Crist on the budget put forth by legislators. Governor Crist had until Saturday to issue his budget. Provost Hickey anticipated an update to faculty and staff during the next week. His comments today included: the recurring budget allocation reduced by 3.6% - down from the expected 4%. The nonrecurring funds to go to universities and \$1.6 million anticipated for UCF.

There are also \$9.5 million in nonrecurring funds in the budget to offset the tuition increase for the 5% that was originally expected in the fall of 2007. There will be a 5% tuition increase in spring semester 2008. Of those monies, UCF will set aside 30% that will be packaged as need-based financial aid for students. Dr. Hickey estimates that in summer 2007 additional monies in non-recurring performance-based funding in budget. Beginning fall 2009, each BOT is authorized to implement a technology fee of up to 5% of credit hour which would be about \$5 mill for UCF. The university was told that there will be a budget cut of at least 4% and probably more due to the projected deficit in the state budget. Depending upon December figures from the revenue estimating conference, there may be additional budget cuts after the first of the year.

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UCF will set aside 4% and a 2% additional amount to be kept centrally. That money plus new tuition money and part of the nonrecurring funding will be used to build a savings account for next year that would cover the first 4% of budget cuts next fiscal year. This approach allows units to plan ahead.

The commitment is to provide courses for students who are 80% along in their plan of study to graduate. Drs. Schell and Morrison-Shetler are working towards that goal in the spring schedule. Units will be able to hire visiting faculty and adjuncts in the spring. Summer courses should be available to allow more faculty to teach in the summer of 2008.

Provost Hickey commented that the current freeze on freshman enrollment is independent of the budget - BOG capped FTIC for most institutions. UCF had about 6700 new freshman in summer/fall 2007. State Universities will be required to lower to approved level - UCF is over by about 1100 or so students based on credit hours - these would be unfunded students but no state support beyond tuition. UCF will most likely experience a slowing, however UCF takes more AA transfers than other universities in the state of FL. Current campus capacity is 50,000.

Units have been asked to prioritize new full-time faculty hires, Provost Hickey reports approving well over 100 positions. The process includes review of funding and consideration given to the positions tied to instruction of students.

BOG Update - Dr. Chase reporting

Major issue remains the Pappas report as the strategic plan was received by members six days before the meeting. Only the first item on the strategic plan was approved by the BOG that deals with freezing the number of universities offering graduate programs at the current level. The question remains as to who is going to control higher education in the state of FL and how much centralization will be present. The next meeting is scheduled on December 5th and 6th here in Orlando.

BOG Strategic Plan discussion - Drs. Chopra & Chase reporting

A handout was distributed to faculty senators on the BOG strategic plan. Implications to faculty: improve quality of education; increase baccalaureate degrees; have predictable funding from the state.

- The BOG will have a compact with each university on the mission. Whatever compact is derived, this will drive the funding formula and will be different by institutions - this is not clearly articulated at this time.
- Understand mission and objectives of certain parts of the system and local control of strategic planning is important. There is a UCF BOT task force working on a response.
- Local control - the graduate deans in the state have written effective memorandum that masters degrees reflect local needs. Doctoral will remain at the BOG.
- BOG plan shows a tuition increase to national average which would be a substantial increase (25% each year).

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- Distance Learning: hopefully will not see big change at UCF as this program is going well at UCF.
- BOG control of doctoral programs- state could decide that PhD not needed at a university.

Dr. Bishop collected information from graduate deans and their response will become a part of the BOT task force, either attached or referenced. Faculty senators are requested to send Questions/Discussion items for Drs. Chase (BOG) and Dr. Chopra (BOT) to bring forward at the next meetings.

Archiving of emails - Dr. Chopra reported.

Dr. Wink brought forward an item regarding clarification of an email distributed campus-wide about archiving emails. Dr. Chopra will request a representative regarding the policy of email archiving to come to Senate at the next meeting in November.

STANDING COMMITTEE LIAISONS REPORTS

➤ Budget and Admin - Dr. Belfield reporting

The committee met on Oct 18th, the undergraduate RFP was sent to Dr. Shell's office today. The timetable calls for a December 15th submission of the RFP. The RFP will be issued within a week or so and allow six weeks for submissions. Funding was reduced to \$200,000 because there is now a mechanism to request fees for courses as ongoing fees and not complete a request each year for limited amount of moneys.

➤ Graduate Council - Dr. Liberman reporting

Grad Curriculum subcommittee: approved revisions to the PhD in Sociology; and others. Policies & Procedures Subcommittee: anticipate revisions in the proposed resolution at next month's meeting of the Faculty Senate along with the Resolution regarding electronic submissions to turnitin.com.

➤ Personnel - Dr. Chakrabarti reporting

The committee is working on a number of issues; one is the evaluation of chairs.

➤ UPCC - Dr. R. Pennington reporting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 13th.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm