

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Dr. Jeffrey Cornett
Faculty Senate Secretary
DATE: November 23, 1992
SUBJECT: Minutes of meeting November 5, 1992

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:08 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of October 1, 1992 were approved. Guests present included: President Hitt; Dean Whitehouse; Dr. Frank Juge; Dr. Kathryn Seidel; and Ms. Anne Marie Allison, Library.

OLD BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

UNDERGRADUATE POLICY & CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

Dr. John Schell, Chair, indicated the committee had approved a new Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater.

GRADUATE POLICY & CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

Dr. Brian Petrasko, Chair, indicated the committee approved the proposal for Master of Science in Nursing. They also approved a recommendation that full time graduate student status be changed from nine to six hours.

Dr. Cunningham stated that a task force has been named to study the responsibilities of the Vice President of Research to determine if the position will be altered to include responsibility for other areas such as graduate studies. Two members of the task force are from the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Dr. Rungeling, Chair, stated that the members were busy working in subcommittees. They reviewed the procedures for chair evaluation and prepared a letter suggesting that some of the procedures are not appropriate and do not follow due process guidelines. Dr. Cunningham suggested that most of the individual college procedures for chair evaluations needed some fine tuning. Dr. Juge stated that the revised faculty handbook, available in spring, will include senate resolutions to aid colleges and departments in understanding approved policy. Dr. Rungeling suggested that an additional Faculty Senate meeting might be necessary since he believed it might be difficult to finish committee work by February.

BUDGET & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:

Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair, suggested that his committee had two basic functions: 1) enhancement of communication between faculty and administration regarding the budget and administrative issues; and, 2) enhancing faculty understanding of the budgetary process. The committee intends to survey faculty on the desirability of workshops in this area. He also expressed the hope that contact with other university senates can be made to determine how they have accomplished the task of understanding the budget. The goal of the committee is to have a working model that can be built upon by future committees.

PROVOST SEARCH:

Dr. Cunningham stated that there were approximately 165 applications and/or nominations for provost. The committee will meet on November 13th to begin first round cuts. The goal is selection of the new provost by March 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Cunningham presented a detailed update on his meeting with the SUS Faculty Senate Chairs. The participants talked about common problems and agendas. The major concern and agenda item is to raise faculty and staff salaries. The second priority is to get a lump sum budget allocation at the SUS level and have it allocated from there. Dr. Cunningham shared a number of transparencies related to the following: an attitude survey of the public about higher education; indicating that higher education is perceived fairly well by the public; a projection of Florida's grade 12 enrollment indicating a significant and continual increase in students; and a chart which illustrated the lack of salary increases for higher education personnel. In addition, Dr. Cunningham stated that the Faculty Senate Chairs discussed the following: the need to reduce bureaucracy; the concern with increased class size and teaching hours; encouraging degree granting problems to limit their total hours to 120-128 hours; the increased reliance on adjuncts. Dr. Cunningham also promised that one of the SUS faculty senate chairs will be on the agenda of the future BOR meetings.

Budget issues were discussed by Drs. Hitt, Juge and various senate members. Dr. Juge stated that it must be done on the faculty member's own time and on private stationery. Dr. Modani asked about the budgetary prospects following the election. Dr. Hitt stated that it appears that state revenues are somewhat higher than anticipated.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cornett, Secretary of Faculty Senate