

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
of
August 24, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of April 20, 2000 were unanimously approved. Dr. Mullens welcomed the Faculty Senate back for another academic year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Mullens recognized guests: President John Hitt, Drs. Dan Holsenbeck, John Schell and Lin Huff-Corzine. Provost Whitehouse was introduced for comments. He welcomed all members of the Faculty Senate. Provost Whitehouse stated that there were approximately 20,000 students attending classes this summer. He is enthusiastic about the agenda the Senate has scheduled for the year 2000-2001. He is looking forward to leadership and guidance from the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Mullens encouraged the faculty to write a short personal note in support of the FSECC (Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign), send letters to Dr. Mullens.

Dr. Mullens introduced and welcomed President John Hitt. President Hitt welcomed the Faculty Senate back for the new fall semester. He announced that student enrollment was up considerably. The current projected enrollment is 33,842 students this fall. Approximately 454 new Honors College students bring the total Honors enrollment up to 1,155 students. UCF now has 335 Lead Scholars, up from 242 last year. Dr. Hitt is looking to increasing the students in the Honors College and Lead Scholars for the years ahead. Research funding is now \$52 million. There is a 20% increase in federal funding with a total of a 48% increase in one year.

President Hitt announced the opening of the new classroom building (CL1), the addition to the Student Union, and the opening of the third parking garage, which was full on the first day of classes. He stated that construction for the fourth parking garage is scheduled to begin soon. There is a new contractor to complete the baseball field. A dormitory is scheduled for construction with 1600 rooms for students near recreational services.

The University of Central Florida has entered an agreement with College Park Communities, owners of Knights Crossing and Knights Court. The owners will eventually be giving the UCF Foundation the land where these apartments sit. The Foundation will give them a ground lease for thirty years on the land. A third party (another not for profit entity) will issue bonds to purchase the apartments. College Park Communities will have a 15 year management contract for the two apartments. The arrangement is to refer our students to Knights Crossing when UCF's dorms are full. Thirty years from now UCF will end up with at least 80 acres of land. UCF will co-manage the apartments and share in any profits. The University will have the ability to place UCF's conduct code into lease agreements. It is hopeful that UCF police can patrol Knights Crossing and, therefore, have the power to regulate the conduct of students and make it a better atmosphere for all residents. There may be a possibility of allowing non UCF students as residents, that is, Valencia Community College and Seminole Community College students (if they have a similar conduct code). There are 3750 beds in the apartments. Dr. Richard Tucker questioned if UCF would use student development staff there also. Dr. Hitt replied that it will be done with additional staff who UCF can hire as part of the management fees.

President Hitt announced that UCF has entered into an agreement with the Civic Theatre in which UCF now has total control. This is a great addition for the UCF Theatre facilities, and will benefit the Master of Fine Arts in Theatre program starting this fall, 2000.

President Hitt stated that he was very pleased with the recruitment of many new and very talented faculty this year.

President Hitt presented plaques to Dr. Ida Cook (Chair, 1998-2000) and Dr. Cynthia Hutchinson (Secretary, 1999-2000). He stated that their dedication to serve the Faculty Senate and the University of Central Florida was very much appreciated.

Dr. Holsenbeck announced that the legislature has recognized the quality and dedication of UCF faculty. UCF has scored 45th on a research score card in MIT's Technology Review magazine. The University of Florida ranked 28th and no other university in Florida was ranked in the top 50. UCF also ranked second in the State in performance incentive funding, the University of Florida was first.

Dr. Mullens announced that two resolutions had been approved. Resolution 1999-2000-9 Incomplete Grades for Undergraduate Students, and Resolution 1999-2000-10 Travel Office to continue in resolving travel issues. A third resolution, Resolution 1999-2000-8 Faculty parking for area campus faculty, was temporarily denied. Mr. William Merck has agreed to continue discussions with various individuals to determine if there are any other alternatives available.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Lee Cross reported that all senators had been placed on a Standing Committee. The Reporting Committees are still in progress and should be ready for the next Senate meeting on September 21, 2000. Dr. Cross stated that the Committee on Committees tried to honor all first choices but some committees were requested more or less frequently.

Dr. Mullens reported that he had met with several administrators with concerns facing the faculty. A list of potential Faculty Senate issues for the 2000-2001 academic year was distributed.

The list is attached.

Steering Sub-Committees to which each issue was assigned are:

Awarding "Son of TIP" funds. The Steering Committee has assigned a subcommittee to work on the key issues of the "Son of TIP" award. Drs. Diana Velez, Naval Modani, and Diane Wink are the subcommittee members.

Awarding new Research Incentive Program funds. It will monetarily compensate faculty who have excelled in research. The new program will be in operation next spring, 2001. The subcommittee assigned to work on the key issues and procedures are: Drs. Ahmad Elshannawy, Glenn Cunningham, and Kerstin Hamann.

Personnel Committee

Senior Professorship. A rank above Full Professor to reflect outstanding research.

Improved computing technology and support for faculty.

Formal faculty mentoring.

Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee

Review of Pegasus funding model.

Summer meetings.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee

Teaching/learning and tenure

Changes to current add-drop policy

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.