

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Faculty  
**FROM:** Richard D. Tucker  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
**DATE:** August 13, 1997  
**SUBJECT:** Faculty Senate Meeting - April 24, 1997

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**CONTINUATION OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 1997**

The meeting of the 1996-1997 Faculty Senate held on March 27, 1997 was reconvened on April 24, 1997 at 3:40 p.m. in the Key West Room of the UCF Student Union Building. Dr. Tucker welcomed and introduced the new senators. He informed them that they could not vote on the two resolutions presented by the Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee.

Resolution 1996-1997-4 was introduced by Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair of the Committee. He explained that the purpose reflects faculty concerns regarding methods for formulating the University's budget process. Although the current Pegasus budget model is based on formulas, many special allocations are handled on a nonsystematic ad hoc basis. Dr. Joels distributed a handout how the colleges rank on basis of cost per student credit hours in 1995-1996. Because of the inequity of the specials distribution, she spoke in favor of rejecting specials distribution procedures. Dr. Christodoulou responded by pointing out that all programs don't require the same monetary support. Dr. Johnson responded that this resolution was meant to be neutral concerning the budget model, and was only to point out that problems exist. Dr. Leeson commented that the senate should support strategic initiatives and should be concerned that they are funded adequately. It was further discussed that there is a need for compromise. Formula budgeting within the administration is not enough; faculty involvement is also needed and should be handled in a systematic manner. Dr. Tucker stated that the resolution was in three parts and asked if there were any amendments. None were offered. The resolution passed 25 in favor and 5 opposed.

Resolution 1996-1997-5 Dr. Johnson explained that the intent of this resolution was to make communication regarding budget allocation processes uniform across all units on campus. Dr. Fine objected to this resolution because she believes it to be too vague and therefore unimplementable. Dr. Christodoulou agreed that the language should be more concrete. Dr. Modani spoke in support of the resolution stating that this is the first step to communicate faculty concerns. A lengthy discussion continued. Dr. Fine questioned if faculty were being denied access to budgetary information; stating further, that this would be an issue of concern because of the Sunshine Law. All budgetary information should be accessible to anyone in the departments or in the library. It was stated that an annual budget message is sent to dean's offices from the President's office. Dr. Joels moved to refer the resolution back to the Committee. The motion was defeated 2 in favor and 29 opposed. Dr. Modani explained that the mechanisms of allocations need to be understood by all

and that different colleges vary in their allocations. A question was called for an amendment to the resolution. The resolution was amended as follows:

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, That the Senate urges that the processes and criteria by which budget allocations are made and results thereof, (was added) both at the University level and within all colleges and units, should be clearly communicated to all the participants in that process, including faculty at the departmental and program levels. The amendment passed 28 in favor and 3 opposed.

Dr. Tucker asked if there was further discussion to Resolution 1996-1997-5. There was none. The resolution passed 24 in favor and 6 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

APRIL 24, 1997

The first meeting of the Faculty Senate 1997-1998 was called to order by Dr. Richard D. Tucker, Chair, at 4:37 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of March 20/27, 1997 were unanimously approved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Tucker recognized guests: Dr. Denise Young, Dr. Allyn Stearman, and Ms. Joanne Griggs. Dr. Tucker recognized all non-returning senators and presented each senator a certificate of appreciation for their service to the Faculty Senate.

### NEW BUSINESS

The election of officers for the 1997-1998 Faculty Senate was conducted and the results are as follows:

Chair	Dr. Richard D. Tucker
Vice Chair	Dr. Stephen H. Goodman
Secretary	Ms. Carole Hinshaw

Dr. Tucker thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. He announced that he had enjoyed the position of Chair for the Senate and recapped the year's successes. He highlighted issues to be discussed in the fall; such as, graduate education, continued revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution, and a presentation on facilities planning by Mr. William Merck.

Dr. Goodman distributed forms for Standing Committee assignment preferences. They are to be returned to Dr. Goodman in the Management Department, College of Business Administration.

Dr. Tucker read the letter from Provost Whitehouse regarding Resolution 1996-1997-3. The resolution has been accepted by the Provost and implementation of the resolution will occur in several stages over the next two academic years. (First stage), Implementation of the general

oversight committee. The learning community model will be implemented during the 1997-1998 academic year in certain courses within the general education program. (Second stage), Implementation of the general education program diversity requirement and the diversity graduation requirement would occur for the 1998-1999 academic year. Provost Whitehouse thanked the Senate for the resolution and thanked the ad hoc GEP task force for their efforts.

Dr. Tucker also reported that the Sustained Performance Evaluation guidelines would be developed by a special elected committee outside the Faculty Senate. He added that it was highly unlikely that there would be a merit increase in the SPE. The SPE evaluations will commence during the 1997-98 academic year.

Dr. Armacost recommended the new Faculty Senate do a follow-up study of the Student Evaluation forms which have now been used for three semesters. Dr. Tucker indicated that the review was mandated by the Faculty Senate at the time the new forum was established and that the review would be conducted during the Fall term. Dr. Armacost also noted that the Academic Calendar Committee needs to continue to work on the academic calendar and the final exam scheduling.

Dr. Joels introduced a motion to thank Dr. Hitt for his stand on the controversial Marilyn Manson concert. Dr. Tucker pointed out that while the motion could be discussed, it couldn't be voted on as it was not on the published agenda. It was moved to suspend the rules so that the motion could be considered and voted upon. The motion was passed by voice vote. In the discussion that followed, there were a range of sentiments expressed from those fully supporting the motion to those that questioned whether there was a need to acknowledge behavior that was clearly expected as a university campus. Others raised issues about whether there were any legal alternatives to the action taken. The question was called. Dr. Tucker called for a voice vote and on that basis declared that the motion carried. A hand vote was then called for. The vote was 16 for and 16 against; thus the motion did not carry.

Dr. Tucker announced the next item on the agenda, the election of representatives to serve on the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Members from each college were asked to elect their representatives to the Steering Committee. The results of the colleges' choices for the Steering Committee and representation to the Committee on Committees are as follows:

Arts & Sciences	*Dr. Terri Fine Dr. Phil Taylor Dr. Glenn Cunningham Dr. Ida Cook
Business Administration	*Dr. Taylor Ellis
Education	*Dr. Rosie Joels
Engineering	*Dr. Brian Petrasko Dr. James McBrayer
Health & Public Affairs	*Dr. Jean Kijek

The officers of the Faculty Senate, as well as the previous \*Chair of the Faculty Senate, also serve on the Steering Committee.

\* Members of the Committee on Committees

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.