

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
March 23, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Dr. Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of February 24, 2000 were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Cook announced that Resolutions 1999-2000-6, 7 and 8 have been forwarded to Provost Whitehouse for consideration.

Dr. Cook also announced the Grand Marshals and Faculty Representatives from all the colleges for Spring commencement. The formal letter has been forwarded to the Registrar's office.

Dr. Cook announced that the legality of using students' notes is still under consideration.

Dr. Cook introduced Provost Gary Whitehouse. Dr. Whitehouse announced that the enrollment picture is very mixed. Funding is 20% of what the Board of Regents had requested. Academic enhancements money may be tied to tuition increases. PECO looks good. Special projects that will likely affect UCF: include a second partnership building in the Research Park, and an area campus building in Deland.

Joint projects are in process with the Arts Group in Daytona Beach. Musical Theatre (Downtown Performing Arts Center) is requesting a Master's Degree. And a proposed addition to the College of Education is in consideration.

A three million dollar budget for the Enhancement Fund for salaries has been allocated. UCF's share is \$398,407 with \$320,000 in salary dollars which is approximately 25%. The normal share is usually 10%. This allocation will not be released until after the Board of Regents meet. Each college will decide on the procedure for distribution. University specials are due on Monday, March 27, 2000, and Academic Affairs specials are due on May 15, 2000. A conservative approach is being adopted.

They are in the process of working on PECO priorities with an increase from 3 to 5 years.

Regarding the issue of the search for Vice Provost of Graduate Studies, they have 90 plus candidates. Early interviews are scheduled for mid April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Administrative - Dr. Pamela Roush reported that the committee met on March 22 with Bill Merck. Four major issues were discussed.

1. The issue of Travel Reimbursements has been thoroughly investigated by Michele Meister with recommendations made for improvement. A list of 17 recommendations was distributed. (The list is attached.)
2. The issue of why the information regarding the optional retirement program had not been circulated appropriately was investigated. The committee discussed several methods of advertisement including the Web Site and e-mail
3. Dr. Roush stated that the A&I bidding process was explained by Dick Paradise. He stated that during the last fiscal year out of 400 projects 160 were incomplete. The new process will take only 3 days rather than 30 days, a savings of 27 days. Mr. Paradise agreed to report again in the fall of 2000.

4. The issue of rental of phones as a part of the budget was addressed by Bill Branch who explained the costing model is not keeping up with the technology. Old buildings are a problem. They are trying to standardize the cost.

Graduate Council - Dr. Stephen Goodman reported that the Course Review and New Programs Subcommittee reviewed and approved three proposals for new tracks in masters programs: (1) Industrial Mathematics track to the Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences; (2) Health Care Administration Specialization within the Executive MBA program; (3) Revise the Manufacturing Engineering track and to rename the Product Assurance Engineering Track (IEMS). All three are projected to begin in Fall 2000.

The Policy and Procedures Subcommittee drafted and submitted five resolutions to the Senate this year. The Appeals Subcommittee has selected the recipient for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Personnel - Dr. Michael Mullens reported that Dr. John Leeson met with the UCF Parking Committee regarding the resolution passed at the February Senate meeting. The Personnel Committee will continue to monitor the parking situation.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee - Dr. Ana Leon reported that the committee had reviewed revised procedures for the UPCC. There were several changes that needed to be made for the smooth transition of proposals. These new procedures will be in effect for Fall, 2000.

The committee also approved a resolution regarding incomplete grades for Undergraduate Students.

Dr. Leon thanked the committee members for all their hard work with a special thanks to Kathy Wohlbold for her secretarial help and advice.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1999-2000-9 Incomplete Grades for Undergraduate Students

Resolution 1999-2000 was discussed and unanimously approved.

(Resolution is attached.)

Resolution 1999-2000-10 - Travel Office

Dr. Pamela Roush presented Resolution 1999-2000-10 Travel Office. A motion was made and passed to amend the agenda to add this resolution to the agenda. After discussion, Resolution 1999-2000-10 was approved.

(Resolution is attached.)

OTHER

The first meeting of the Faculty Senate 2000-2001 will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2000 and all outgoing, continuing, and newly elected senators are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Student Union Building, Key West 218. There will be a small reception.

Dr. Cook thanked all senators for their help during her two year term as Faculty Senate Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.