

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES - OCTOBER 17, 1991**

Chair, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Members present were Drs. Biraimah, Everett, Fine, Gupton, Judkins, Malocha, Modani, Pauley, and Provost Astro was also in attendance. Minutes of September 19 and October 3, 1991 were unanimously accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Cunningham reported that Dr. Bryan issued a letter of October 4, 1991 rescinding his letter of September 25th which said that he could not approve Resolution 1991-1992-1 requesting that all payments involving E&G transfers should be eliminated during the current academic year. Dr. Bryan has now accepted this resolution and said \$277,000 will be put in a holding account for use in financing summer classes, unless we have another cut back.

Concerning the purchase of a computer system, Dr. Bryan was under the impression that the contract had been signed and UCF would have to go forward with this project. Since that time, it has been determined that the contract was signed by IBM but not by UCF so therefore it has not been purchased as yet. There is no reason the computer must be purchased, if we don't want to buy the system. Dr. Bryan said he would ask Dr. Astro to set up a committee to look into this potential purchase and develop a new Computer Policy. The chair of this Computer Policy Commission will be Provost Richard Astro. The committee will include the Chair of Computer Science, the Chair of Computer Engineering, Dean of Engineering, two appointed from the Faculty Senate, one from one other group, 3 or 4 from Business Affairs (Dr. Bolte, Linda Bonta, and Bill Branch.) Dr. Pauley asked if the money originally set forth to be used for the computer purchase could be used for anything else. Dr. Bryan noted that at this point, it is not clear if the money could be used for other purposes. Dr. Cunningham responded that many people feel that if a computer is purchased, the system should be one that could be used by the whole university, i. e. payroll, registration, and classes. Therefore input from all groups is needed. By turning over the decision to a committee, the necessary input can be obtained and an informed decision can be made.

At the request of Provost Astro, Dr. Cunningham asked the Steering Committee to appoint two faculty members to sit on this Computer Policy board. The suggested names were Dr. Charles Hughes of Computer Sciences and Dr. Sharon Graham of Finance Department. The Board will meet within the next couple of days to discuss the computer purchase. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to appoint Dr. Hughes and Dr. Graham.

The Foreign Language Requirement has been discussed in the senate and Dr. Cunningham reported that there will be no change without review before the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee is considering this issue right now and they will make recommendations within the next 6 weeks to 2 months.

Drs. Astro and Juge have submitted their input for the Constitution Subcommittee who will be meeting next Tuesday, October 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Cunningham said at that time, the committee will review the proposals.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no reports from Liaisons. Dr. Cunningham informed the members that items for discussion were: Resolution 1991-1992-2 from the Faculty Senate Instruction Committee; a memo from Dr. Phillip Taylor re adjunct faculty parking fees; and that Dr. Astro will be here to talk about the Computer Policy Board and administrative review.

Dr. Cunningham introduced Resolution 1991-1992-2 from the Instruction Committee - concerning finals week which is a scheduled session:

RESOLUTION 1991-1992-2

It is normally expected that a final examination be given in each course that is taught. Recognizing that there are courses where a final exam, per se, may be less appropriate, an alternative final assessment may be used. Faculty should provide an explanation of their assessment in course syllabi. Regardless of the type of mechanism employed, it is the expectation that each faculty member will meet his/her class for the scheduled number of sessions, as published in the University Calendar and semester schedule, including the final examination period.

Discussion followed and it was pointed out that faculty should be able to "evaluate" in whatever way they deem appropriate and this should not have to be legislated. The colleges should draft a policy. Dr. Malocha said the College of Engineering discussed this resolution and that most of the engineering faculty (85%) voted against having this requirement. A statement was made that several of the themes of this resolution are really the Chairs' job and that they can use merit evaluation, non-promotion, and several other mechanisms which are in place. The vote was then taken to send this resolution forward to the senate floor or return to committee: 5 votes to send forward, 3 to return to committee. It will go forward to the Faculty Senate in November.

Dr. Gupton said that because of the problems with the purchase of this computer system, he was proposing a resolution:

RESOLUTION 1991-1992-3

Given the magnitude and complexities within the university budget, a new budget process which places ultimate control of the entire university budget under the Academic Division of the University is requested. This is necessary in order to have budget decisions made in a clear, open, and collegial fashion and in full view of the administration, staff and faculty.

Vote was taken to send this resolution to the Faculty Senate, 8 yeas, 1 abstention.

Dr. K. Phillip Taylor's memo of October 15, 1991 concerned Adjunct faculty parking fees to be reimbursed for Spring 1992 since many had their services cut for the spring semester. This was discussed and the decision made to send it directly to the administration with the request that this be done.

Dr. Cunningham reported on the Arena committee and that a set of policies has been made, prices set for renting the arena, prices for items sold in the arena, etc. The committee has three faculty members on the committee and is chaired by Dan Holsenbeck.

The Presidential Search Committee met on Tuesday to look over the candidates selected by the Chancellor. The committee was broken into groups to determine choices for the top 10 or 12 names. Those names went to the Regent's Selection Committee. The Provost then read the names selected to be semi-finalists: Thomas Wallace, President of Illinois State University; John W. Shumaker, President, Central Connecticut State University; Arlene Okerlund, academic vice president, San Jose State University; Thomas C. Meredith, president, Western Kentucky University; Clara M. Lovett, provost, George Mason University; H. Ray Hoops, vice chancellor for academic affairs, University of Mississippi; Michael K. Hooker, president, University of Maryland Baltimore County; John C. Hitt, provost and interim president, University of Maine; Edward J. Hayes, vice chancellor for academic affairs, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; Peggy G. Elliott, chancellor, Indiana University Northwest; Steven M. Cahn, provost, graduate school and university center, City University of New York; Blaine A. Brownell, provost, University of North Texas; and Ruben Arminana, vice president for finance and development, California State Polytechnic University at Pomona.

Dr. Astro then read a letter which was sent out today concerning the Computing Policy Commission asking members to serve and explaining the responsibilities. Dr. Astro will serve as Chair of this commission and the first meeting will be October 31, 4:00 p.m., Administration Board Room. The first task will be to determine current computing needs. Dr. Astro said that the contract for the computer system has not been signed by Tallahassee.

Dr. Biraimah said she recently received labels for the bargaining unit and Dr. Altman is listed under emeritus status. Dr. Astro said he didn't believe this was correct.

Dr. Astro reported that Hospitality Management has now been placed under the College of Business Administration as of October 15, 1991.

Dr. Robert Everett reported that he attended the Calendar Committee as the representative from the Faculty Senate and that they are thinking of changing some items and one consideration is an 18 week semester instead of 15 weeks. Dr. Cunningham said that he would appreciate Dr. Everett bringing this up again so the matter can be more fully discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cornett, Secretary
Faculty Senate