

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
Faculty Senate Steering Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: February 9, 1998
SUBJECT: Minutes of meeting held on February 5, 1998

The Steering Committee was called to order by Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair, at 3:03 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. Minutes of January 8, 1998 were unanimously approved. Members present: Drs. Naval Modani, Stephen Goodman, Glenn Cunningham, Phil Taylor, Taylor Ellis, Rosie Joels, Brian Petrasko, Jean Kijek, Ms. Carol Hinshaw, Provost Gary Whitehouse, and Vice Provost Frank Juge. Guests: Drs. Michael Mullens, Chair, UPCC and Patricia Bishop, Graduate Studies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Tucker announced that Dr. McBrayer's father had expired and a sympathy card was circulated and signed.

President Hitt has appointed the committee for the Provost's review. Mr. William Merck will chair the committee. Dr. Tucker and Mr. Merck will confer on the procedures for the committee. Members include: Dean Kathryn Seidel, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Charles Dziuban, Educational Foundations; Dr. George Stegeman, CREOL; and Dr. John Salter, School of Accounting.

Dr. Tucker stated that a nomination committee from the Faculty Senate Steering Committee is needed to review the portfolios submitted for the Excellence in Professional Service Awards. Drs. Jean Kijek, Rosie Joels, Taylor Ellis, Richard Tucker, Brian Petrasko, and Glenn Cunningham will serve on the committee. The deadline for reviewing the portfolios is Monday, March 2, 1998. They are available for review in the Office of the Faculty Senate, Phillips Hall, Room 305B, Department of Psychology.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Tucker distributed a news item from the Knight Times regarding the implementation of plus/minus grading. Student Government officials invited Dr. Terri Fine to their Senate meeting to explain the new grading system that is slated to appear at UCF during the 1999 catalog year. The article summarizes the meeting with Dr. Fine and conveys opinions of the student Senate. It is hopeful that the resolution will be resolved next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee

Dr. Mullens reported on two proposed resolutions forwarded to the Steering Committee. 1) To no longer compute a cumulative GPA, and that UCF require only the UCF GPA of at least 2.0 for graduation. A lengthy discussion followed on how and why the policy is needed. One major reason appears to be to reduce staff time and expense. Because of several loopholes in the proposal, it was deferred to the UPCC for further consideration. 2) That cumulative GPA no longer be calculated for baccalaureate honors and that all UCF graduates with at least 48 hours of UCF course credit be

considered for honors recognition based on their UCF GPA only. Since this was for baccalaureate honors, and not just UCF honors, the Steering Committee also deferred this proposal to the UPCC for further review.

Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee

Dr. Patricia Bishop reported for Dr. Linda Malone, Chair of the GPCC. She presented a resolution to establish policies for Graduate Certificate programs. She described the rationale for certificate programs, which provide working professionals opportunities for updating or learning new skills, and to enhance their education with specialized courses. After some debate the resolution was approved as Resolution 1997-1998-3. Dr. Modani moved to send the resolution to the Senate on February 19, 1998. The Steering Committee requested that Dr. Linda Malone make a presentation concerning the resolution at the Senate meeting. Dr. Bishop stated that Dr. Jacobs will also attend.

Dr. Bishop presented another resolution which will restructure the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. The GPCC will be known as the Graduate Council. The Council will consist of eighteen faculty members. Sub-committees will be Policy and Procedures, Appeals, and Course Review & New Programs. This change to the GPCC will require changing the Senate Constitution and a vote of the Faculty Assembly. Dr. Bishop will add clarification to paragraph 4 and submit the document for inclusion to the Steering Committee minutes.

Appreciation was expressed by the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee to Dr. Goodman for his input on Senate apportionment, which aided in forming the subcommittees in the new Graduate Council. Dr. Modani requested that this resolution be formatted for inclusion in the Senate Constitution. It was moved and seconded unanimously to forward the resolution to the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Joels asked for an update on campus security. Dr. Tucker stated that these concerns have been communicated to Mr. Merck. Several issues regarding the Payroll Office were expressed in terms of adjuncts and GTAs who have experienced slow payment or no paychecks. Dr. Juge stated that he would look into the problem.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.