

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Dr. Jeffrey Cornett, Secretary
Faculty Senate
DATE: April 15, 1992
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - April 9, 1992

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:02 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. Dr. Cunningham welcomed the new and returning senators. The minutes of March 26, 1992 were approved. Guests present were President Hitt, Provost Astro, Dr. Stuart Lilie, and Francis Allman of the Central Florida Future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Chair	Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham
Vice Chair	Dr. Naval Modani
Secretary	Dr. Jeffrey Cornett

President Hitt then addressed the senators expressing his thoughts on how important he felt the role of the Faculty Senate is in shared governance and that the Faculty Senate is a mechanism to express viewpoints or concerns of the faculty. Dr. Hitt remarked that many people do not understand the complexity of the role of the Faculty Senate but he has personal experience and does appreciate the responsibilities of the Faculty Senate. He promised that the administration will take the Faculty Senate very seriously and treat them with respect. Dr. Hitt indicated his willingness to attend as many meetings as possible, to share ideas. The President remarked that the faculty have primary responsibility in academic matters and he will respect that and defend academic freedom.

Dr. Cunningham commented that the Faculty Senate will be glad to have the President and Provost at the faculty senate meetings as this will provide an opportunity for them to offer their input.

Dr. Ida Cook then addressed Dr. Hitt about the current environmental issues on campus, i.e. clearing of trees for the portables. Dr. Cook stated that the University Planning Council was told to find an alternate plan but during this time frame a decision to proceed with the original plan was made without informing the chair of the Council. Dr. Vittes mentioned that the committee was told to look at that site and with the guidance of Interim President Bryan they went forward. Concern was also expressed about the distance from the academic areas for handicapped students.

Dr. Hitt said unfortunately he had been away for some days during the time the report had come through. He said that is one problem when a committee reports directly to the President. Accessibility to the trailers is a problem, however, the money is coming from the CREOLE project and we might have jeopardized another project by reopening the matter. The President regrets that this important decision did not have more open communication.

Dr. Cook remarked that the faculty would rather not hear about it after the fact. President Hitt said the administration will try to minimize occurrences such as this in the future.

Dr. Cunningham announced that the Steering Committee's action was next and requested that the colleges separate to choose their representative. Dr. Taylor of Arts & Sciences, Dr. Steve Goodman, Business Administration, Robert Everett, Education, Chris Christodoulou, Engineering, Frances Smith, Health & Public Affairs, were asked to conduct the nominations for the Steering Committee. Dr. Cunningham explained that the Faculty Senate officers are already members of this committee.

Dr. Cunningham said the proposed changes to the Faculty Constitution will be presented at the Faculty Assembly on April 23 and if passed, a notice will be sent out by the Faculty Senate office. The changes in the constitution are very important and Dr. Cunningham suggested that the senators contact their colleagues to attend the meeting. There must be a 2/3 majority to pass it. If anyone has questions about the changes to the constitution, please contact a member of the Constitution Committee and they will be happy to explain changes.

The results of the colleges' choices for the Steering Committee are as follows:

Arts & Sciences	Dr. Lee Armstrong Dr. Ida Cook Dr. John Gupton Dr. Shirley Leckie Dr. Philip Taylor
Business Administration	Dr. Gordon Paul
Education	Dr. Marie Hill
Engineering	Dr. Charles Nuckalls Dr. William Swart
Health & Public Affairs	Dr. Barbara Judkins

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cornett, Secretary
Faculty Senate