

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES**

**of
February 18, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Dr. Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. Guests included President John Hitt, Joel Hartman, Mary Beth Liberto, Cheryl Green, and Sherry Andrews. A correction to the minutes of January 21, 1999 was made by Dr. John Leeson. Dr. Leeson attended the Parking and Traffic Committee as a representative for the Faculty Senate, he is not a member of the Parking and Traffic committee. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Cook announced that Provost Gary Whitehouse and Vice Provost Frank Juge were attending a deposition session and were unable to attend. Dr. Cook recognized President John Hitt, Joel Hartman, Mary Beth Liberto, Cheryl Green, and Sherry Andrews.

Dr. Cook introduced Don Adam, representing the UCF Greek Council. Mr. Adam announced that Greek Week begins March 1, 1999 and distributed a flyer inviting all faculty and staff to an ice cream social at the Student Union, Key West, Room 218 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on that day. The purpose, he explained, is to give faculty and staff an opportunity to learn more about the Greek system here at UCF. Also, to give the Greek community the opportunity to improve relations with faculty and staff. If you have any questions, you can reach Don Adam at 306-8786.

Dr. Cook announced that the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee's three Resolutions 1998-1999-1, 3, and 4 have all been approved. Resolution 1998-1999-2, has been partially implemented, with half of faculty parking designated for students' use after 5:30 p.m. The original resolution 1998-1999-2 was not approved as written by the Parking and Traffic Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Administrative

There was no report from the Budget and Administrative committee.

Graduate Council

Dr. Linda Malone, Chair, reported that the subcommittees are still working on new programs. There is concern for financial support for graduate education students at UCF, and the role of Graduate Coordinators. They have drafted job descriptions for Graduate Coordinators. There is a possibility of resolutions to be forwarded to the next Steering Committee on March 11, 1999.

Personnel

Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair, reported the committee held a meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 1999. The committee voted down the recommendation to change from an academic year to a calendar year system for faculty evaluations. Dr. Tucker also reported that UCF Human Resources has improved their web site to be more faculty friendly. The Personnel Committee is considering a proposal that Deans sign off on third year appraisals for Promotion and Tenure.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum

Dr. Campbell, Chair, will give report under Unfinished Business

Unfinished Business

Dr. James Campbell reported that the Committee met on February 2, 1999, and held a very lengthy discussion on the baccalaureate honors for graduation. Dr. Campbell expressed his concern that the UPCC has hit an impasse on the issue. He distributed a questionnaire for the Faculty Senate to help the

committee come to a solution that might facilitate the matter. Dr. Campbell defined the current program, the problem, and the four possible solutions on the questionnaire. The questionnaires were returned to Dr. Campbell before the end of the meeting.

Dr. Campbell also reported that the Committee had passed two program changes from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Business Administration.

New Business - None

Other

Technology Update

Dr. Cook introduced Mr. Joel Hartman, Information Technologies and Resources. Mr. Hartman gave an overview of the technology changes in progress at UCF. The Internet capacity has been expanded to three. The University has received a \$100,000 grant from Sysco for network equipment. The high fiber cable capacity will be increased. By summer the campus modem pool will be adding 50% more capacity. Because of student demand, two phone lines are now available: You can dial 513 or the new 275 which is not as busy. The department is working on approximately 30 projects at this time. With the new buildings being added to campus, and the Center for Distributed Learning, an additional wide variety of software is needed. The Palm Bay branch campus is now web based and 110 courses are now on the web. For Spring Semester, UCF registered 7000 students on the Polaris system rather than by phone. Mr. Hartman also stated that there will be a Technology Showcase and Exposition on March 2, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union. The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning will co-sponsor the event. UCF faculty, students, staff, and key technology vendors will be on hand to showcase how their innovative applications of technology are enhancing teaching and learning. Mr. Hartman stated that UCF will be in good shape for the year 2000.

Several questions ensued regarding registration, location of certain courses, and what are the plans to improve the increased heavy demand of evening classes. Provost Gary Whitehouse and Vice Provost Frank Juge are discussing these issues.

Legal Issues

University Attorney, Mary Beth Liberto, discussed the "Easy A" issue. Ms. Liberto stated that there is little recourse against private vendors like Easy A who sell class notes unless the materials are copyright protected. Which in most cases is difficult to do since the material is usually not original to the faculty. Copyright is possible, however, if faculty do have copyrightable materials to protect them. Her office will assist faculty with this, if needed. She also stated that it is technically illegal to tape a lecture. Violations of this can be reported to the Dean of Students.

Issues regarding social security numbers were discussed. Ms. Liberto stated that it is illegal to use social security numbers as identification. The new People Soft software will not use social security numbers as identifiers.

Ms. Liberto also explained the interest to faculty regarding car rental insurance. Avis Car Rental has a State contract for collision coverage for UCF employees who rent cars for university business. Individuals will not be covered by their personal insurance unless they purchase a rider in their personal insurance. Ms. Liberto agreed to spell out these items more clearly in a memorandum.

Dr. Cook recognized President John Hitt. President Hitt stated that the legislative session is beginning. He was optimistic about funding for UCF, stating that more endowed chairs are needed to keep qualified faculty and hire new faculty. He reminded the faculty, if they happen to see a Florida State legislator, to please thank them for all their help to the University of Central Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.