

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
April 24, 2003

Dr. Michael Mullens, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of March 27, 2003 were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Mullens introduced Guests Drs. Huff Corzine, John Schell, Greg Schuckman (Federal Relations) and the new/returning Senate members.

Dr. Mullens commented on the value of the senate in the shared governance model in place at UCF. This is seen as a model for many of the other Universities in the State of Florida. Dr. Cook spoke of the importance of active participation of all faculty and members of the senate in this process.

Provost Whitehouse spoke of the value of the senate and its help in accomplishment of our goals. Thanks offered to Dr. Mullens for his work as Chair of the Faculty Senate over the last three years. Dr. Terry Hickey will be arriving July 1st to take on responsibility as Provost. Negotiations continue in Tallahassee about funding for the university system. Do not expect it will be a good year for anyone. We do have some reserves and additional students which will help budget. If cuts are needed, non academic units will bear greater burden.

Specials are under review. Two faculty members are on Budget committee as is a student representative. Florida/Florida State Universities plan to make a contract with the state which would increase budget cuts to us are currently on hold. There will be a similar plan used on all campuses. State is focusing on education, nursing and engineering. However, we will do well with the majority of students enrolled in these majors and faculty involvement in the process. TIP and RIA letters have been signed and sent today. According to a survey in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, we are the highest paid faculty at the Associate Professor level and are second in salary for Full Professor level. The continuation of TIP and RIAs is a big reason for this.

Board of Governors will be meeting and will consider the PhD in nursing among other items.

Dr. Whitehouse again thanked the group for their leadership and contribution to the Senate.

Dr. Mullens reported that the Faculty Senate Budget Administrative and Procedures committee drafted a letter to the Provost regarding the current state of the budget in a time of economic uncertainty. Dr. Cunningham read the letter and asked for acceptance of the letter. Motion to accept this letter as a report. Seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Relations

Dr. Greg Schuckman, Federal Relations, spoke about tremendous increase in funding at the Federal Level. Congressman Keller has been very supportive. We are one of two state universities with offices in Washington, DC. Dr. Schuckman reviewed the UCF federal priorities identification process. This is a process by which the university determines what will be the focus of our efforts. Started with proposals for funding followed by presentations on the proposal. They then link proposals to members of congress to increase the chance of funding. We forward about 35% of proposals and about half are funded. This year proposals will include hydrogen initiative, CREOL (for proteomics center), USDA funding for genomics work (COHPA/Micro-molecular).

Reviewed proposals being sent forward this year which include projects from last year and some new projects. Right now, most of the federal funding for research and development is going to the military and homeland security. NIH increase is very low (only ~2%). Need to look carefully at Federal priorities and try to match them. **Question** asked about how to be more involved. Suggested that faculty and chairs meet with him so he can help match UCF initiatives with Federal programs. We are handicapped because no one from UCF elected to any of the academies. We are also not on the committees writing a lot of the guidelines. He would like to know of any faculty who has major roles in national organizations which influence funding.

Election of Officers for the 2003-2004 Senate

A. Establishment of the Faculty Senate Officers

Nominations by the Steering Committee:

Chair: Dr. Arlen Chase, College of Arts and Sciences

Vice Chair: Dr. Naval Modani, College of Business

Secretary: Dr. Diane Wink, College of Health and Public Affairs

Motion to accept nominees and motion to accept by acclamation made and seconded. Approved by voice vote. Dr. Chase offered thanks to Dr. Mullens and to Provost Whitehouse. He expressed hope that Dr. Hickey will support the senate.

B. Establishment of the Steering Committee for 2003-2004

Need to identify faculty for steering committee and committee on committees. It is important that the members be senior faculty with knowledge of issues and UCF. Dr. Mullens suggested senate members review the constitution for information on goals of committees and also criteria for membership on committees. In addition to the elected officers of the Senate and the immediate past chair of the Senate, the Steering Committee has five members from the College of Arts and Sciences, one member from the College of Business Administration, one member from the College of Education, two members from the College of Engineering, and one member from the College of Health and Public Affairs.

College of Arts and Sciences: Cynthia Young
Rufus Barfield
Keith Koons
Diane Chase
Ida Cook

College of Business: Robert Pennington

College of Education: Rosie Joels

College of Engineering: Manoj Chopra
Alain Kassab

Health and Public Affairs: Dawn Oetjen

C. Establishment of the Committee on Committees for 2003-2004

The Committee on Committees is chaired by the Vice Chair of the Senate and has one Steering Committee member from each college and the immediate past chair of the Senate.

College of Arts and Sciences: Rufus Barfield

College of Business: Robert Pennington

College of Education: Rosie Joels

College of Engineering: Manoj Chopra

Health and Public Affairs: Dawn Oetjen

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 5:30 p.m. made and seconded. Approved.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.