

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 24, 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Dr. Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of November 18, 1999 were unanimously approved as corrected. Guests present: President John Hitt, Provost Gary Whitehouse, Vice Provost Frank Juge, Drs. Patricia Bishop, Lin Huff-Corzine, and Jay Corzine.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Cook announced that Resolutions 1999-2000-3 TOEFL Scores, 1999-2000-4 Incomplete Grades, and 1999-2000-5 Incomplete Grades have been approved by Provost Whitehouse.

Dr. Cook also announced that Founder's Day this year has been changed from April 5 to April 6. Dr. Whitehouse stated that because of a scheduling conflict, the date and location of the ceremony have been changed. The ceremony will be held in the Classroom Building auditorium on Thursday, April 6, beginning at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend.

Dr. Cook stated that the College apportionments were finalized and delivered to the College Deans. The colleges are now in the process of elections. This year the apportionment has included the School of Optics, CREOL. There will be 60 senators in accordance with the new Faculty Constitution 1999-2000.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Standing Committee Reports**

Budget and Administrative - Dr. Pamela Roush reported that the committee plans to meet again with Bill Merck regarding several issues. The meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2000.

Graduate Council - Dr. Stephen Goodman reported that the Appeals subcommittee has been charged with the responsibility of selecting the recipient of the University Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award. The Course Review and New Programs subcommittee has been active in reviewing new and altered graduate programs and an assortment of course requests, some of which accompany those new programs. Several new programs and tracks have been approved including new certificate programs. The Policy and Procedures subcommittee has been looking into 1) a revision in the current definition of full time graduate status, 2) Sunset procedures for inactive graduate certificate programs, 3) developing policy on adjunct, joint, and other forms of faculty appointment and ability to supervise graduate thesis/dissertation research and/or serve as advisors, etc. 4) examining policy question regarding "exclusion" of students in post-bac, non-degree status, and also "exclusion" regarding international students (visa implications).

Two resolutions have been forwarded to the Senate for consideration: Full time status for graduate students, and Graduate certificate programs.

Personnel - Dr. Aaron Liberman reported for Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair, that the committee has a resolution on the agenda regarding faculty parking for off campus faculty. Dr. Liberman stated that the committee has researched the issue extensively.

### Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee

- 1) Dr. Ana Leon reported that the subcommittee formed to investigate the balance between Research 1 Status and teaching has found ample information by the Boyer Commission. The UPCC in consultation with the Senate and Karen Smith, FCTL, will explore the possibility of inviting a speaker from the Boyer Commission.
- 2) Dr. Leon stated that she has sent a letter of appreciation to Karen Smith on behalf of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee for her support, technical assistance, and workshops on teaching large classes.
- 3) A subcommittee formed to investigate the matter of possible discrimination against nonreligious persons as a result of university recognition of students observing religious holidays found no discrimination. The subcommittee has decided that the issue does not need to be pursued.
- 4) Dr. Leon reported that the UPCC is working on a resolution on the policy of S/U grades.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution 1999-2000-6** Full time Status for Graduate Students

Dr. Stephen Goodman, Chair of the Graduate Council, distributed a fact sheet on full-time status for graduate students. Information on background, full-time definitions during Fall and Spring semesters, full-time definitions during Summer semester, INS regulations, and estimate of funding. The resolution was unanimously approved. (Resolution attached.)

#### **Resolution 1999-2000-7** Graduate Certificate Programs

A change to the resolution: **Be it Resolved**, that each graduate certificate program coordinator shall deliver to the Course Review and New Programs subcommittee an annual report of its activity by September 15.....

The resolution was unanimously approved as changed. (Resolution attached.)

#### **Resolution 1999-2000-8** Faculty Parking

Dr. Michael Mullens explained the resolution. He stated that he had discussed the resolution with Roger Wayson.

The resolution was unanimously approved. (Resolution attached.)

### **OTHER**

President John Hitt addressed the Faculty Senate to state his personal feelings on Governor Bush's *One Florida* plan. He distributed copies of *One Florida*, *UCF*, and *Affirmative Action* which will be sent to minority publications and appear in the "UCF Report." (copy attached)

President Hitt expressed his regret about the way the plan has divided the community. He explained that *One Florida* will not mean the end of affirmative action, but rather the end of race-based decisions on admissions. There is nothing in the plan that prohibits aggressive efforts to attract more and better minority group applicants to UCF. He feels that the *Talented 20 program* will increase the number of minority-group applicants admitted to the State university System and that expanding need-based financial aid will be another benefit to minority-group students. President Hitt explained that *Opportunity Alliances* with low-performing schools will increase opportunities for these students. He encouraged members of the university community to work as hard as we can to make this program successful which means we may have to rebuild some bridges throughout the system.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution 1999-2000-6 Full Time Status for Graduate Students**

**Whereas**, the University of Central Florida is the only State University System institution that designates full-time graduate status as 6 hours, and one of the few in the country to do so, and

**Whereas**, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System of the Department of Education now recognizes 9 hours as a standard for full-time status in graduate education, and

**Whereas**, the Immigration and Naturalization Service recommends that international students take 9 hours as a full-time load and UCF graduate fellows are required to take 9 hours as a full-time load and having a uniform standard for all graduate student populations would reduce confusion, and

**Whereas**, UCF is emphasizing graduate education and seeking increased graduate enrollment and increasing the definition of full-time to 9 hours would reduce time to degree and make graduate programs more productive, and

**Whereas**, in order to use our limited resources to support truly full-time students who graduate in a timely fashion so that funding support can be used to benefit a greater number of students and to recruit new students to our graduate programs and to establish a graduate culture and presence on campus, and

**Whereas**, commitment has been made by the central administration to provide full tuition support to graduate assistants for this enactment,

**Be It Resolved**, that the definition of full-time status of graduate students be changed such that: Full-time graduate status is 9 hours in the Fall and Spring semesters and 6 hours in the Summer semesters, until regular graduate course work is completed and until the minimum thesis or dissertation hours required by the program are exhausted. Thereafter, until graduation doctoral students must continuously enroll in dissertation course work (xxx 7980) for a minimum of three hours each semester to be considered full-time and master's students must continuously enroll in thesis course work (xxx 6971) for a minimum of one hour each semester to be considered full-time.

**Resolution 1999-2000-7 Graduate Certificate Programs**

**Whereas**, since approved in 1997, there are now more than 45 graduate certificate programs, some of which have not attracted enrollment; and

**Whereas**, the original policies and procedures do not include provisions for oversight and sunset; and

**Whereas**, the university catalog should include only programs that are active; and

**Whereas**, graduate certificate programs are to be leading-edge, professional offerings,

**Be it resolved**, that each graduate certificate program coordinator shall deliver to the Course Review and New Programs subcommittee an annual report of its activity by September 15, including course offerings, applications, enrollment, and certificates awarded. This report shall be submitted to the college curriculum committee in which the program is housed. The college committee shall forward a summary report to the Course Review and New Programs subcommittee of the Graduate Council. Sunset provisions shall apply to any graduate certificate program that is inactive for three consecutive years.



**Resolution 1999-2000-8 Faculty Parking**

**Whereas**, area campus faculty are required to come to the main Orlando campus for department and other meetings on an intermittent basis; and

**Whereas**, adjunct faculty, especially those teaching just one course, use campus facilities on only a part-time basis,

**Be It Resolved**, that the UCF administration should be urged to provide a new, minimal cost parking sticker for selected periodic, yet infrequent visitors to the campus including: adjunct faculty, area campus faculty and staff, and others as deemed appropriate.