

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
Faculty Senate Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Jeffrey Cornett - Faculty Senate Secretary
DATE: February 14, 1992
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - February 13, 1992

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:07 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of January 23, 1992, were approved unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Among guests present were President Bryan, Dr. Frank Juge, Dean Sheridan, and Mr. David Finnerty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dr. Cunningham stated that the following Faculty Senate resolutions had been accepted by the administration:

- Resolution 1991-1992-5 (emeritus policy);
- Resolution 1991-1992-6 (retired faculty and staff, and communication with them);
- Resolution 1991-1992-7 (awarding of honorary degrees);
- Resolution 1991-1992-8 (endowed chairs);
- Resolution 1991-1992-10 (foreign language).

Resolution 10 will be implemented beginning with the summer semester, 1992. Dr. Cunningham indicated that some of the colleges will need to determine their policy related to foreign language requirements. Dr. Cunningham indicated that Resolution 1991-1992-9 (use of 16mm films) is currently being studied by library personnel. Dr. Cunningham announced that the next steering committee meeting will be held February 27th.

There were no reports from the Chairs of the Faculty Senate Committees due to the time needed to discuss the constitutional revisions.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Cunningham thanked the Faculty Senate Constitutional Revision Ad Hoc Sub-Committee members for their significant efforts from June through February in preparing the document for Faculty Senate consideration. The members of this committee were: Glenn Cunningham, Chair; Drs. Donald Malocha, Naval Modani, Terri Fine, Barbara Judkins, and Phillip Taylor. Drs. Jeff Cornett and Robert Flick were not on the committee as the memorandum indicated. Dr. Cunningham also thanked Dr. Juge for his considerable assistance to this committee.

Dr. Rosie Joels stated that the Faculty Assembly could not be called for February 20th as announced, because of the requirement for thirty days notice. Dr. Juge agreed to send notification of the cancellation of this meeting. Dr. Cunningham thanked Dr. Joels for pointing out the notification regulation.

Dr. Bryan discussed the projected deficit in the athletic department and stated that approximately \$92,000 would be taken from academic funds and \$90,000 from administration and finance funds. At this time \$10,000 would come from fund raising, although he expected that fund raising through booster efforts would reduce the monies needed from the academic and administration and finance budgets. He entertained questions regarding these issues. Dr. Ida Cook questioned the propriety of this action in times of shortages and the resultant impact on academic classes. Dr. Joels stated that she found it troubling that athletics were isolated from the same budget hits as academics and that a cavalier attitude towards the athletic budget seemed to be present. She stated that student athletic fees were the highest in the state and that this was unfair. Dr. John Gupton stated that he was serving on the University Athletics Committee and he felt that the athletic administration was very concerned about the budget. He had observed no cavalier attitude.

Dr. Cunningham asked that Resolution 1991-1992-11 be moved. It was moved and seconded.

Resolution 1991-1992-11

Whereas, the current UCF Faculty Constitution falls short of providing for a structure of responsive and informative resolution of university-wide concerns, be it resolved that sections 3.10.3 through 3.10.8 of the current constitution be replaced with the attached sections which give a new structure and list of duties and responsibilities for our Faculty Senate and university wide committees.

Dr. Cunningham defined ex-officio status and the nature of standing and reporting committees, and explained the rationale for the resolution. He addressed the function of the executive committee, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee (3.10.3). He indicated that a subcommittee, the Committee on Committees (3.10.3.1.2,) would be established to survey faculty for membership in the standing and reporting committees. The Vice-Chair will chair this committee.

Dr. Cunningham proceeded to identify the proposed Standing Committees: Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum; Graduate Policy and Curriculum; Personnel; Budget and Administrative Procedures. He stated that we have fifty senators and need twenty five non-senators to serve on the committees as well. Dr. Cook questioned non-senator membership on committees. Discussion followed on the make up of committees, equitable distribution of faculty on the committees, and the heavy loads of many of the committees that require considerable clerical assistance. Dr. Juge and Dr. Modani spoke in favor of the revisions indicating that this step places committee work within the Senate and ends committee work that occurs in isolation. Dr. Cook stated that we need to look more closely at this and that we need more time to discuss this entire process with our faculties. Dr. Stuart Lillie reminded the Senate about the amount of clerical time currently tied to particular committees and requested clarification on how the committees under the revision would be related to and impact upon current administrative processes which facilitate committee work. Dr. Cunningham stated that fine tuning would be needed on the document.

Dr. Cunningham discussed the reporting committees and showed a transparency which listed them as follows: Research; Admissions and Standards; Computer Policy; Instructional Resources; Library Advisory; Faculty and Staff Benefits; Campus Master Planning; Courtesies and Awards; Honors Program; Commencement and Convocations; University Athletics; Academic Calendar; Sabbatical Leave. Membership on these committees will be chosen by the Committee on Committees. Dr. Cunningham suggested the following corrections to the revisions: three members on the Research Committee from the College of Arts and Sciences instead of two; the membership of the Admissions and Standards Committee should total sixteen members.

Dr. John Schell requested clarification on the process of reporting.

Dr. Cook thanked the revision sub-committee for its hard work and introduced a motion addressed to the Faculty Senators (copies were distributed). It reads as follows:

The resolution you are being asked to approve, 91-92-11, sections 3.10.3 through 3.10.10 (now 3.8), suggest that it will "give a new structure and list of duties and responsibilities for our Faculty Senate and university-wide committees."

*What it does not say, specifically, is that it changes the review committees for promotion and tenure, curriculum matters, research and awards, etc. I suggest that such **major changes** (emphasis in original) require careful examination and open deliberation by the faculty and the Faculty Senate. While I applaud the Constitution Revision Committee's efforts, I propose that it is now time to allow for such examination and deliberation.*

Since I, a Faculty Senator, only received a copy on Monday afternoon, and my faculty have not yet had a chance to review it in order to be directed by their pleasure on this matter, and

Since page 11, Section 5.0 of the current Faculty Constitution, requires that "the text of a proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the members of the Faculty Assembly at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which it will be considered." I move that this matter be tabled or postponed, to allow time for careful review of the faculty.

I do this to assure that everyone have ample opportunity to discuss this very important matter. Then we can be assured that the revisions will reflect the best interests of all our faculty.

The motion was seconded. Dr. Cook stated that she would like to see an organizational chart. Dr. Phillip Taylor reminded the Senate of the seriousness of tabling a resolution, indicating that it would kill the resolution. The motion was changed to eliminate the tabling option. The vote was taken on the revised motion to postpone. The motion failed.

A motion to recess until February 20th was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey W. Cornett
Faculty Senate Secretary