

Faculty Senate Steering Committee

MINUTES

April 27, 2000

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee was called to order by Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair, at 4:04 p.m. Minutes of the April 6, 2000 meeting were unanimously approved. Members present: Drs. Lee Cross, Diane Wink, Ida J. Cook, Past Chair, Glenn Cunningham, Phillip Taylor, Diana Velez, Naval Modani, Robert Pennington, Cynthia Hutchinson, Ahmad Elshennawy, John Leeson, Gregory Frazer, and Provost Gary Whitehouse. Guests: Vice Provost Frank Juge, and Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine.

Dr. Mullens welcomed all new and returning members of the Steering Committee and asked that they introduce themselves. Member lists were distributed for perusal and corrections, if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mullens announced that he had attended the interviews for Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs which were held this week. The position will serve as the primary liaison for the Faculty Senate. Dr. Juge reported that Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine will continue in this role through the end of summer. The appointment will begin in the fall. He hopes a decision will be made within the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Dr. Mullens stated that there has been some dissension from students regarding the plus/minus grading proposal. Initial communication raised concerns in several e-mails to Provost Whitehouse, Dr. Cook, Dr. Terri Fine, and Vicky Brown, UCF Ombuds Officer. Dr. Cook explained the history of the proposal/resolution. Dr. Terri Fine, in an e-mail message, summarized the length of time and work it took to come to the approval of this resolution and decision on implementation. There had been multiple requests to the Student Body officers for their input and participation, which were totally ignored. Dr. Cook stated that Dr. Beth Barnes from the President's office and Dr. Whitehouse are working on a response to the students.

Dr. Mullens announced that Dr. Cook has agreed to continue to work with him on the University Budget.

Dr. Phil Taylor questioned Dr. Whitehouse regarding the merger with the Civic Center. Dr. Whitehouse responded that negotiations are continuing and it looks like a wonderful opportunity for UCF. There are also discussions regarding a relationship with a theater group in Daytona Beach.

Another question was asked regarding the demise of the Board of Regents. Dr. Whitehouse stated that it appears to be abolished although there are some additional amendments which may modify the plan. Also, plans for Florida A&M University to have a school in this area may be approved. However, there are no plans for a relationship between Florida A&M's program and UCF.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The Steering Committee liaisons for the four Standing Committees were unanimously elected.

Budget and Administrative Procedures	Dr. Glenn Cunningham
Graduate Council	Dr. Cynthia Hutchinson
Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum	Dr. Robert Pennington
Personnel	Dr. John Leeson

The liaisons are non-voting members and cannot chair the committees.

OTHER

Dr. Lee Cross announced that the Committee on Committees meet immediately following this adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

No meetings in May, June or July