

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Karen Biraimah - Faculty Senate Secretary
DATE: November 12, 1990
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - November 1, 1990

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was passed for signature by attendees of the Faculty Senate. Minutes of October 4, 1990 were unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Among guests present - President Altman, Provost Astro, Dr. Juge, Dr. Bass and Dean Sheridan. Also in attendance were Janice Bain (Library,) Dr. Denise Caldwell and David Tropf.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution 1989-1990-8
Dr. Duane Davis, Chair of the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee, announced that a response received from Provost Astro has been reviewed by his committee and recommendations will go to the Faculty Senate Steering committee meeting on November 15, 1990. This resolution should be ready for the agenda of the next Faculty Senate meeting on December 6, 1990.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AD HOC BY-LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report.

ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS

Dr. Seth Elsheimer gave the report in Dr. Myler's absence saying that the committee is working on raising the percentiles for baccalaureate honors.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. Nancy Klintworth, Chair, reported that her committee met two weeks ago and are considering the items forwarded for consideration by last year's Budget Committee.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Joseph Rusnock, Chair, reported that this committee is working on a proposal concerning shortened summer sessions and will get that in Resolution format for the Steering Committee by the next meeting, if possible.

INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Dr. Jeffrey Cornett, Chair, announced that the Instruction Committee is forwarding two resolutions to the Steering Committee for the meeting November 15th concerning: a) Budgetary pressures on class size and b) Limitation of A.A. transfer admissions. This committee has also been working on a teacher development center and have continued to look at evaluation of teaching of faculty and grad students. Dr. Cunningham suggested that this committee look at the FSU program for teacher development.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Duane Davis, Chair, reported that the committee will be forwarding a resolution to the Steering Committee for their next meeting November 15, 1990 regarding mid-tenure reviews.

NEW BUSINESS

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTES, CENTERS AND UNITS

Dr. Mark Stern, Chair, reported that this committee is submitting Resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Faculty Senate today:

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-1

The Chair of the University Research Council from the previous year should submit to the Faculty Senate Chair at the beginning of the following fall, an annual report summarizing and evaluating the work of the Council during the previous academic year.

Discussion was held during which Dr. Stern said there is a problem with non-research institutes and there is a need for a system of overseeing. There are perhaps 8 or 9 ICUs on campus. The new process for ICUs will be that they will go before the Council and there will be a review process for on-going ICUs. The Chair can bring a problem before the Faculty Senate and they in turn can be just the starting point. There was a proposed friendly change to Resolution 1990-1991-1 from Dr. Denise Caldwell as follows:

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-1

At the beginning of each fall semester, the chair of the University Research Council from the previous year shall present an annual report to the Faculty Senate Chair, summarizing and evaluating the work of the Council during the previous academic year.

Dr. Stern said that they would accept this proposed change. A vote was called on Resolution 1990-1991-1, as changed. The resolution passed unanimously.

Dr. Stern then introduced Resolution 1990-1991-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-2

A written document should be formulated by the Research Council specifically apportioning its membership. At least three-fourths of the council's members should be tenured faculty who are actively engaged in research and hold the rank of associate professor or professor and are not directly associated with a research ICU.

An individual who holds a current contractual appointment with an ICU or is a paid consultant for a research ICU is defined as directly associated with a research ICU.

The question of changing three-fourths of the council's members to two-thirds was raised. Motion was made and seconded to change three-fourths to two-thirds. Amendment was discussed. The Council would not only oversee but would be responsible for special projects, such as awards. A question was raised on "Who determines who is engaged in research?" Dr. Bass responded that they are selected by asking the deans to nominate people so, in effect, it is answered by the dean, or Chairs of the college. A Library representative said they are not actively engaged in research, but because of the obvious impact on the Library, they would like to have a member added to the committee. Dr. Cunningham said this can be considered. Dr. Stern said there is a need for a document to put this together. Dr. Cunningham reported that faculty senate members have expressed concern on how institutes are created and how they are evaluated.

The vote was called on amending to three-fourths to two-thirds. Amendment was unanimously accepted.

Discussion continued and centers such as Florida Solar Center and CREOL were mentioned. Some centers are small and part of the college. The Space Center involves 5 colleges and will report to all of them. There will be a written document. Motion was made to accept this resolution, as amended.

Vote was taken on Resolution 1990-1991-2, as amended. The Faculty Senate unanimously accepted Resolution 2.

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-3

The Office of Academic Affairs should establish a University Non-Research ICU Council comparable in composition and function to the University Research Council. This Council should provide oversight and periodic review of all non-research centers

within the University. The Chair of the Non-Research Council and the administrator overseeing the non-research ICUs, at the beginning of each fall semester, should each submit to the Faculty Senate Chair, a separate annual report summarizing and evaluating the work of this Council during the previous academic year. A written document should be formulated apportioning the membership of this Council. At least three-fourths of the Council members should be tenured faculty with the rank of associate professor or professor who are not directly associated with non-research ICUs.

The motion was made to change three-fourths to two-thirds. Due to the fact that the senate was not completely informed of questions related to the centers, Dr. Fernald said this motion should be sent back to the committee. Vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to send back to committee.

RESOLUTION 1990-1991-4

All degree offering programs and programs offering a minor must be housed within academic colleges and be subject to the usual academic and curriculum review process.

Motion was made to accept this resolution. The Liberal Studies program was discussed. Each center is housed in an academic department and each academic department or college would be responsible for the evaluation of their own center.

The vote was taken and Resolution 1990-1991-4 passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Cunningham announced the issue of American Sign Language was passed by the University Curriculum Committee and that it will come before the Board of Regents today. The BOR is considering American Sign Language as possibly being acceptable in substituting for language requirement. Dr. Cunningham requested of Dr. Astro that the proposal concerning American Sign Language be returned to the Faculty Senate for study.

At the next Faculty Senate meeting, recommendations from Dr. Vittes, Chair of the Environmental Committee, concerning the campus, building, development, etc. will be discussed.

Dr. Cunningham requested that a telephone list be prepared listing departments and their new phone numbers. President Altman said this is in the process right now.

Dr. Cunningham spoke of the Faculty Advisory Forum meeting and the phone conference last week concerning items of priority to be presented to BOR. Those priority items were as follows: 1) Salary and salary compression; 2) Lack of adequate resources including items for a) equipment used in teaching and research laboratory use, b) competitive salaries for USPS employees, c) Library and d) others. 3) no plans be made for adding a 10th university until such time as the state establishes a reasonable tax base with adequate support for the existing 9 universities, and 4) added flexibility in budgeting and administration for each university. A representative will be at the meeting December 12.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Biraimah, Secretary
Faculty Senate