

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Karen Biraimah - Faculty Senate Secretary
DATE: March 28, 1991
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - March 7, 1991

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of February 7, 1991 were unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Among guests present - President Altman, Dr. Frank Juge, Dr. Stuart Lilie, Sandra Pedicini of the Central Florida Future, Harrel Morgan, Director for United Campus Ministry and Sheri Dressler representing Campus Ministry. Dr. Bruce Pauley introduced Professor Anton Pelinka, Political Science, University of Innsbruck, who was lecturing at UCF on Friday for "German Unification and European Integration."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Cunningham reported on the status of the resolutions which were passed by the Faculty Senate to date, detailing which resolutions have been approved by the administration and those being considered at this time:

- 1990-1991-1 -Accepted as written.
- 1990-1991-2 -Accepted with proposed revision - **Faculty Senate has not seen the revision as of this date.**
- 1990-1991-3 -Withdrawn.
- 1990-1991-4 -Accepted as written.
- 1990-1991-5 -Accepted as written.
- 1990-1991-6 -Accepted with the understanding that any lobbying effort would not interfere with systemwide initiatives to contain growth in the number of AA transfers in times of financial difficulty.
- 1990-1991-7 -**PENDING**
- 1990-1991-8 -Accepted as written.
- 1990-1991-9 -Accepted as written.
- 1990-1991-10 -Pending
- 1990-1991-11 -Withdrawn
- 1990-1991-12 -**PENDING**

Dr. Ratan Guha, Computer Science, announced that UCF's Computer Programming Team placed 5th in the World Computer Program Competition.

Dr. Duane Davis discussed Resolution 1990-1991-10 concerning the selling of used textbooks on campus. He read a letter he recently received from a company willing to come to his home to buy used textbooks. Dr. Juge mentioned that no solicitation is allowed on campus, and faculty have the right to ask them to leave. Dr. Cunningham said a clear distinction should be made between representatives of book publishing companies that frequent the campus, and representatives from companies willing to buy used or complimentary copies of textbooks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS

Dr. Myler, Chair, reported that the committee had met last week and were discussing changes in how honors should be confirmed. He said they were preparing a report for the new committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. Klintworth, Chair, reported that the committee met this month and drafted a resolution concerning superfluous forms and signatures on campus and other items concerning simplifying the bureaucracy and will pass this on to next year's committee.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Dr. Cornett, Chair, reported that they were continuing to work on evaluation instruments, and that this information would be passed on to the new committee. The committee is also developing plans to help new professors on campus and graduate students to improve their teaching.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Davis, Chair, reported that the committee had two more resolutions that would be discussed under new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-13

Resolution 1990-1991-13, pertaining to the establishment of the rank of Distinguished Professor was introduced to the Senate by Dr. Bruce Pauley. He said that the resolution was developed to help solve the problem of limited career options once the rank of full professor was attained. Dr. Pauley said the committee was open to suggestions to make the resolution better. During discussion, Dr. Ida Cook questioned whether this proposal wouldn't create second-class faculty on campus, and asked whether this new rank would be open to all faculty, or only to full professors. Dr. Biraimah asked whether the creation of a new rank would be more appropriately discussed in contract negotiations between the UFF and the Board of Regents. Dr. Cunningham responded that it was a proper issue to be discussed by Faculty Senate. Dr. Joels then asked whether it was inappropriate to set aside a category of rewards only open to a limited number of faculty (full professors.) Dr. Stern asked what the term "distinguished" meant. Would it be based entirely on scholarship, or could a faculty member be identified as "distinguished" due to service or teaching contributions? Dr. Stern then moved that "a single year" be replaced by "any one year." The amendment passed. Dr. Joels then asked Dr. Juge whether there was any time in the history of UCF that a distinguished professorship had been awarded, and if so, how was it determined. He responded that there were a few cases years ago, and that they had been determined by the Provost and President. However, this professorship carried only a title, and had no financial reward. When a vote was taken on the amended resolution, it failed (Yes=9, No=22, abstained=1.)

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-14

Resolution 1990-1991-14, focused on a consistent policy with regard to endowed chairs. During discussion it was suggested that the resolution was injurious to the university because it would be unable to attract suitable candidates. Dr. Stern presented a substitute resolution to the Senate which said:

Upon the application of the holder of the endowed chair, successive five year terms may be held subject to the recommendation of the department, college and university personnel committees, and the concurrence of the provost and president. Application for renewal should occur in the fourth year of each term.

Dr. Jeff Cornett questioned whether it implied that endowed chair were drawn from external candidates. Dr. Mark Stern said that anyone, internal or external to the university, could apply for an endowed chair. The amendment was approved by the following vote: Yes=14, No=13. During a discussion which followed, it was asked whether all tenured faculty, or just full professors, would be allowed to apply for an endowed chair. The motion to send back to committee was made and seconded, with a majority of senators present voting to send the resolution back to committee.

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-15

This resolution was moved and seconded, calling for removal of all lists of religious holidays currently found in the university catalogue. Dr. Flick explained to the Senate that only selected religious holidays were listed (primarily Christian and Jewish.) He suggested that the purpose of this resolution is to respect the Constitutional separation of church and state by only listing university holidays. During discussion a representative from Campus Ministries said that our current calendar was already a Christian calendar, and support was given to leaving the religious holidays in the college catalog. Dr. Flick reiterated that UCF was a secular institution, and therefore the listing of any religious holiday by the university was inappropriate. Dr. Fine offered a friendly amendment which was accepted - to delete in the first sentence "for purposes of scheduling tests to accommodate such holidays." After more discussion which generally followed these different viewpoints, the senate approved the resolution by the following vote: Yes=24, No=3, with one abstention.

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-16

Dr. Joels, Chair of the committee, reported that this resolution contained the recommendations of the committee. Dr. Stern made a friendly amendment which was accepted by Dr. Joels to include a section #10 as follows:

10) Commencement speaker should be recommended by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and selection criteria shall be developed by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Motion was made and seconded and after a brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed to vote on each of the ten sections of the resolution in seriatim. #1 An amendment offered - the last word "continued" should be deleted and insert in lieu thereof -- encouraged --. Approved unanimously. #2 An amendment was accepted after the word "Administrators" insert -- including department chairs, --. Approved unanimously. #3 An Amendment was accepted to strike the third sentence. Approved unanimously. #4 Approved unanimously. #5 Approved unanimously. #6 Approved unanimously. #7 Approved unanimously. #8 An amendment was accepted to insert after the word "one" -- fall and one spring --. Approved unanimously as amended. #9 Approved unanimously. #10 Commencement speaker should be recommended by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and selection criteria shall be developed by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting of the 1991-1992 Faculty Senate will be April 11, 1991. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.