

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE OFFICE**

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Ida J. Cook
Chair, Faculty Senate
DATE: July 10, 1998
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting – April 23, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of March 19 and 26, 1998 were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Tucker welcomed the new and returning senators and requested they each stand and introduce themselves. He also introduced guests: Dr. Diane Jacobs and Ms. Joanne Griggs.

Dr. Tucker announced that President Hitt was hosting a reception for the Faculty Senate in the new Burnett House, and that officers completing their terms would be recognized at that time.

He reported that the following resolutions have been approved for implementation. They had been discussed and evaluated by President Hitt, Provost Whitehouse and the college deans.

Resolution 1997-98-3 Graduate Certificate Program

The office of Graduate Studies has written procedures for implementing the program. All documentation was forwarded to Dr. Whitehouse after approval by the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee.

Resolution 1997-98-4 Graduate Council

Resolution 1997-98-5 Acceptance of 9 Graduate Hours

Resolution 1997-98-7 Grade Roll Submission

Resolution 1997-98-9 Undergraduate GPA

Resolution 1997-98-10 Baccalaureate Honors

The Five Year Review of the Provost has been completed. The report was positive, and although the entire report will not be published, Provost Whitehouse has requested that an executive summary be published.

Provost Whitehouse gave an update on several issues: legislative activities, equity funding, student enrollment, tuition increases, PECO money for classrooms and road work, and building projects on campus. Dr. Phil Taylor asked if there is a physical site for the I-4 corridor project. Dr. Whitehouse explained that it is a "virtual site," not a special place. He also stated that YAHOO Magazine ranked UCF 26th among the "top wired universities" in the nation, and that he is very proud to state that UCF is a finalist in a Smithsonian Institute award.

Since Dr. Carl Balado was unable to attend the reception at the Burnett House, Dr. Tucker presented to him a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Faculty Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Implementation of Plus/Minus Grading

Dr. Tucker stated that two years ago the Faculty Senate had passed a resolution for the implementation of a plus/minus grading system at UCF. Provost Whitehouse charged the Faculty Senate to do a survey of other SUS grading systems. Dr. Terri Fine was elected to serve as chair of the committee.

Since Dr. Fine was attending a conference and was unable to attend the Senate meeting, Dr. Carol Bast represented the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee in the discussion of the Plus/Minus implementation. She distributed the final report from Dr. Fine. The Plus/Minus Committee met on Thursday, April 16, 1998, voted and approved a plus/minus grading implementation recommendation to bring before the Faculty Senate. There had been concern that the new policy would produce grade inflation, but a statistical analysis run by Computer Services showed that there may be a minimal decrease in grades. Dr. Bast clarified that the policy is not a requirement but an option for UCF faculty. Dr. Fine's report was approved with one opposed. The report will be forwarded to Provost Whitehouse for approval.

(The report is attached.)

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Dr. Tucker thanked all members completing their terms in 1997-1998. He reported that the following members were nominated by the Steering Committee for the officers positions:

Chair: Dr. Ida Cook, College of Arts and Sciences
Vice Chair: Dr. David Abbott, College of Arts & Sciences
Secretary: Dr. Lee Cross, College of Education

Dr. Tucker requested other nominations from the floor. With no other nominations, a motion was moved to accept the officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Dr. Tucker stated that he had been honored to represent the Faculty Senate and thanked the senators for their contributions to the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Cook thanked Dr. Tucker for his excellent service to the faculty during his term as Faculty Senate chair. She proceeded to inform the new Faculty Senate of the functions and composition of the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees. She asked the senators from each of

the colleges to caucus for the purpose of electing members of the Steering Committee and the Committee on Committees. The following members were elected:

Steering Committee

Chair: Dr. Ida Cook

Vice Chair: Dr. David Abbott

Arts and Sciences	Dr. Karl-Heinrich Barsch Dr. John Leeson Dr. Phil Taylor Dr. Lee Armstrong
Business Administration	Dr. Naval Modani
Education	Dr. Rosie Joels
Engineering	Dr. Issa Batarseh Dr. James McBrayer
Health and Public Affairs	Dr. Gregory Frazer
Ex-officio	Dr. Richard Tucker

Committee on Committees

Chair: Dr. David Abbott

Arts and Sciences	Dr. Phil Taylor
Business	Dr. Naval Modani
Education	Dr. Rosie Joels
Engineering	Dr. James McBrayer
Health & Public Affairs	Dr. Gregory Frazer
Ex-officio	Dr. Richard Tucker

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.