

University of Central Florida  
Faculty Senate Minutes

To: All Faculty  
From: Jeffrey W. Cornett, Faculty Senate Secretary  
Date: February 12, 1993  
Subject: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, February 4, 1993

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:02 p. m. The roll was passed for signature. The revised minutes of January 14, 1993, were approved unanimously. Dr. Cornett thanked Dr. Kay Allen for taking the minutes at the last meeting.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Among guests present were President Hitt, Dr. Juge, Dean Gary Whitehouse, Ms. Anne Marie Allison, Dr. Wendell Lawther, and Mr. Jerry Ewing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Dr. Cunningham announced that the Provost Search Committee has identified six candidates that will be asked to campus for interviews. Each candidate will be scheduled to meet specifically with faculty two separate times. As soon as the Faculty Senate Office is informed of the dates, a notice will be distributed to the Senate members.

Resolution 1992-1993-3 (Revision #2) was introduced by Dr. Joby Anthony, representing the committee.

**Resolution 1992-1993-3 (Revision #2)**

*Whereas UCF President Hitt has established a goal of moving UCF to the position of offering the best program of undergraduate education in the State University System, and,*

*Whereas modern audiovisual, multimedia, computing technology is a vital element of classroom instruction and interactive learning in today's university curricula, now, therefore,*

*Be it resolved that:*

*In any building constructed on the UCF campus in the next 10 years, each classroom seating 50 or more students should be equipped with audiovisual and computer resources that are comparable, at a minimum, to the equipment that is described in the attached guidelines.*

*In addition, any major building renovation in which at least one fourth of the available space in the building is reconfigured should, if it contains classroom space seating 50 or more students, retrofit and equip, if necessary, such classrooms with the technology in the same manner that would be used if the building were new.*

*Existing classrooms that are designed for 100 or more students should be put on a five year schedule for retrofitting and equipping them with audiovisual and computer resources that are comparable, at a minimum, to the equipment that is described on the attached guidelines.*

*Because of the sound reinforcement and projection problems in the existing large classrooms that are designed for 200 or more students (HPB 260, BA 107, BA 119), the University administration should consult with the Office of Instructional Resources to develop a schedule*

*for retrofitting and equipping these rooms with sound systems and projection systems that are adequate for classroom instruction.*

*Protection for this investment in technology implies that as money is appropriated and budgeted for these resources, additional funds must be provided to appropriate university departments and divisions for continuing maintenance and operation.*

*Moreover, any classroom that is designed for 100 or more students should have a telephone installed so that equipment problems that would prevent a teacher from using that classroom can be reported immediately. Provision should be made in the Office of Instructional Resources for the immediate resolution of any equipment problem in these classrooms as soon as it is reported. (These telephones will also help in situations that require an emergency security or medical response).*

*Moreover, be it resolved that:*

*It is the sense of this Faculty Senate that in the construction and renovation of buildings on the UCF campus, the money that is appropriated and budgeted for audiovisual and computer resources for classrooms seating 50 or more students is to be given a high priority for protection during actual construction. It is the sense of this Senate that such money is not to be spent on other routine aspects of constructing and furnishing a building.*

*(Guidelines that were attached to the resolution offer cost estimates per room. Faculty wishing a copy of this list may contact the Faculty Senate Office).*

The resolution was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee --**

The report was presented by Dr. Shelly Park who stated that the committee met yesterday and made recommendations on two items of business: 1) American Sign Language, and 2) change in grading for freshman composition. The Subcommittee on Undergraduate Course Review is currently addressing two items: 1) changing the grading system to utilize plus and minus designations; 2) program substitutions.

**Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee --** Dr. Brian Petrasko, Chair, indicated that his committee was studying tuition waivers for graduate assistants.

**Personnel Committee --** Dr. Brian Rungeling, Chair, stated that a resolution will be brought to the floor under new business.

Dr. Cunningham said he had passed on to Dr. Rungeling the "Review of Academic Administrators" information so the Personnel Committee could review it. The Faculty Senate wants to ensure that this procedure is in keeping with the spirit of the Faculty Senate Resolution from 1991-1992.

**BUDGET & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE** - Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair, reported that the committee had two upcoming meetings at which Dr. John Hatfield would discuss funding and Dr. Bolte would provide an overview of the budget review process. Ms. Irene Butler will have the time and meeting place information for those who would like to attend. In addition, Dr. Johnson stated that his committee was investigating possible agenda items and possible recommendations for internal audits.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 1992-1993-5**

**Whereas** one of the most important hallmarks of a university is a quality library, and

**Whereas** library quality depends almost entirely on a reliable (steady) source of funding that keeps pace with academic programs, and enrollment, and

**Whereas** quality undergraduate and graduate teaching, and faculty research efforts require sustained quality in library collections and services,

**Therefore,** be it resolved that the UCF Library be not only protected from cuts and given priority in capital campaigns but also be given high priority in ranking of campus budgetary allocations, with the goal of moving the UCF Library as close as possible to the average for the SUS within five years.

Dr. John Gupton, a member of the Library Advisory Committee, moved this resolution and it was seconded. Dr. Gupton spoke in favor of the resolution referencing the severe cuts absorbed by the library during the past two years and the importance of the library to the university community. Mrs. Allison discussed library issues related to the budget and library quality, and addressed UCF's low allocations compared to the SUS (UCF is the lowest in dollars per student.) **Resolution passed.**

Dr. Phil Taylor moved to suspend the rules so that Resolution 1992-1993-6 could be presented from the floor. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Dr. Brian Rungeling moved the resolution and it was seconded.

**Resolution 1992-1993-6**

*Whereas Chancellor Reed, President Hitt, and the Board of Regents have already publicly stated that faculty and staff salaries are to be the priority item in this year's budget, and*

*Whereas the State Legislature has not provided funding for such salary increases in the past two years, and*

*Whereas quality faculty and staff are beginning to leave the SUS, and*

*Whereas faculty morale needs to be positively influenced*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida strongly support the position of Chancellor Reed, President Hitt, and the Board of Regents that faculty and staff salary and wage increases be given the utmost priority by this year's State Legislature.*

The resolution was passed unanimously.

President Hitt announced that members of the administration had attended a two day retreat on Total Quality Management. The goal of the meeting was to improve delivery of services to the community and one another as a result of utilization of TQM principles.

Dr. Hitt announced that budget modeling information can be obtained from Dr. Ed Neighbor and Dean Gary Whitehouse.

Drs. Hitt and Cunningham discussed the need for adding more members to the Ad Hoc Athletic Committee examining UCF's potential move from 1AA to 1A football. Drs. Robert Davis and David Cooper have agreed to serve.

Dr. Hitt stated that the Strategic Planning Committee has a task force on diversity chaired by Dr. Valerie King. The focus of this group is on enhancing UCF's efforts at inclusion and diversity.

Dr. Hitt explained that the Graduate Council had recommended searching for a vice president for research rather than a vice provost for research. He stated that he will support the Council's recommendation and that the search process will be timed so that the Provost will be in place prior to the selection of this position.

Drs. Hitt and Cunningham encouraged faculty to take the time to sell UCF to our visiting candidates for provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey W. Cornett