

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: March 5, 1996
SUBJECT: Minutes of meeting held on February 8, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Modani at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated. The minutes of January 11, 1996 were unanimously approved. Members present: Lee Armstrong, Carole Hinshaw, Linda Malone, James McBrayer, Brian Petrasko, Brian Rungeling, Paul Somerville, Richard Talbott, Phil Taylor, Alexander Wood, and Vice Provost, Frank Juge. Guest: Carol Bast.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Malone brought up a question regarding Resolution 1995-1996-3 on adjuncts at the last Senate meeting. She felt that the resolution needed further discussion and that it was voted on too quickly. Dr. Modani stated that he had not intended to limit debate on the resolution and that there was some confusion at the end of the meeting due to a class scheduled for PH 115 at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Modani thanked Dr. Juge for his help in resolving the scheduling conflict for PH 115.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 1995-1996-8 dealing with academic calendar was brought up for discussion. Dr. Modani stated that several faculty had expressed dissatisfaction with the varying lengths of semesters over time and in general with the shortened length of some semesters. Provost Whitehouse has asked the Academic Calendar Committee to reconsider its previous recommendations in light of the above concerns. Several members stressed the need for adequate instruction time. Dr. Juge said that Provost Whitehouse agreed with the concerns. After some additional discussion, a motion was made and seconded to forward the resolution to the Senate. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Resolution 1995-1996-9 regarding American Sign Language to meet foreign language graduation requirements was introduced. Dr. Modani provided some of the background information for the resolution. The Senate has discussed resolutions dealing with ASL in the past and has voted against its use as a substitute for a foreign language. Last year, the Student Government Association asked the Senate to consider the issue again. Dr. Juge mentioned that faculty should set the curriculum guidelines. Dr. Talbott expressed his support for the resolution and said many other universities use this method. It was moved and seconded to forward this resolution to the Senate. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 1995-1996-10 concerning the calculation of GPA for transfer students was brought up. Dr. Huddleston recommends having only the UCF GPA on transcripts and discontinue the calculation and reporting of the overall GPA. Previous course work by students will continue to be reported on the transcript. There is some confusion in the minds of students as to which GPA is relevant for baccalaureate honors. Clarifying the language in the catalog would avoid confusion. There was considerable discussion on the actual wording of the resolution. Dr. Bast provided details of the discussion at the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. Dr. Rungeling moved that the resolution be returned to the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee for clarification and rewording. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Modani distributed the Resolution 1995-1996-11 and a copy of the proposed Student Perception of Instruction form to the Committee for their review. Based on faculty input after the last Senate meeting, some changes were made in the form. In question #2, the word "your" was inserted, in question #4, "preparation and" was deleted, and the whole question #8 "precautions to prevent cheating" was deleted. Discussion followed as to the preamble to the resolution, administering of the form, and the proposed Teacher Learning Center. Dr. Modani was asked to meet with Dean Wanielista to inform him of the discussion and seek strengthening the preamble. It was moved and seconded to forward a revised resolution to the Senate. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

Dr. Modani announced the schedule for Spring commencement. He would like recommendations for grand marshals and faculty representatives. He suggested asking retirees as a token of recognition.

Dr. Taylor's memo regarding the legality of private companies selling class notes was discussed at length. Dr. Modani said he had visited with the UCF attorney and found that nothing could be done to stop this activity. Dr. Fred Fedler indicated to Dr. Taylor that university attorneys from other institutions have stopped this practice based on violation of copyright law. Dr. Modani recommended that Academic Affairs check into this further.

Dr. Modani stated that he would like to see the boundaries for the arboretum finalized and incorporated in the UCF Master Plan. Dr. Juge said he has a map that shows the boundaries, but no one had done a complete survey. Dr. Modani reminded the committee that there was a resolution two years ago to get this done, and to his knowledge there are various maps also; therefore, the exact boundaries are not known. Perhaps Academic Affairs and the UCF Physical Plant can work on this issue to fully implement the Senate resolution in the near future.

Dr. Modani distributed a sheet showing the calculations for apportioning the Senate and the Steering Committee for 1996-1997. College deans will be asked to conduct the elections and forward the results to the Senate office by March 8, 1996. The first meeting for the new senate will be held in April. Dr. Modani will prepare a proposed calendar of meetings for 1996-1997.

Regarding the Senate meeting on February 22, 1996, Dr. Modani commented that time limitation may not allow consideration of all new business. He suggested that the February 22, 1996 meeting may be recessed until February 29, 1996 to complete consideration of all items on the agenda. Members agreed and asked Dr. Modani to indicate this on the agenda to be circulated. Members also agreed to the consideration of Resolution 1995-1996-11 at the start of the Senate meeting.

Dr. Rungeling asked about Resolutions 1995-1996-4 and 1995-1996-5 on overload compensation and teaching responsibilities for faculty on 12 month contracts. Dr. Juge said there was not a policy on this and Academic Affairs would welcome a policy. There was some discussion on linking the two resolutions. Dr. Modani was asked to discuss this with Dr. Davis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.