

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
FACULTY SENATE OFFICE**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Faculty  
**FROM:** Ida J. Cook  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
**DATE:** September 8, 1998  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - August 27, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. Ida J. Cook, Chair, following a reception for new and returning senators. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of Senate meeting on April 23, 1998 were unanimously approved. Guests present included President John Hitt, Tom Huddleston, Karen Smith, Frank Juge, Allyn Stearman, Bill Merck, Tom Keon, Sandra Robinson, Joanne Griggs, Joan Morris, and Kathleen Eberhardt. Other guests identified: Barry Baker, Joyce Dornier, Frank Allen, Cheryl Green, and others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Cook inquired of President Hitt if he had any announcements. He stated that the University had just received a pledge of half million dollars for a multicultural-multilingual center and in December would receive matching funds from the Board of Regents.

Provost Whitehouse introduced the new dean of the Honors College, Dr. Allyn Stearman. He stated that eighteen positions have been allocated to the college; primarily from the College of Arts and Sciences and funded by the Honors College. Enrollment for the University this fall is well over 30,190 students.

Dr. Whitehouse announced that Dr. M. J. Soileau is Interim Vice President of Graduate Studies. He also stated that the University has more projects on the PECO list than any other university in the State. Funding will be used to complete the new building for the College of Engineering.

Dr. Phil Taylor announced the opening of the Nicholson School of Communication building and invited the Faculty Senate, and all present at the meeting, to the open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. immediately following the Senate meeting.

Dr. Cook announced that Dr. David Abbott had resigned as Vice Chair and as member of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Abbott has taken an administrative assignment as Assistant Chair of the Psychology Department; therefore, there is an open position of Vice Chair for the Faculty Senate.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Faculty Senate Web Page

Kathleen Eberhardt was introduced as the Faculty Senate Webmaster. Kathleen explained the web site and introduced the Faculty Senate web page. Kathleen stated that there have been 277 hits a day on the site. Dr. Stephen Goodman inquired if the committee members would be listed on the web site; she indicated they would. Dr. Cook stated that since this was Kathleen Eberhardt's last day, senators should let Kathy Wohlbold know if there are any changes that need to be made. Dr. Tucker recognized Kathleen's hard work and thanked her on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Cook recognized and welcomed all new senators.

### Election of Vice Chair for Faculty Senate

Dr. Cook stated that Dr. Lee Armstrong, from the Department of Mathematics, had been serving as Interim Vice Chair. The Steering Committee nominated Dr. Armstrong for the position of Vice Chair. Dr. Cook asked for other nominations from the floor. With no other nominations, Dr. Phil Taylor moved by acclamation that Dr. Armstrong serve as Vice Chair for the Faculty Senate 1998-1999. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations Dr. Armstrong!

### Standing and Reporting Committees for 1998-1999

Dr. Cook introduced each liaison from the Standing Committees.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee - Dr. Karl-Heinrich Barsch

Graduate Council - Dr. Gregory Frazer

Budget and Administrative Procedures - Dr. Naval Modani

Personnel - Dr. John Leeson

Dr. Cook reported on the list of topics for the various Standing Committees to discuss, and encouraged the Senate members to share their ideas with members of the Reporting and Standing Committees.

Dr. Cook reported there was a Constitutional Review Committee working on changes to the Constitution. The members: Drs. Phil Taylor, Rosie Joels, Naval Modani, Glenn Cunningham, and Richard Tucker, will be considering issues regarding apportionment, e.g., representation from the School of Optical Sciences and the UCF Library has been requested.

## **OTHER**

Dr. Phil Taylor inquired about the status of Saturday classes, and additional monies for adding classes to regional colleges. Provost Whitehouse replied that there is strong support for Saturday classes to be held at South Orlando Campus and other regional colleges.

President Hitt reported on the tremendous growth in enrollment at UCF. He stated that there was a push to increase 165 FTE per area campus because of under-producing graduate student credit hours last year and the University's being penalized \$800,000.

Dr. Cook thanked President Hitt on behalf of the Senate for the wonderful reception last spring at the Burnett House. Dr. Hitt responded that the Burnett House has been a great magnet for fund raising. He reported that there were 19 National Merit finalists because of the Honors College. He stated that there is a large increase in enrollment and that the SAT scores for honors students went up 40 points last year and another 40 points this year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.