

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: April 20, 1994
SUBJECT: Minutes of Fac. Sen. Steering Meeting of March 24, 1994

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 4:06 p.m. The roll was passed. The minutes of March 10, 1994 Steering Committee meeting were unanimously approved. Members present were Drs. Armstrong, Cook, Cunningham, Hosni, Koons, Petrasko, Rungeling, Sheridan, Taylor, Wahlman, Wood and Prof. Joyce Dorner. Provost Gary Whitehouse was also in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani outlined the times for the four commencement ceremonies for the Spring 1994 semester and requested the members to suggest faculty names to serve as Grand Marshal and Faculty Senate representative for each of the ceremonies. Members agreed to give first consideration to retiring faculty or those with long service to UCF.

The next agenda item was nominations for officers for the 1994-1995 Faculty Senate and the following names were agreed to be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for election on April 7, 1994:

Chair: Dr. Naval Modani
Vice Chair: Dr. Richard Tucker
 Dr. Alexander Wood
Secretary: Dr. Keith Koons

Provost Whitehouse reported that at the suggestion of the Sabbatical Committee and Dr. Modani he has decided to award nine competitive (one semester at full pay or two semesters at three quarters pay) sabbaticals for next year. Additional non-competitive (two semesters at half pay) are available to faculty recommended by their chairs and deans. Members suggested that the Personnel Committee should look at the number of sabbaticals and some guidelines for the awards.

Dr. Modani reported that the first meeting of the 1994-1995 Faculty Senate is scheduled for April 7 and that he has written to all the senators asking for their preference regarding serving on Standing Committees. He also said that he is going to write to all the Deans to seek recommendations for non-senate members to serve on these committees. He hoped to have all the Standing Committees constituted before the end of spring semester. The agenda for the April 7 Senate meeting is election of officers, Steering Committee, and Committee on Committees.

Attention turned to a general discussion of the past year and the coming year. Functioning of Standing Committees was discussed, with problems noted such as the size of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee and other factors leading to scheduling problems for meetings. Dr. Rungeling said that committee members who were not Senate members are often less enthusiastic about the meetings. Dr. Modani responded that he had asked all faculty who were not Senate members for their consent before they were put on a committee. A suggestion was made to ask Senate members to set aside Thursday 4:00 time slot for committee meetings. Dr. Koons proposed a motion, seconded by Dr. Sheridan, to send a short questionnaire to 1993-1994 Senate members about the functioning of the committees. After some discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously. Drs. Cook, Petrasko, Rungeling, Sheridan, and Taylor volunteered to prepare the questionnaire.

Dr. Sheridan provided an update on the committee dealing with faculty indemnification. She stated that this committee was given a very limited charge and there was no consideration of broader issues she had articulated earlier. A draft of the proposed policy on the issue of indemnification prepared by Mr. Scot Silzer, Interim General Counsel, was being circulated.

Dr. Modani reported that the Master Planning consultants made a presentation to a group of people including President Hitt and other senior administrators. The issue of the Arboretum was discussed. The Master Planning consultants will make another presentation to the Campus Master Planning Committee and other interested people on March 28, 1994 at 2:00 p. m. in the President's Dining Room. He has asked Dean McCarthy, Chair of the Campus Master Planning Committee, to invite Drs. Cunningham, Ellis, and Vittes to this meeting. Dr. Modani said that the Arboretum is anticipated to have an area much larger than the original 10 acre parcel and the boundaries of the Arboretum should be satisfactory to all interested parties.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.