

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

M\_I\_N\_U\_T\_E\_S

January 19, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Dr. Rosie Joels. All members were present, with the exception of Dr. Brian Rungeling.

The minutes of the 1-3-89 meeting were approved with the following correction in paragraph #6 regarding the Dignity of Graduation to read: "This resolution, to be numbered 88-89-12,..." not "88-89-11." ..

Dr. Phil Taylor presented updated information regarding two spring events:

1. Founders Day. The Founders Day Committee is sending its recommendations to PAS for consideration and support at the January 24th meeting. The committee has also asked the Faculty Senate to consider and support the plans. This item will be placed on the February 2nd Faculty Senate agenda.
2. Faculty dinner honoring President Colbourn. This event is planned for Sunday, May 7, 6:30 no host bar, 7:30 dinner. The cost is expected to be \$30.00 per person with \$25.00 covering dinner and hotel costs and \$5.00 for a gift. Various additional costs are expected to be covered by funds from the offices of Dr. McGinnis and Dr. Juge. This item will also be placed on the February 2nd agenda to elicit a vocal show of support by the Faculty Senate.

There was no new business from the committees to report.

A member raised a concern regarding the compilation and distribution of information regarding Researcher of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards in the College of Fine Arts. Dr. Joels said she would call on 1-20 for a status report.

Dr. Joels reported that in several meetings with the Provost they have discussed the possible revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution during the next academic year, especially in light of heavy committee workloads and possible duplicity of mission of various Senate and University committees (an example being the Personnel Committee). There was lengthy discussion during which it was noted this would necessitate the formation of a Constitutional Review Committee. It was also suggested that a possible solution to workload concerns might be the creation of pertinent new committees to lighten various committee responsibilities. (An example being the formation of a Tenure Committee to relieve the Personnel Committee's heavy agenda.) Another suggested avenue of approach might be to seek released time for those serving on the more demanding committees.

Dr. Ida Cook reported on an Enrollment Task Force meeting that she and Dr. Taylor attended. Dr. Cook voiced special concern regarding the opinion of an unnamed task force member who supports the belief that raising the faculty work load, from 9 hours to 12 hours, rather than increased revenue is the answer to the enrollment issue. This elicited much discussion in light of the fact that UCF is a research university. Dr. Joels was asked, and agreed, to bring his item to the next PAS meeting.

Dr. Joels informed the Committee that she sent Dr. McGinnis a memorandum regarding the Alumni Trust and that she has received no response to date.

The next item was a status report of the Presidential Search process by Dr. Joels.

Dr. Joels then announced that the annual senatorial election process has begun with the arrival of the spring semester faculty roster, which is the legal basis for the elections. Dr. Joels alerted the committee that there are 30 faculty members who "fall through the cracks" of the legal process mandated by the Constitution. Two examples of faculty in this situation are Hospitality Management and the Solar Research Center. It was suggested, and agreed, that Dr. Joels will send a memorandum to the provost addressing this problem.

A member alerted the committee to Faculty Senate representational problems which will arise within the New College. It is apparent that there will not be representatives from each department due to Faculty Senate member allocation procedure. One solution might be for the College to rotate representation among departments.

Adjournment was declared at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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