

Faculty Senate Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes of
March 13, 2014

Reid Oetjen, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The roll was circulated for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2014 was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as recorded.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

David Zambri, Major, UCF Police
Lyman Brodie, Associate Vice Provost, Faculty Relations
William Self, Associate Professor, College of Medicine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Oetjen called for members to serve on the Nominating committee to form a ballot for next year's Senate officer elections. The committee will be Ida Cook (chair), Rich Gause, and Manoj Chopra.

Appointment of TIP eligibility appeals committee

Oetjen called for members to serve on the TIP eligibility appeals committee. The committee will be Reid Oetjen (chair), Bill Self, and Deborah Breiter.

UCF Policing Update – David Zambri

Major Zambri said that the UCF Police actively share information with police units in Orange and Seminole counties and the city of Oviedo. Officers are involved with proactive patrols. In Orange County, the eastern part is the most active for crime. Among the recent concerns are fraud and scam alerts, cellphone thefts and office thefts. The UCF Police will follow state law in regards to gun carry policies. The game day procedures are continually evaluated, and some changes may be possible. The Predator games at the Arena are not expected to impact the campus.

Resolution 2013-2014-5 Establishment of an Awards Procedures Review Committee Due to the lack of clarity in the third paragraph, Chopra moved to strike it; this motion was seconded and passed. The motion to add the resolution to the agenda for the next Senate meeting carried. The resolution that will be sent forward reads:

Resolution 2013-2014-5 Establishment of an Awards Procedures Review Committee
(from the Personnel Committee)

Whereas, the TIP, RIA, and SoTL programs are designed to incentivize and reward excellence in teaching, research, and SoTL areas; and

Whereas, the excellence award and incentive award programs have been established by means of sections 23.5 and 23.6 of the UCF Collective Bargaining Agreement; ~~and therefore~~

~~**Whereas**, the CBA language regarding these excellence award and incentive award programs is applied in ways that may not necessarily be in the best interest of UCF and its faculty and students, therefore~~

Be It Resolved that a committee be formed to examine potential improvements to the application, eligibility criteria, selection, and distribution of excellence awards and incentive award programs, and the possibility of new awards (e.g. for excellence in service).

Universal Parking Fee Pricing Resolution

The committee voted to amend today's agenda to consider this resolution. Oetjen has discussed this issue with Parking Services, and there is a proposal for the Board of Trustees to make a plan for 2014-15 to work for a smaller differential between the price of the handtag compared to the sticker. However, this resolution is sent by the Parking Committee. The committee voted to add this to the agenda for the next Senate meeting. The resolution that will be sent forward reads:

Universal Parking Fee Pricing Resolution
(from the Parking Advisory Committee)

Whereas, the purpose of the Parking Services is to provide adequate parking facilities for students, faculty, and staff; and

Whereas, the hangtag permits the UCF student, faculty, or staff to have the freedom of anonymity off campus for safety reasons, the safety of our students, faculty, and staff should not be compromised by the undue burden of a significantly higher cost; and

Whereas, the purchase of either the hangtag or the decal affords students, faculty, or staff with the exact same benefit, namely the renting of one parking space for the duration of the permit; and

Whereas, the decal creates a problem for families with multiple users and two or more vehicles in terms of which vehicle can be used for commuting to work; and

Whereas, the hangtag would encourage carpooling, thus reducing the parking burden on

campus, but a higher price associated with the hangtag discourages carpooling; and

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Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida urges the University of Central Florida Administration to equalize the prices for Parking Hangtag and Decal to the lowest possible, budget neutral price, within each user category.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Administrative Committee

No report

Graduate Council – Jim Moharam.

The subcommittees are conducting normal business. The Graduate Council decided to retain the current policy of requiring continuous enrollment for students working on theses and dissertations; students can file for exceptions.

Undergraduate Council – Deborah Breiter

The UPCC saw a lot of activity in January; the February meeting was cancelled.

Parking Advisory Committee

No report

Personnel Committee

No report

OTHER BUSINESS

Rich Gause announced that two new eBook databases are now available in the Library. These books do not have limits on the number of simultaneous users and could be used as text books.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

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