

**FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 5, 2001**

Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair, called the Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting to order on Thursday, April 5, at 4:05 p.m. The minutes of March 8, 2001 were unanimously approved.

Members present: Drs. Lee Armstrong, Diana Velez, Naval Modani, Robert Pennington, Cynthia Hutchinson, Carol Bast, Ahmad Elshennawy, John Leeson, and Provost Gary Whitehouse.

Members absent: Drs. Ida Cook, Lee Cross, Diane Wink, Glenn Cunningham, and Phil Taylor.

Guest: Dr. John Schell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Mullens announced that the UCF budget planning process has begun. Dr. Ida Cook will attend the meetings with Dr. Mullens and will be his backup when he travels on research.

Dr. Mullens distributed a memorandum from a student requesting the reconsideration of sign language as a foreign language for graduation requirement. It was stated that this subject has been discussed and repeatedly denied for several years. No further discussion on the issue.

Dr. Mullens distributed an article explaining that the President of Florida State University had made a statement stating that he could no longer support the State University System's (SUS) changes. Dr. Mullens stated that he would like faculty voice.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. John Schell distributed a memorandum responding to Dr. Diane Wink's inquiry regarding the university's preparedness for on-campus violence. He announced that Officer Kelli Smith is available to conduct a one-hour presentation with a question and answer period for interested faculty members. Workshops may be planned for May 18 or June 1, 2001. It was concluded that a representative from each college would take this information back to his/her college and ask their colleagues to determine interest in this workshop.

Volunteers to get information from their college:

Bob Pennington	College of Business Administration
Lee Armstrong	College of Arts and Sciences
Ahmad Elshennawy	College of Engineering and Computer Science
Carol Bast	College of Health and Public Affairs
Cynthia Hutchinson	College of Education

Dr. Mullens stated that a resolution had come forward from the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. Dr. Modani reported that all legislative business retires with the old Senate in April, and any old or new business goes forward to the new Senate.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Standing Committee Reports**

**Budget and Administrative Procedures**

Due to Dr. Glenn Cunningham's absence, there was no report. Dr. Cunningham called in sick.

**Graduate Council**

Course Review and New Programs Subcommittee: Dr. Hutchinson reported that this subcommittee has approved a new track, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, to the Master of Science in Nursing (COHPA); a proposal to revise the Master of Science, Health Science, Health Services Administration program; a proposal to change the names of two of the four HAS Graduate certificate Programs; and a variety of course action requests.

Dr. Hutchinson distributed copies of the catalog copy changes for dissertation advisory committee composition and thesis advisory composition. A few wording changes were discussed and agreed upon. Dr. Hutchinson will report the Steering Committee's suggested changes to the Graduate Council. A meeting has been planned for the end of April.

**Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee**

Dr. Robert Pennington reported that a special meeting has been scheduled for April 17, 2001 to discuss curriculum changes from the College of Education.

**Personnel Committee**

Dr. John Leeson reported that a meeting has not been held this month.

**Nominations for Senate officers 2001-2002**

Dr. Michael A. Mullens, Chair  
Dr. Stephen Goodman, Vice Chair  
Dr. Diane Wink, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.