

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 1989

Chair, Dr. Rosie Webb Joels called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

All members were present, with the exception of Dr. Phil Taylor and Dr. Naval Modani.

Minutes of the meeting of September 21, 1989 were approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Recording of Attendance

Several persons have complained that they were recorded as absent from Faculty Senate meetings. At least one of those individuals is not on the current Senate roster. The reason for this appears to come as a result of at least one college having held elections for senators both in the spring and fall. It is the position of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee that, according to the Constitution, those representatives elected in the spring are the official senators of their colleges. It was also reiterated that representation by department is determined by each college, since a specified number of representatives is designated to each college. Apportionment within the college is a collegial decision. It is also the position of Dr. Joels and the Steering Committee that senators who have not initialled the roll during the senate meeting will not be retroactively designated as present.

2. Environmental Concerns

Dr. Joels reported that there are several rumors circulating about future plans for bulldozing to create new parking spaces. All members of the Steering Committee expressed concern about the environmental impact of such bulldozing activity and decided to issue the following request:

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee requests that further clearing of land for parking lots be halted until the establishment of an Environmental Committee, and until such time as that committee reports back to the Senate and Administration. We are especially concerned about the removal of trees, the destruction of the ecosystem, and the removal of natural buffers along the University and roadways.

3. Class Attendance Policy

Provost Richard Astro has circulated a memorandum concerning class attendance policies for athletes and other students for whom absence from classes is occasionally necessary. Dr. David Hernandez has also drafted a policy statement regarding this issue. Drs. Hernandez and Astro would like a policy statement from the Faculty Senate as to athlete and other student involvement in extracurricular activities. This issue was referred to the Instruction Committee.

4. No Grade Resolution

A resolution has been submitted by the Admissions and Standards Committee. This resolution is concerned with students being assigned a grade of Incomplete (I) in those instances when grade rosters reach the Registrar after the established deadline. It was moved and seconded that the resolution be presented at the next Senate meeting:

RESOLUTION 1989-1990-3

The Faculty Senate recommends that the temporary designator N, representing No Grade, be placed on the students' records when grade rosters are not turned in by the "Grades Due" deadline. The N designator should be replaced by the earned letter grade at the earliest opportunity and the N will be removed from the permanent transcript. The designator N can be assigned only in the case of late grade rosters and will not be assigned by faculty.

5. Library as Holder of AV Materials

Dr. Mark Stern brought to the attention of committee members that the Library formerly was the repository of films and other audiovisual (AV) materials. However, when the radio station was established these materials were moved to the station. It is the position of Dr. Stern and the Library Advisory Committee that the Library is the logical agency to store, catalog and loan AV materials such as VHS and VCR tapes for check-out by individuals and for in-library use. The Library currently does not have the resources to undertake this responsibility. This issue was deferred to the Instruction Committee for consideration.

6. University Honors Program - Grades

Dr. Mark Stern expressed a concern that students holding academic scholarships jeopardize those scholarships by enrolling in honors courses and incurring lower grades than might have been the case in non-honors classes. Dr. Stern suggested that in order to encourage student enrollment in honors courses without placing academic scholarships at risk, students be awarded an extra grade-point than that actually earned. Dr. Stern stated that this extra grade-point be awarded for purposes of calculating financial aid ONLY. This issue was also deferred to the Instruction Committee.

7. The Arboretum

It became apparent during a discussion at the October 5, 1989 Faculty Senate meeting that the boundaries of the Arboretum are not defined on the University's master plan. Committee members deem it necessary to emphasize that the Arboretum shall be a preserved area and identified as such on the master plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy P. Klintworth, Secretary
UCF Faculty Senate