

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
**Faculty Senate Steering Committee**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
**FROM:** Faculty Senate Office  
**DATE:** March 12, 1998  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of Meeting held on March 5, 1998

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The Steering Committee was called to order by Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair, at 4:07 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. Minutes of February 5, 1998 were unanimously approved. Members present: Drs. Stephen Goodman, Naval Modani, Ida Cook, Glenn Cunningham, Terri Fine, Phillip Taylor, Taylor Ellis, James McBrayer, Jean Kijek, Carol Hinshaw, and Provost Gary Whitehouse. Guests: Drs. David Dees, and Mike Mullens.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Tucker announced that the former chairs of the Faculty Senate, on the 1997-1998 Steering Committee will serve on the nominating committee for Faculty Senate officers for 1998-1999.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Tucker reported that the Excellence and Professional Service Awards Committee met last Tuesday to consider six candidates. The two candidates' portfolios have been forwarded to the Provost's office. The awards will go to Dr. Lokenath Debnath, Department of Mathematics, and Dr. Naval Modani, Department of Finance. The awards will be presented on Founders' Day, April 1, 1998.

Dr. Terri Fine distributed copies of a memorandum she had recently mailed to the Student Government officers and the Student Senate regarding the plus/minus issue. In her memo she expressed concern for apathy and lack of interest in student academic issues from the SGA. After a one year delay, the Plus/Minus Implementation Committee will proceed with the implementation of the plus/minus grading policy.

Dr. Glenn Cunningham reported that no work has been done on the revision of the Faculty Senate Constitution. Dr. Modani stated that he had been marking sections of the old constitution that may need changes. Time has been limited this year, but both Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Modani are hopeful that the constitution revisions will be ready in time for Faculty Assembly in the fall, 1998. He stated that the Faculty Assembly needs approximately 30 days prior notice to consider any changes in the constitution.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Tucker reported that commencement for Spring term is May 9 and requested nominations for grand marshals and faculty representatives. He stated that the College of Arts and Sciences has named Dr. Homer Gerber as Grand Marshal and Dr. John Leeson as Faculty Representative.

Dr. Tucker asked for suggestions to facilitate the Senate meetings. Suggestions include:

1. Revise agenda to move more substantive issues to the beginning of the meeting.
2. Information could be distributed in written form.
3. Committees could distributed each report in written form.

The order of the agenda is specified in the constitution, however a motion could be made to reorder the agenda.

Dr. Tucker stated that Senate Bill 2330 proposes to eliminate the 60 hour requirement in the SUS for undergraduate transfers. According to Dr. Dees the bill does not state this new policy, but it is the interpretation of the Board of Regents. The Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee will consider this issue and make a recommendation on the policy. The meeting is scheduled for March 17, 1998.

### **Resolutions**

#### **1997-1998-5 (9) Graduate Hours**

Dr. Stephen Goodman presented a resolution from Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee for approval. Graduate programs will be permitted to accept up to 9 graduate hours taken at UCF by undergraduate students as part of their undergraduate program of study. This proposal is to allow these hours to count in their Master's degree. This should strengthen undergraduate programs while not affecting the competency level. It should encourage UCF's better undergraduates to continue into the graduate program. This proposal was passed unanimously by the GPCC. Post-bacc limit, 9 hours and graduate limit, 6 hours. It was approved unanimously to go forward to the Faculty Senate.

### **Resolutions**

Dr. Mullens, Chair, Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, explained the following proposals. The five proposals were discussed at length by the Steering Committee and unanimously approved to go forward to the Faculty Senate.

#### **1997-1998-6 Grade Forgiveness**

#### **1997-1998-7 Grade Roll Submission**

#### **1997-1998-8 Grade Distribution**

#### **1997-1998-9 Undergraduate GPA**

#### **1997-1998-10 Baccalaureate Honors**

All resolutions have been mailed to all senators attached to the Agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on March 19, 1998.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.