

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 22, 2002**

Dr. Michael Mullens, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of April 25, 2002 were unanimously approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Dr. Mullens recognized and welcomed Vice President John Schell, Drs. Lin Huff-Corzine, Eric VanStryland, Dennis Dulniak, and Douglas Burgess.

Provost Gary Whitehouse announced that enrollment is going smoothly. The total student enrollment has reached 38,920. Several procedures have changed this year regarding fee payment so the number of students will probably be slightly lower. The expectation is a final enrollment of 39,000. Freshman SAT is up 12 points. The Honors class SAT is higher. Graduate enrollment has increased at a higher rate than expected.

Dr. Michael Mullens announced that the Faculty Senate has been awarded a budget special \$400,000 for upgrading lab equipment. The process of awarding funds is being developed.

The Faculty Senate Office will no longer be sending hard copies of agenda or minutes each month. You can go to the faculty senate website for these documents and information.

Several members have been absent at Senate meetings. Dr. Mullens asked if there were any schedule conflicts at Senate meeting dates and times. Faculty Senate has requested this time free for senators to attend Senate meetings.

Standing Committee assignments have been made and meeting dates should be scheduled within the next month.

UCF Board Chairman, Richard Nunis, will be invited to a Faculty Senate meeting sometime this fall semester.

The Board of Trustees meeting dates are:

September 26, <u>2002</u>	Jan 23, <u>2003</u>
October 26	March 27
November 21	May 22
	July 24
	Sept. 25
	Nov. 20, 2003

Three Faculty Senate members can attend the BOT meeting luncheons. Dr. Mullens encouraged the senators to take advantage of the opportunity to meet the Board of Trustees at the luncheons.

Dr. Mullens announced that he worked with Pegasus award recipients to develop procedure to select the new Trustee Professorships (awards). Final recommendations and procedures were not made. Trustee Professors would be recognized for significant accomplishments. Funding would support research and related activities. May be used for recruitment.

## **OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Committee on Committees - Dr. Arlen Chase**

Reported that the committees were organized in July. Letters asking members for their first and second choices for serving on committees were mailed. The Committee on Committees tried to give the members their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. There are rank and tenure provisions for membership on several committees. Only Budget and UPCC do not have these provisions. The issue of qualifications for committee memberships needs to be addressed. A related issue is that more junior faculty are listed on UPCC because they cannot serve on all committees. Dr. Chase stated that an ad hoc committee to examine these issues was appointed at the last Steering Committee meeting, members: Drs. Naval Modani, Arlen Chase, John Schell, and Ida Cook.

### **Suggested agenda items:**

- Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee
  1. Qualifications for committee memberships. Revisit structure and rules in Constitution.
  2. Examine issues on technical competency and English fluency for GTA's with goal of insuring quality of teaching.
- Budget and Administrative
  1. Issue raised by UCF Foundation: Donor recognition in renaming of buildings.
- Personnel
  1. Faculty evaluations and timing of evaluations.
  2. Parking and traffic flow on campus. Dr. Whitehouse stated that there was an opportunity to serve on either the Parking Appeals Committee or the Planning Committee.
- Steering Committee
  1. Relationships between research centers, interdisciplinary programs, and academic departments. Steering Committee will discuss further to fully identify and understand issues before sending out to the appropriate committees.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

1. What is the proper approach to bring an issue to the Faculty Senate? Direct the issue to the Steering Committee representative for their college. If Steering Committee finds it important, they will refer the issue to the appropriate committee, which will debate the issue, prepare a resolution, vote on it, and present it to the Steering Committee. If the Steering Committee approves the resolution, they forward it to the Faculty Senate for debate and vote. If the resolution is

approved, it is forwarded to the Provost as advisory to him for final acceptance.

2. What is the relationship between the new system with the Board of Trustees and Board of Regents? Dr. Whitehouse responded that UCF has an excellent Board of Trustees. They have influence and support UCF. With the BOT bringing some key decision making to the university level, things are very positive. Board of Education is not currently focusing a lot on universities. Dr. Whitehouse also responded to a question regarding a chancellor of Higher Education for the State of Florida. Provost Whitehouse stated that an offer has been made to a gentleman from the State of Georgia, but his charges are unknown at this time.

3. Faculty spaces in parking garages? The UFF was told that 50 parking spaces would be available in the parking garages. It is not know at this time if the project has been implemented yet. Dr. Whitehouse requested nominations for appointment to the Parking and Traffic Advisory Committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Next Faculty Senate meeting: September 26, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Student Union Key West Room, 218 AB**