

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Richard D. Tucker
Chair, Faculty Senate
DATE April 18, 1997
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting - March 20, 1997/March 27, 1997

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard D. Tucker, Chair, at 4:08 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of February 20, 1997 were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Tucker recognized Joanne Griggs, from Public Relations. He introduced Dean Kathryn Seidel and members of the General Education Program Task Force. Dr. Tucker commended them for their excellent work on the GEP final report. He also introduced Dr. Martine Vanryckeghen temporarily filling in for Dr. Jack Ryalls from Communicative Disorders.

Dr. Tucker announced that the first meeting of the Faculty Senate 1997-1998 will be held on Thursday, April 24, 1997 during finals week. Dr. Tucker stated that the Senate meeting may be held in the new Student Union building. There will be a reception for outgoing senators and new senators at 3:00 p.m. Senate election of officers, establishment of the Steering Committee, and establishment of the Committee on Committees by the Steering Committee will be on the agenda.

Dr. Tucker also announced that the campus master plan presentation originally scheduled for today's Senate meeting has been postponed.

Legislative Report:

Dr. Whitehouse reported on legislative events. The funding for UCF looks very good. The University is finally receiving equity funding from the Legislature. At this time education is the top priority. It is possible that UCF will receive a total of \$12 million and potentially \$24 million within the next two years depending on UCF's enrollment.

The UCF Budget Committee has met regularly and will begin the process of considering University "specials" for the 1997-1998 fiscal year. There will be more details on the process by mid April.

There was a second PEW Round Table meeting on March 18, 1997 to discuss future plans. There is a workshop planned on March 28 and 29, 1997 for deans, directors, and the Provost's staff. Some of the themes which will be studied are interdisciplinary issues; learning communities; use of technology, and operational excellence.

NEW BUSINESS

Sustained Performance Evaluation Committee Report:

Dr. Juge announced that Sustained Performance Evaluation information has been circulated to deans and directors. Copies will be sent to all senators. A subcommittee will be formed to develop broad guidelines. More specific guidelines will be done by deans and departments. The Steering Committee will work with Academic Affairs to formulate the guidelines. If funded, the merit increase should be \$1500. The subcommittee members include: Drs. Rosie Joels, James McBrayer, John Leeson, Gregory Frazer, and Dr. Tucker. Dr. Tucker will serve as chair of the committee.

Faculty Senate Election Results, 1997-1998:

Dr. Tucker announced the Faculty Senate election results are available. He reminded the Senate that at the first meeting of the new Senate year 1997-1998, although outgoing senators and new senators will be present, only the 1997-1998 members will be able to vote. A slate of officers will be introduced.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Cook, Chair, Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee met before Spring break. A report will be submitted which will list the number of retirees. Dr. Juge stated that the Board of Regents has additional data on retirement issues which the Committee can study further.

Dr. Heinrich Barsch, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, is ill at home. Dr. Thomas Martin, Vice Chair, gave the report. The resolution on cumulative GPA has been revised and if approved by the Steering Committee will be presented at the April Senate meeting.

Dr. Linda Malone, Chair, Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, reported that they will consider a request from Florida Gulf Coast University for a cooperative doctoral program with our College of Education.

Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair, Budget and Administrative Committee, has two resolutions which will be introduced after the GEP Task Force Final Report.

GEP Task Force Final Report:

Dean Kathryn Seidel reported on the purpose for the change in the General Education Program from her Committee's report of last year. This year's report was to include a diversity requirement for graduation and to recommend setting up a reporting Oversight Committee. Dr. Tucker officially accepted the final report from the GEP Task Force Committee, 1996-1997. A thorough report by Dean Seidel defined the charge of the Committee and its recommendations. These included: how to include diversity into the General Education Program; incorporating learning communities; challenging ways to increase retention; and staying within the 36 hour limit. Dr. McBrayer asked for clarification on how transfer students would be handled. Dr. Seidel explained that the community colleges have been drawn into this discussion. Some community colleges have indicated they will consider revising their curriculum to include diversity. The Diversity Infusion Conference will recommend that all community colleges include diversity in the near future. Expected cooperation from the community colleges will lessen the negative impact of transfer students. Dr. Cook had a concern regarding the appeals process and concerns of some courses. Questions ensued

about the courses selected for diversity infusion. Dr. Modani responded that the list in the final report is not meant to be all that may be considered. Dr. Schell explained that this list includes courses which are already in the current General Education Program. It was moved and seconded to translate the recommendations into four resolutions; it was unanimously approved. Dr. Tucker stated that it had been discussed to separate the resolution, but it seemed like a package of interrelating resolutions.

In Resolution 1996-1997-3, the **first BE IT RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate establish a General Education Oversight Committee as a reporting committee and with exclusive jurisdiction over all issues related to “general education.”** A recommendation was made that this be handled by the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. Dr. Modani reminded the Senate that the UPCC set up an ad hoc committee two years ago. Question was called: Twenty-three in favor, 5 opposed with 1 abstention. The motion carried.

The **second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the University establish a “General Education Program Diversity Requirement.” Students must take one of the diversity courses within the General Education Program and approved by the General Education Oversight Committee to satisfy this requirement.** This category was discussed at great length as stated above. Dr. Cunningham maintained that the Committee report provided sufficient back up to the resolution, and the Senate should trust the GEP Committee appointed to do the job which conducted extensive research. The question was finally called: Twenty-seven for, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention. The motion carried.

The **third BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the University establish a “Diversity Graduation Requirement.” This requirement can be satisfied by meeting the “General Education Program Diversity Requirement” OR by activities or courses in a major, or by other courses jointly approved by a program and the General Education Oversight Committee.** The question was called: Twenty-nine for, 1 opposed, with 1 abstention.

The **fourth FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, That the university (adopt) a “learning communities model” by which some students can complete parts of the General Education Program requirements.** Dean Seidel explained for clarification that the intent of the report is to encourage a collaborative teaching model, but not a requirement. She suggested that possibly 20% of the courses may be adaptable to this model. Dr. Fine made a friendly amendment to change the word “adopt” to “utilize” and add a sentence to the report on page 6, D. second paragraph, second sentence: “**The General Education Program should utilize these existing learning communities as models.**” The question was called and unanimously approved.

Resolutions 1996-1997-4 and 5

These resolutions were introduced by Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair, Budget and Administrative Committee. A motion was made to recess the meeting to consider those resolutions on March 27, 1997 at 4:00 p.m., President’s Board Room. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING OF MARCH 20, 1997

The recessed meeting was called to order by Dr. Tucker at 4:00 p.m. on March 27, 1997.

Dr. Tucker announced that Dr. Juge and Dr. Whitehouse are at a workshop. He also announced that the Steering Committee would meet directly following this meeting. An agenda will be set for the next Senate meeting to be held on April 24, 1997.

Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair of the Budget and Administrative Committee, explained the need for the two resolutions he had presented since the University is making many exceptions to the Pegasus Model. A motion was passed to consider the resolutions. Dr. Joels requested a call for quorum. There were 24 senators present, therefore no quorum existed. Dr. Armacost recommended that the resolutions be reconsidered at the April 24, 1997 Senate meeting since time was of the essence in passing the resolutions. Dr. Tucker declared a recess until April 24, 1997. The time and place will be announced. The meeting was recessed at 4:30 p.m.