

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES - January 3, 1990-1991

Chair, Dr. Glenn Cunningham called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Drs. Cook, Denning, Judkins and Williams. Also in attendance were Drs. Astro, Juge, Lili and Myler. Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 1990 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Provost Astro referred to the December 13, 1990 emergency meeting of the Senate Steering Committee in a discussion of the current state of the budget cuts. He said that most of the \$1.8 million would be taken from the LAPSE reserve, and that many of the projected hardships discussed on December 13th now appeared unnecessary. The Provost then mentioned that projected budget cuts for 1991-1992 would most likely come from the Florida Solar Energy Center, the Atlantic Center for the Arts, and G. E. Simulation Sub-contracts. These projected cuts would include entire programs, as opposed to across the board reductions. At this time Dr. Astro did not foresee any cuts in basic instructional programs. He also mentioned that there may still be another cut this year. According to the Provost, what this all means is that the university will go into next year with no new funding, with a budget at the current reduced level.

Dr. Stuart Lili, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, discussed the new proposal for the 1990-1991 teaching awards, and it was agreed that each college award would be in the amount of \$1,000, and the university-wide teaching award would be an additional amount of \$1,500. There was some discussion over the advisability of continuing the teaching awards program enacted by the legislature in 1988 and Dr. Cunningham commented that it had been vigorously promoted by the student government association. In 1990-1991 no awards will be given for advising or for the innovative use of technology. There was a suggestion that in the future no person on a selection committee should be eligible to receive an award.

In replying to previous Faculty Senate Resolutions, Provost Astro said that he had no problem with 1990-1991-1 and 1990-1991-4. There is no response to Resolution 1990-1991-3 as this was sent back to committee by the Senate. The Provost said he will have to consult with President Altman before commenting on Resolution 1990-1991-2.

With regard to American Sign Language, Provost Astro suggested deferring a decision until a resolution can be reached on the issue of dual committees with overlapping responsibilities (in particular, the Senate Curriculum Committee and the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.) The Provost recommended that there be a meeting with Dr. Stuart Lili, the Senate Steering Committee and himself regarding the responsibilities of committees, and the possibility of other university committees becoming dependent committees of the Faculty Senate.

Provost Astro recommended that the current office of Graduate Studies be abolished, though he would be back to discuss this in more detail in the near future. He said that the university must either move to develop a graduate school, or decentralize with each college maintaining quality control over its own programs (with the graduate council to oversee.) The Provost favors decentralization. During a discussion, Drs. Stern, Cunningham and Joels reiterated that the main focus of attention should be on process, and that the faculty must remain informed and involved in any future decision-making activities regarding a change.

LIAISONS' REPORTS:

Admissions & Standards Committee - No report.

Budget Committee - No report.

Curriculum Committee - No report.

Instruction Committee - No report.

Personnel Committee - Dr. Terri Fine reported that resolutions regarding mid-term review and the possible abolition of the University Personnel Committee were currently under review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 1990-1991-9 which increases the threshold levels for awards (Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude) was discussed and passed by the Senate Steering Committee. It will be brought to the Faculty Senate's next meeting.

OTHER:

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is January 17, 1991.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary