

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: December 5, 1995
SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of October 12, 1995

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated. The minutes of September 12, 1995 meeting were unanimously approved. Members present were: Armstrong, Cunningham, Hinshaw, Malone, McBrayer, Petrasko, Rungeling, Somerville, Talbott, and Wood. Dr. Juge was also in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Modani distributed an analysis of the survey of Senate standing committee members done by Dr. Rungeling. Copies of the Florida Senate Bill 2330 were also distributed. The deadlines for the teaching incentive program were reiterated. Dr. Modani mentioned the possibility of an appeal for the TIP program. This appeal, if made, will have to be processed before October 23, 1995. Dr. Modani reminded the members about the meeting on October 24, 1995 with representative Debra Wasserman Schultz, chair of the Florida House Committee on Higher Education. Dr. Juge was putting together a small group of faculty to articulate the role and importance of research and scholarship. This is to prepare for the next year's legislative session where the role of research, funding for it, and its relevance for tenure and promotion decisions may be debated. Dr. Juge reminded members of the attack during the last legislative session on the service assignment for faculty.

President Hitt has constituted a committee to look at priorities for spending additional resources from a differential tuition plan. The committee is composed of 50% students and 50% faculty. Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Modani are two of the faculty on this committee. The Budget Planning Committee to be chaired by Provost Whitehouse will have a Senate representative. After some debate, the members agreed to designate the chair of the Senate to be on this committee. Dr. Modani reported on the teleconference on academic integrity. Copies of the video are to be made available to the offices of each college dean. Dr. Rungeling reported that the Personnel committee is in the process of sending several resolutions to the Steering Committee. Dr. Malone asked about the publication of results for some of the questions on the student

evaluation of instruction. It was pointed out that this has become a system wide policy and is also incorporated in the BOR/UFF collective bargaining agreement. Dr. Juge stated that the CLAST program is in the process of being phased out. Dr. Modani asked members to send suggestions for classroom improvements to Provost Whitehouse.

There was some discussion of the instability of the Pegasus server and the LAN. This has created some problems for faculty and students enrolled in their courses. Dr. Modani suggested members to contact Mr. Joel Hartman on such problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani stated that the reporting committees for 1995-96 have been formed except the Instructional Resources Committee. Discussions are underway with Mr. Joel Hartman to redefine the scope and membership of this committee. Dr. Modani asked for suggestions for the grand marshals and faculty representatives for the commencement for Fall semester.

The report from the GEP Implementation Committee was discussed. Dr. Modani explained the details of the proposal. Dr. McBrayer expressed some accreditation related concerns from the College of Engineering. Dr. Modani said that he will consult with Dean Seidel and was hopeful that the issue can be resolved. Some other members expressed concern about the changes in the science foundations area. Specifically, the problem was the elimination of the lab requirement. Dr. Modani pointed out that as a practical matter, many students in sciences, engineering, and health related areas will take the science lab as a requirement in their majors. Some other members expressed concern about the Social Foundations area where a student will take either American National Government or Micro-Economics or Macro-Economics. After considerable debate, the members voted (9 in favor and 2 opposed) to send the proposal to the Senate floor for discussion at its meeting on October 26, 1995.

A few editorial changes were suggested in the GEP document. Also members asked that the complete document be made available for faculty review in the office of each college dean as well as at the library reserve desk. Dr. Modani agreed to the suggestions.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.