

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
of
August 26, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Dr. Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of April 22, 1999 were unanimously approved as corrected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Cook welcomed all new and returning senators and requested that they each stand and introduce themselves. Dr. Cook introduced Provost Gary Whitehouse, Frank Juge, Bill Merck, Denise Young, Joel Hartman, Dan Holsenbeck, Lin Huff-Corzine, Tom Keon David Dees, Taylor Ellis, and Eda M. Correa, Library.

Provost Gary Whitehouse announced that the Fall Semester is off to a great start. The University has enrolled approximately 31,900 students. There is a large freshman class with high academic records. Their SAT scores are 13 to 14 points above last year's students, and applications have increased by 30 percent. The ground breaking for the College of Engineering II will be held on August 27, 1999. Provost Whitehouse commented on rumors related to the possible merger of the School of Computer Science and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. Dr. Juge has been appointed chair of a focus group which has met 12 times to explore the options.

FINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Cook distributed the list of Standing Committees for the 1999-2000 Senate year. She thanked the Committee on Committees who worked long and hard to compile this list. Dr. Cross explained that while most senators received their first choice some did not and they will be given consideration next year as committees are formed. Every senator should be on a Standing Committee. Dr. Cook introduced the liaison members from the Steering Committee for each Standing Committee.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum	Dr. Karl-Heinrich Barsch
Graduate Council	Dr. Jamal Nayfeh
Personnel	Dr. Aaron Liberman
Budget and Administrative Procedures	Dr. Glenn Cunningham

Dr. Cook reviewed the list of topics for consideration by the various committees.

Personal Committee

- Dean's involvement in 3rd year progress toward tenure evaluation
- Appointment of spouses - equity issues
- Sustained Performance Evaluation
- Parking privileges for faculty from area campuses
- Why annual contracts for tenured faculty?
- Computer access for all serving Faculty Senators
- Regalia for graduation - purchase, Deans?
- PEP nominees

Undergraduate Policy & Curriculum Committee

- Admissions and Standards - which catalog students can apply
- NC grades for Mathematics courses - awarding of non-credit courses
- Increase of large classes - and the issue of quality
- Observance of religious holidays - makeup allowance

Budget and Administrative Committee

- Accounting of money not under State control
- Reduction in State contributions to the retirement plan
- Insurance coverage - need formal process
- Travel policy - continuing dissatisfaction with travel reimbursement

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

Dr. Cook introduced the members of the Constitutional Revision Committee and thanked them for their hard work: Drs. Naval Modani, Richard Tucker, Glenn Cunningham, Rosie Joels, and Phillip Taylor. Dr. Cook stated that the last changes made to the Constitution were in 1993. She also announced that two open meetings would be held next week on Monday and Tuesday, August 30 and 31 at the Student Union, Garden Key Room 221. A special Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for September 9, 1999 and will be held in the President's Dining Room. Once the Senate approves the Constitution, it will be circulated to the faculty before a ratification vote by the Faculty Assembly. Dr. Modani referred to a list of 12 major changes to the Constitution. He urged all Senators to read the Constitution, especially new Senators. Dr. Cook encouraged Senators to begin dialogue with their faculty and to log on to the Faculty Senate Web site.

The Standing Committee liaisons were asked to meet briefly to discuss meeting times.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.