

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Faculty Senate Steering Committee  
**FROM:** Faculty Senate Office  
**DATE:** March 26, 1996  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes of meeting held on March 7, 1996

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Modani at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated. The minutes of February 8, 1996 meeting were unanimously approved. Members present: G. Cunningham, C. Hinshaw, L. Malone, J. McBrayer, B. Petrasko, P. Somerville, R. Talbott, P. Taylor, Provost G. Whitehouse, and Vice Provost F. Juge. Guests: D. Wink, and C. Bast

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution 1995-1996-5 dealing with academic chairs/directors' teaching load was taken up for discussion. Dr. Modani stated that the Personnel Committee had met and had a lengthy discussion regarding this resolution and they wanted it to go to the Senate. There was some discussion about the wording of the resolution. Members noted that any minor word changes can be accomplished at the Senate meeting. A motion to send the resolution to the Senate was seconded and unanimously approved.

Dr. Modani introduced Dr. Wink, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee and Dr. Bast, member. Both provided more information regarding Resolution 1995-1996-10 concerning the calculation of GPA for transfer students. Dr. Wink discussed the circumstances for the resolution. There was a lengthy discussion on the implications of this resolution on FTIC students versus transfer students. Several members expressed their reservations. A motion to send the resolution to the Senate was seconded and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 1995-1996-12 concerning faculty tenure was introduced. Members agreed with the sentiment of the resolution and discussion focussed on how this resolution would be conveyed to the Board of Regents and the State legislature. Dr. Modani stated that United Faculty of Florida was also interested in cooperating in defense of tenure in the SUS. He said that Dr. Brian Nelson, President of UFF, had called him recently to solicit cooperation in defending tenure. Dr. Whitehouse and Dr. Juge both commented that President Hitt supported tenure for faculty and would communicate this to the BOR and the Legislature. A motion to send the resolution to the Senate was seconded and unanimously approved.

Dr. Wink provided the background information on Resolution 1995-1996-13 dealing with choice of

catalog for students. Students changing majors or returning to UCF after a prolonged absence due to circumstances such as disqualification may not be getting the best educational experience if they are allowed to meet requirements outlined in a catalog several years old. There was considerable discussion regarding SUS policy regarding the flexibility of a given university on this issue. Dr. Juge agreed to help in researching the issue. A motion to refer the resolution back to the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Dr. Modani requested Drs. Petrasko, Rungeling, Wood, Talbott, and Cook to serve as the committee to screen nominees for the Excellence in Professional Service award and to recommend two faculty for the award. The files of the seven nominees are in the Faculty Senate Office, BA 459. Members asked Dr. Modani to continue the practice of the year-end survey of the members of the standing committees of the Senate. Dr. Modani will send the surveys in the first part of April.

Dr. Modani distributed a proposed meeting schedule for 1996-1997 for the Senate and the Steering Committee and asked for any suggestions for changes before March 21, 1996. The first meeting of the next Senate is scheduled for April 11, 1996. The agenda for this meeting is to elect officers and to form the new Steering Committee and the Committee on Committee. He also reminded members that the Steering Committee meeting on March 28, 1996 is to nominate officers for the 1996-1997 Senate.

Dr. Modani asked for suggestions regarding grand marshals and faculty representatives for Spring commencement. Dr. Bolte was suggested as one of the possibilities and Dr. Modani was asked to contact him.

Dr. Juge commented on the incidental personal use of UCF property such as computers and reported that Academic Affairs will be distributing forms to faculty to seek permission for such incidental use. This was designed to protect the faculty from criticism by outsiders and departments are to encourage personnel to fill out these forms.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.