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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: April 12, 1993
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of March 25, 1993

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:02 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of March 4, 1993 were amended as follows: Page 1, NEW BUSINESS, first paragraph, fifth sentence, delete "Strategic Planning Council" and insert in lieu thereof -- Campus Master Planning Committee --. Also on Resolution 1992-1993-2 an amendment to delete "instructor's" and insert in lieu thereof -- non-tenured track --. The minutes were approved as amended. Guests present included: President John Hitt, Dr. Frank Juge; Dean Sheridan; Dr. Seidel and Dr. W. Lawther.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES: Dr. Naval Modani introduced the last of the proposed constitutional changes, Section 3.10.14 Campus Master Planning Committee, which was distributed with the agenda. Dr. Modani explained the changes in Section 3.10.14.1 Membership - some members who did not necessarily need to be on this committee have been removed such as Director of the University Library, Athletic Director, etc. and additions made to include two academic administrators selected by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, one administrator selected by the Vice President for Student Affairs. New voting members include the Director of Facilities Planning and the Director of Physical Plant. Also, the Chair of the committee would be appointed by the President. A suggestion was made in Section 3.10.14.1 that in the sentence about the chair is appointed by the President, to add "from the membership of the committee." Motion was made and approved that the changes to the Campus Master Planning Committee are accepted. The motion was then made, seconded and unanimously approved that the Campus Master Planning Committee as amended be accepted for presentation to the faculty assembly on April 29th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UNDERGRADUATE POLICY AND CURRICULUM - Dr. Schell reported no new business since March 4th.

GRADUATE POLICY AND CURRICULUM - Dr. Brian Petrasko reported that the committee discussed graduate tuition waivers. Mention was made of the university model being the same as the state model. There is no problem with the model and as soon as we get back on track with the dollars, it will be all right. Dr. Petrasko said the committee talked about "Graduate Teacher of the Year" award.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Dr. Brian Rungeling reported that the committee met to discuss which items should be passed on to the committee next year. They also discussed the interim chair appointments saying that some colleges such as Arts and Sciences have a formal procedure. This item will be taken up next year. The committee will also look at sabbatical procedures next year. They did talk about the ethnic and gender diversity and will bring a resolution forth today.

BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES - Dr. Walter Johnson reported that the committee has met several times, more recently on March 19th with Dr. Ed Neighbor. They also met with Dr. John Bolte and said this has been a building year for this committee to learn about the budget process. The committee has tried to provide a foundation for next year's committee work. They plan to meet two more times to prepare a report to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate about what they learned, giving suggestions for future planning and suggestions to the Chair of the Faculty Senate for audits. They brought no resolutions to the senate floor this year but they felt they have accomplished their purpose.

Dr. Rungeling questioned how the GEP committee review was proceeding. Dr. Schell responded that it is not part of his committee but the chair of the committee Dean Sheridan is present. Dr. Sheridan reported that this is a committee that started with the premise that they will review and make a report to the Faculty Senate. The idea was to look at the GEP every ten years. The committee is studying the GEP's nationally and have assembled a library of information. Each member of the committee is reviewing the material. In the fall, the ad hoc GEP Committee will meet and have open forums and then will make a proposal to the Steering Committee as to whether changes are needed. The committee is still trying to educate themselves so they may present an informed report. Dr. Cunningham reminded the members that last fall the indication was that this may take as long as two years.

Dr. Cunningham said he would be sending a note requesting the annual report of all committees so that the information could be passed on to the chairs of next year's committee. This will help them to start planning their own work for 1993-1994.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolution was moved to the floor and seconded.

Resolution 1992-1993-8

Colleges within the University of Central Florida have an option to allow American Sign Language to fulfill the University Foreign Language graduation requirement.

Dr. Keith Koons who chaired the subcommittee said they had suggestions: 1) reinstating American Sign Language course; and 2) allowing it to count for the requirement. We want to give the colleges the option to decide on their own. The vote was taken and the resolution failed.

Resolution 1992-1993-9

Be it resolved that the University of Central Florida authorize the grade letters of A, B, C, NC, and F, for ENC 1101 and ENC 1102.

The motion was made and seconded to bring this to the floor. Ms. Kathleen Bell (English Department) presented the arguments. Students can get D in freshman composition and go on and possibly fail other courses because they will not have a knowledge of the basics. With this change the student is not victimized and can take the class again. There will not be a large number of students affected by this change.

After extended discussion, the vote was taken and the resolution passed.

Dr. Cunningham then asked permission to amend the agenda. Agenda amendment was seconded and approved. Dr. Rungeling, Chair of the Personnel Committee, introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1992-1993-10

Be it resolved, in recognition of university goals, the Faculty Senate proposes that all faculty support ethnic and gender diversity in every way possible, particularly in the areas of faculty and staff recruitment and retention.

One friendly amendment offered was to delete "all". Dr. Becky Bailey then offered an amendment, add the words -- and equity -- before "in every way possible,". Vote was taken on the amendments and passed. Motion to amend the resolution was passed. Vote taken to approve the resolution, resolution passed.

Announcements:

President John Hitt addressed the senators talking about enrollment goals, saying UCF needs to look at enrollment management system and the firm of Noel-Levitz are reviewing the enrollment management program of UCF. (Admissions, Registration, Orientation, Financial Aid, the whole scope.) Dr. Hitt anticipates we will get a step-by-step proposal. If we are going to be a quality institution and meet the enrollment needs, we need to get the pool of applicants up and increase the quality. Dr. Hitt also talked of student recruitment. Dr. John Gupton said he had a concern if the quality also extends to the faculty. President Hitt responded that UCF's decision not to grow over the last few years has caused problems, emphasizing the problem of teaching more students with less money.

Discussion followed on needed classrooms with high tech equipment and the deans have agreed to move a high tech classroom building higher on the PECO list.

Dr. Cunningham announced this is the last meeting of the Faculty Senate 1992-1993 and he thanked all who served this year for their efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.