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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty

Faculty Senate Office FROM:

DATE:

January 6, 1994 Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of December 2, 1993 SUBJECT:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of senate meeting on November 4, 1993 were approved. Guests present included: Dr. Frank Juge and Dr. Kathryn Seidel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani informed the members that as requested at the last Senate meeting, Provost Whitehouse would hold an open forum on January 24, 1994, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., to discuss the Pegasus model. Dr. Modani reported that four colleges have submitted to Provost Whitehouse their Criteria and Procedures to implement the Undergraduate Teaching Incentive Program (UTIP). Dr. Juge said that the student credit hour data for UTIP was almost ready and the list of eligible faculty should be available shortly. Dr. Modani asked the members of the UTIP Oversight Committee (Ms. Joyce Dorner and Drs. Ida Cook, Glenn Cunningham, Brian Petrasko, Brian Rungeling, Alexander Wood) to stay for a few minutes after the meeting today.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dr. Robert Flick, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, reported that his committee has not met since the last Senate meeting. His committee will meet soon to look at the Southern Association of Colleges requirement for number of credit hours needed for an undergraduate degree at UCF.

In the absence of Dr. Jeff Cornett, Chair of the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, Dr. Modani reported that the committee is continuing to work on (a) graduate assistant policy, (b) UCF's desire to move up in the Carnegie classification, (c) assisting in the review by the Southern Association of Colleges, and (d) assisting in the search process for the Director of Graduate Studies. Dr. Modani stated that Drs. Bishop, Bozeman, and Rinalducci are the finalists for the position and interviews are being scheduled for the next few days.

Dr. Gordon Paul, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that his committee is scheduled to meet Friday, December 3, 1993 and would be considering (a) specifying directors of centers and institutes that should be subject to five year administrative review, (b) branch campus assignments, and (c) the four administrative reviews being conducted this year.

Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair of the Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee, reported that his committee met with Dr. Ed Neighbor to discuss the Pegasus model. Issues under consideration are faculty input and understanding of the model, effect on quality, and interface with the strategic plan for UCF. He said that the open forum on the model would be helpful and asked for faculty suggestions on the model. Several faculty indicated that they do not fully understand the mechanics and the implications of the model and expressed their frustration in strong terms. Dr. Modani said that the model is primarily based on student credit hours and was developed over the last year or so in consultations with the deans and other administrators. Dr. Juge hoped that the open forum on January 24, 1994 would clarify some of the issues.

Dr. Steve Goodman, Chair of the Graduate Council, reported that his committee has approved several course requests and are working on some more. The committee would soon be considering a student appeal of dismissal from a graduate program.

Dr. Larry Holt, Chair of the Undergraduate Course Review Committee, reported that his committee approved several new courses and special topics courses. He expressed appreciation for his committee's hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Some members sought information on the proposed policy to simultaneously register students for summer and fall courses. In response to the point that it is difficult to plan a fall schedule without knowing the budget, Dr. Juge responded that we have information on projected growth and the likely funding. Deans have this information and the departments should use it to plan for the fall semester schedule. He realized that some courses may have to be cancelled if budget projections are not realized. He further stated that having fall registration demand numbers early would help departments to better meet needs of students. After some additional discussion, Dr. Juge suggested inviting Dr. Tom Huddleston to brief the Senate on this issue.

Dr. Modani introduced Resolution 1993-1994-1 from the Steering Committee:

RESOLUTION 1993-1994-1

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida funding continues to be well below the State University System average funding, and

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida offers a full range of graduate and undergraduate courses, which clearly justifies funding at the state average level,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the faculty of the University of Central Florida strongly endorse the vigorous efforts of President John Hitt, Chancellor Charles Reed and the Board of Regents to seek equitable funding from the legislature for the University of Central Florida.

Dr. Modani said that this expression of support would be helpful at the upcoming Board of Regents' meeting to discuss a new funding formula. Citing the urgency of the situation, Dr. Modani asked for a suspension of the rules to allow the Senate to act on this resolution. There was no objection to suspending the rules to consider the resolution.

Dr. Modani asked if there were any questions or comments on this resolution. He explained that many people have been writing the legislators to support these efforts. Dr. Juge remarked that approval of this resolution would strengthen the position of our friends who are trying to help us. After some additional discussion, the question was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Dr. Cunningham pointed out some of the broken seating in the room and suggested that such items need to be brought to the attention of appropriate people so that repairs can be made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.