

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Karen Biraimah - Faculty Senate Secretary
DATE: October 16, 1990
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - October 4, 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 September 6, 1990 were unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Among guests present - President Altman, Dr. Juge, and Dean Sheridan. Also in attendance were Ann Marie Allison (Library,) Dave Trof (UFF) and a representative of the Central Florida Future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resolution 1989-1990-8
Dr. Juge (representing Provost Astro) announced that a draft proposal in response to this resolution on Chair Evaluations, will be sent to the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee. It will also be shared by all deans and chairs. The Senate will respond to the proposal once the deans and chairs have had an opportunity to examine the document.

Dr. Duane Davis, Chair of the Senate Personnel Committee, announced that information regarding benefits for new faculty members will be sent with the initial contract offer and acceptance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AD HOC BY-LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE COMMITTEE

Dr. Phil Taylor, Chair, announced that the committee report would be presented under new business.

ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS

Dr. Harley Myler, Chair, reported on two items. (1) Dr. Bush's staff has been looking into the possibility of modifying the current touch-tone registration system to restrict students from registering if necessary prerequisites have not been met. At the current time this appears to be impossible due to the enormous database required to compare educational records of community college students. A possible alternative would be a verbal warning system built into the touch-tone program. (2) The committee continues to investigate the proposal to change the percentiles for baccalaureate honors from 5-10-15 percent to 2.5-2.5-5 percent.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. Cunningham announced that he had received a call from Dr. Nancy Klintworth, Chair, who could not be here today because of a death in the family. There will be a committee meeting October 11th, 4:00 p.m. and Dr. Klintworth will be in touch with her committee members with the location.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Dr. Cunningham reported that Mr. Joseph Rusnock, Chair, is engaged in production of a play with the Theatre Department at this time and had nothing to report but promised to get active next week on his committee responsibilities.

INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Dr. Jeffrey Cornett, Chair, announced that the Instruction Committee was looking into the following issues: (1) The possibility of establishing a development center to help new and established faculty with their teaching endeavors; (2) The reliability and validity of student evaluations of faculty; (3) Requirements for Regents awards; (4) Trends in class size and enrollment; (5) The amount of full-time versus adjunct and visiting professor lines for upper division and graduate courses; (6) The university bookstore's pricing policy.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Duane Davis, Chair, reported that this committee had met twice, and that members were considering the following items: (1) Development of a mid-tenure review policy; (2) Evaluation of endowed chairs; (3) The role of the University Personnel Committee; (4) Guidelines for Professorship standards; (5) Sabbatical guidelines. He also announced that the committee has tabled a discussion of administrative reviews until the chair evaluation issue is settled.

NEW BUSINESS

AD HOC BY-LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE COMMITTEE

Dr. Phil Taylor, Chair, reported that the committee has considered three areas of constitutional change. (1) The apportionment issue was discussed, but the committee recommended that no changes be made at this time. Dr. Taylor noted that area campus and adjunct faculty were already represented through their main campus departments. The statement was made that the senators were elected to represent all faculty (including adjuncts and area campuses,) not simply the faculty housed in a particular department or college. (2) The committee recommended that the Budget Committee name be changed to the Budget and Administrative Policy Committee. It also recommended that the duties of this committee be increased to include a review and recommendation of policies and procedures affecting university business operations. This recommendation was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate. The resolution will now go to the faculty assembly. (3) The committee recommended that it would be inappropriate to make any changes in the review process for programs, centers, and institutes at this time.

In a discussion from the senate floor regarding the representation of adjuncts, Dr. Flick questioned if any organization currently represented adjuncts. Dr. Cunningham responded that adjuncts were free to attend senate meetings as observers, and could obtain permission to speak at those meetings. Dr. Cunningham encouraged adjuncts to communicate with their senators, or any of the members of the steering committee. If the adjuncts wish to organize, they could specify a member to attend the faculty senate meetings. Dr. Ida Cook said that the university was highly dependent on adjuncts, and that some were almost permanent employees. She suggested that the Senate Personnel Committee address their concerns and needs. Dr. David Trof, UFF President, said that the union was looking into benefits for long-term adjuncts.

Dr. Cunningham told the Senate that Dr. Bass' memo regarding research support was not intended to limit the faculty's ability to obtain grants. Rather, its intent was to ensure cooperation and coordination between the faculty and Dr. Bass' office. Dr. Ida Cook suggested that the underlying theme of the memo was to determine what research was important. She questioned whether there would be an attempt to limit research. Dr. Cunningham replied that it was Dr. Bass' intent to establish lines of communication and to help faculty acquire funds, not to limit research. Dr. Cunningham asked that any faculty who experienced problems regarding the definition of research limits should contact Dr. Bass and if concerns still remained, contact the faculty senate. Dr. Altman agreed with Dr. Cunningham's interpretation of the memo.

Dr. Cunningham reported on the breakfast with Chancellor Reed and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and he remarked that the Chancellor was candid about the problems of SUS. He also said that Chancellor Reed was positive about what could be done in the future, and assured the Steering Committee that the current budget problems were only temporary. Dr. Cunningham announced that the Faculty Forum will be meeting with the Chancellor's representatives next month, and that faculty who have concerns should make them known to him or to Dr. Rosie Joels, who will also be attending the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dr. Cunningham announced that the UCF/Alumni Trust Fellowship Scholarships would be held at Altamonte Mall on October 14, 1990. He encouraged all to attend. Dr. Cunningham announced that Marty Wanielista has agreed to continue as the Faculty Senate representative on the UCF/Central Florida Research Park Joint Use Agreement Committee through the 1990-1991 academic year.

Dr. Cunningham announced that there would be a reception for the Faculty Senate on November 16, 1990, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., in the President's Dining Room. During the reception all previous Faculty Senate Chairs will be recognized. Ms. Irene Butler, Dr. Phillip Taylor and Dr. Glenn Cunningham are the coordinators.

President Altman shared his perceptions of Chancellor Reed's visit to the UCF campus. He told the Faculty Senate that the Chancellor was quite impressed with UCF. In further remarks, President Altman said that he remained very positive, and appreciated the faculty's help in keeping the budget cuts under control. He said that 3.3 percent, or about \$2.2 million in cuts will probably be announced next week, but that flexibility in budgeting had been achieved. There may also be additional cuts in January or February, perhaps in the range of 2%. President Altman suggested that the greatest impact will occur in the reduced number of courses to be offered during spring and summer. With regard to campus construction plans, President Altman announced that parking in Pegasus Circle will be closed in the next few weeks due to construction. According to the Master Plan, construction of more parking lots will take place on both sides of the mall area. In addition, the road leading to the arena will be made into four lanes. President Altman also announced that due to delays, the dorm project should now be completed by Summer 1992. At that time the new dorms will have a "soft opening," with full occupancy scheduled for the Fall semester of 1992. The date for the student union ground-breaking has yet to be determined.

Dr. Mark Stern asked President Altman how the issue of flexibility might affect the university. In particular, he asked if flexibility included cutting back on the number of community college students admitted. President Altman replied that the administration was looking at viable alternatives for limiting access, but that UCF was required by law to accept all community college students who applied for admission.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Biraimah, Secretary
Faculty Senate