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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: February 24, 1994
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of February 3, 1994

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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 January 13, 1994 were approved. Guests present included: President John Hitt, Dr. Gary Whitehouse, Dr. Thomas Huddleston, Dr. Jean Kijek and Mrs. Anne Marie Allison.

Dr. Modani invited President Hitt to address the Senate. President Hitt provided details on the equity funding package approved by the BOR and commented that \$10 million added to our base would go a long way towards correcting the under funding of UCF. He thanked the Senate for the resolution in support of equity funding. He also thanked the community and business leaders for their support. He said that the challenge now is to get legislative approval of this package and sought the help of the faculty in achieving legislative approval. In response to a question on the effect of equity funding on faculty salaries, he said that this would give us more faculty lines and have an indirect benefit for UCF as a whole, and faculty salaries are already a top priority of the SUS. In response to another question, President Hitt said that it will be possible to target some of the new positions for the growth of doctoral programs.

President Hitt made an additional comment about the Title IX issue. He said that this is not a new issue and hoped that UCF will be judged to be in compliance. He stated his strong support for gender equity in athletics and said that plans are being developed to ensure compliance with the law on gender equity in athletics.

Provost Whitehouse commented on the impact of equity funding on the library. He reported that an offer has been made for the VP of Research and Graduate Studies and the search processes for the Assistant VP Academic Affairs and the Director of Brevard Campus are continuing. In response to a question, he said that about 80% of the eligible candidates for the TIP award this year have submitted their portfolios by the deadline. Dr. Cook asked if the number of sabbaticals could be increased. Provost Whitehouse said that he would look into it.

Dr. Modani reported on the meeting of the SUS faculty senate chairs with Chancellor Reed in Tallahassee. Chancellor Reed had asked this group for suggestions regarding changes in the Teaching Incentive Program for next year. Major recommendations were to include all classroom instruction (including graduate instruction) and allow faculty to use summer teaching in lieu of a regular semester teaching. Chancellor Reed was receptive to these recommendations and stated that the chances are good for this program to be funded next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Robert Flick, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee met on January 20, 1994 and approved: (1) revised requirements for the B.A. degree in Theatre, and (2) catalogue changes to bring UCF undergraduate degree requirements in compliance with SACS. Dr. Larry Holt, Chair of the Undergraduate Course Review Committee, reported that his committee will meet on Thursday, March 24, 1994.

Dr. Jeffrey Cornett, Chair of the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, reported that his committee is working with Dr. Patricia Bishop on graduate student tuition fee waiver policy and a resolution on this would be forwarded to the Steering Committee. Dr. Steve Goodman, Chair of the Graduate Council, reported that his committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

Dr. Gordon Paul, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that a resolution on a comprehensive tenure appraisal for tenure earning faculty after three years has been sent to the Steering Committee and the four administrative reviews are in progress.

Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair of the Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee, reported that his committee is working on the topic of better communication from the administration to the faculty regarding budget allocations. He also said that a resolution would be sent from his committee to the Steering Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Phillip Taylor introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1993-1994-2

The Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida wishes to express its appreciation and support to President John Hitt, Chancellor Charles Reed, and the Florida Board of Regents for their efforts to bring the funding of this university in line with that of the other institutions in the State University System.

Further, the Senate urges President Hitt, Chancellor Reed, and the Florida Board of Regents to expend maximum efforts to secure legislative approval of equitable funding for the University of Central Florida.

The Faculty Senate offers its full support and resources to assist President Hitt, Chancellor Reed, and the Board of Regents wherever appropriate and possible in securing legislative approval.

Dr. Modani asked for the consent of the Senate to suspend the rules to allow the Senate to act on this resolution. There was no objection to suspending the rules. Motion was made and seconded and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Dr. Cunningham introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1993-1994-3

The Faculty Senate encourages the university administration to consider additional library funding as a high priority in allocation of any newly released funds.

Dr. Modani asked for the consent of the Senate to suspend the rules to allow the Senate to act on this resolution. Motion was made and seconded. There was some discussion about a similar motion last year. Dr. Modani responded that this resolution concerns newly released funds and that since the library is so central to all instructional activities at the university, it never hurts to remind the administration about library funding. Dr. Handberg asked why these resolutions were not sent to the Steering Committee for their approval before being presented to the Senate. Dr. Modani responded that the resolutions addressed matters of urgency and were essentially non-controversial in nature. Dr. Handberg expressed his concern that there were no resolutions yet from the Standing Committees. The question was called and adopted with one opposing vote. The main motion was voted on and was approved with two negative votes.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:00 p. m.