

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
FACULTY SENATE  
Minutes  
of  
March 22, 2001**

Dr. Lee Cross called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of February 22, 2001 were corrected to indicate it is Senator Graham who is working on revisions in the Transition plan. Minutes were unanimously approved with this correction. There were no guests at this meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Phillip Taylor is attending his last faculty senate meeting after 30 years of service. Faculty Senate members thanked him for his outstanding service to the Faculty Senate. April 4<sup>th</sup> is Founders Day. Faculty are encouraged to attend.

First meeting of the new Senate will be held on April 19, 2001 at 4 p.m. Location: Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom A&B.

Dr. Schell announced a workshop to be held by the Student Disabilities Office at 9:00 a.m. this Friday, March 23, 2001.

The annual Promotion and Tenure workshop will be held on April 9, 2001. Both the President Hitt and Provost Whitehouse will participate. All faculty, especially untenured faculty and faculty going for promotion next year or in the future, are invited and encouraged to attend.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2000-2001-5 Senior Professors**

There was no one to present the resolution on new faculty rank. Deferred until next meeting.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Budget and Administrative - Dr. Roush reporting**

**Budget Process**

The Committee found the Pegasus model appropriate. Concerns were raised on actions taken before and at the end of the Pegasus funding process. Will be described in final report. Next meeting Monday, March 26, 2001.

**Graduate Council - Dr. Goodman reporting**

**Policy and Procedures Subcommittee**

Since the last senate meeting the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee met once. Predominantly working on the refinement of language on policy and procedures regarding composition of dissertation committees and thesis committees. The language was clarified and covers all contingencies the committee could think of. These revisions went to the steering

committee, which suggested some minor changes for further clarification. These are now being made catalog ready.

### **Course Review and New Programs Subcommittee**

Since the last senate meeting the Course Review and New Programs Subcommittee met twice and has approved the following:

- Two new masters degree programs (Master of Education in Early Childhood Education, Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education)
- Two new Ph.D. tracks (Ph.D. in pure math & Ph.D. in applied math)
- One new masters track (Pediatric Nurse Practitioner track in the M.S in Nursing program)
- One revision to a masters track (Revision to M.S. in Health Services Administration program)
- One new graduate certificate program (Mid-Level Education Certificate program)
- An assortment of special topics, new course requests, and course revisions.

### **Personnel Committee - Dr. John Leeson reporting**

- The committee is not recommending a new rank and will instead be recommending a faculty award system.
- The committee decided against establishing a formal mentoring process until a reward system for mentors who participate can be identified. No formal policy at this time.
- Recommendation made to next senate about development of policy about corrections of computer errors on faculty teaching evaluations
- 12-day rule addressed. Recommended it be stated as a 12-hour rule. Provost will consider this.

### **Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee - Dr. Ady Milman reporting**

- A special meeting will be held on April 17, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in Pegasus H&I in Student Union. This is in response to a special request from College of Education to present revisions in their curriculum. These late changes are in reply to rule changes from state Board of Education that increase total credit hours required for graduation. The Committee expects to be able to review and approve these curriculum changes at the April meeting. All committee members are encouraged to attend to ensure a quorum present.
- Non-payment of fees addressed. There is a problem when students preregister but do not pay their fees. This often cause classes to be closed which then have seats after students who do not pay fees are dropped. UPCC is working on a procedure to inform students of drop dates for non-payment of fees and then, after checking if there is some external reason why fees are not paid (e.g. financial aide students), notify the students that are being dropped.
- By fall students should be able to use credit cards to pay for classes.
- Committee briefly discussed learning effectiveness issues. Will continue discussion next year after a new Director of FCTL is selected.
- Dr. Sweet proposed a resolution regarding the requirement that students take their last 30 credit hours at UCF. This requirement is often waived. Suggested eliminating or modifying this requirement. If time permits, this issue will be addressed at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Comments will be brought back from colleges.

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