

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
FROM: Faculty Senate Office  
DATE: September 11, 1995  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of June 29, 1995

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The meeting was called to order By Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 4:00 p.m. The roll was circulated. The minutes of March 28, 1995 meeting were unanimously approved. Members present were: Cook, Cunningham, Hinshaw, Malone, Petrasko, Rungeling, and Wood.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dr. Modani briefed the members on the status of resolutions adopted during 1994-1995 year. The following resolutions were **approved**: Resolution 5 (affirming current policy on designation of baccalaureate honors), Resolution 7 (UCF tenure criteria), Resolution 9 (emeritus status), Resolution 11 (Pegasus model), Resolution 12 (naming of university facilities), Resolution 14 (periodic review and updating of all models), and Resolution 15 (consideration of special topics courses by the Undergraduate Course Review Committee). Resolution 8 (honorary degrees) is on hold pending consultations with the Senate. Resolution 10 does not need approval. Resolution 6 (first day of class attendance policy and Resolution 13 (office of Graduate Studies) were not approved. Provost Whitehouse outlined the reasons for declining Resolutions 6 and 13.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Modani said that the Teaching Incentive Program was funded for the next year. The requirements of the program are essentially the same as last year. UCF is likely to get a few more awards compared to last year. For the previous two years, the program at UCF worked better than any other SUS institution and is likely to remain the same for the next year. The members of the TIP Oversight Committee for next year were agreed to as follows: Modani (chair), Cook, Malone, Rungeling, Talbott, and Wood.

A university committee has adopted broad guidelines on the salary compression/inversion model. The colleges were given considerable flexibility in developing the college models within the broad guidelines. All colleges are expected to complete work on salary compression/inversion raises by July 15, 1995. Since this type of

salary increase is likely to continue in future years, a suggestion was made that the Personnel Committee should look at models being used at other universities.

Last session of the legislature adopted senate bill 2330 which mandates a 36 hour GEP, limits credit hours to degree to a range of 120 to 128, and requires prerequisite standardization and course leveling. Members expressed concern regarding the legislature deciding on matters of curriculum without input from or consultation with faculty. Provost Whitehouse spoke about the atmosphere in Tallahassee in the context of budget pressures. Dr. Modani stated that faculty do not like legislative interference on these issues. We have to comply, however, with the mandates of the legislation. Potential membership of the GEP Implementation Committee for UCF was discussed. The charge to this committee has to be to take the report of the previous GEP committee and recommend ways to accommodate the 36 hour requirement. Recommendations of the GEP Implementation Committee will go to the Faculty Senate floor for debate and adoption. The deadline for UCF response on GEP to BOR is November 1, 1995.

A report prepared by Dr. Rungeling on the survey of standing committee members (1994-95) was distributed. The response rate was 77 percent and results were very positive. The committee structure appears to be working quite well. There were some suggestions for improving operations in the coming years.

Dr. Modani asked the members to suggest names to serve as grand marshals and faculty representatives for summer commencement. Dr. Rungeling brought up the issue of administering final exams and stated that department chairs should be asked to ensure scheduling of final exams according to the published time table. He also suggested that the Personnel Committee should look at how discretionary raises were awarded. Provost Whitehouse provided an overview of the SACS report and said that it was quite positive. Use of adjunct faculty was one of the issues raised in the report. Members expressed concern on the proliferation of "golf carts" for transportation on campus and the related safety, security, and liability issues. Dr. Cook voiced concern regarding the high parking decal fees for staff members and urged that the parking committee should devise ways to keep the decals reasonably priced for staff.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.