

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Nancy Klintworth, Secretary - Faculty Senate

RE: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting, October 5, 1989

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Rosie Joels at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes of the September 7, 1989 meeting were approved.

Guests included: President Altman, Arts and Sciences Assistant Dean Kathryn Seidel, representatives of the University of Central Florida Future, and members of the Orientation Team. Dr. Altman spoke of the recent gift from Sun Bank to establish an endowed chair in Banking and told of an article to appear in U. S. News & World Report which ranked UCF 11th in the Southeast. Dr. Altman also informed Senate members of \$7m that will be put toward the construction of the new Student Union, along with \$4m already available. This will enable construction of the full project to take place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSIONS & STANDARDS: Dr. Karri Williams reported that the committee is in the process of drafting a resolution to address the problem of students receiving Incomplete grades when grades are turned in late. Other topics under discussion include deadlines for the submission of summer grades, grievance procedures, timing of new student orientation, dropouts and transfers.

BUDGET: Dr. John Schell reported that the committee met with Dr. Bolte to discuss financing by the legislature. A meeting with Dr. Astro is scheduled.

CURRICULUM: Dr. Barbara Judkins has replaced Dr. Edwards as Chair. Dr. Judkins requested that members of the committee meet after today's Senate meeting.

INSTRUCTION: Dr. Djehane Hosni reported that the committee has met once to discuss academics.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Duane Davis reported that the committee is evaluating several problems including (1) criteria employed in awarding Professor Emeritus status; (2) improving the formulae for promotion and tenure; (3) Departmental Chair accountability for faculty evaluations; (4) getting information to the faculty regarding health and other benefits; (5) the limited resources available for faculty travel; (6) adjuncts sitting on policy-setting committees within the colleges.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Joels reported that there were two resolutions from the Steering Committee.

RESOLUTION 1989-90-1

Discussion of the proposed resolution followed. Questions were raised about the necessity of resolution 89-90-1 since state law already required University compliance with capacities as established by the Fire Marshall. Several persons stated that state law did not appear to have much impact since these capacities are routinely violated. A question was raised on

whether previous class drop patterns could be used to determine potential class enrollment for purposes of issuing overrides. Dr. Bush informed Senate members that drop/add policy is set by the University and students are only able to obtain class overrides through the individual colleges and departments. A motion was approved to amend the resolution by substituting the phrase "in attendance" for "enrolled." Resolution 1989-90-1 passed on a vote of 25-14, as follows:

No class section shall have more students in attendance than the assigned classroom's legal capacity as designated by the Fire Marshall.

RESOLUTION 1989-90-2

A motion was made, seconded and passed that discussion be limited to fifteen minutes. A clarification of the phrase "orientation of new undergraduate students" was requested. Dr. Modani responded that the intended focus of the resolution was the academic, as opposed to social, aspect of orientation. Dr. Modani further stated that what motivated the resolution was a perspective held by many faculty members that academic advisement was taking a second seat to social advisement in the orientation process. Dr. Seidel recommended that academic advisement should come under the control of Undergraduate Studies, but that the Orientation Team should stay within Student Affairs. An amendment was approved to replace the word orientation with peer advisement. Dr. Tubbs, Vice President of Student Affairs, addressed the issue by stating that students participating as Peer Advisors are selected by College faculties and that they then work under an advisor. As amended the resolution reads:

Peer advisement of new undergraduate students shall be the responsibility and under the control of Undergraduate Studies, in order that more emphasis be placed on the academic rather than the social aspects of campus life.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

Dr. Joels stated that there were two items remaining for discussion.

1. **Admission Process.** Dr. Astro stated that the issue was the increase in student enrollment to over 20,000 and attributed the increase in enrollment to increases in (a) the number of transfer students; (b) graduate student admissions and; (c) higher post-baccalaureate enrollees. Another major factor is readmission of students who were not enrolled in the previous semester. Dr. Bush, Registrar, informed attendees that the admission requirements for incoming freshmen had been raised, but that there was no way to deny admission to AA transfers. Dr. Cook asked if the prediction model as to transfer students has or should be changed. Dr. Astro responded that a number of things occurred simultaneously resulting in the sudden increase in enrollment. He emphasized, however, that increased enrollment is positive in that it indicates an increasing student desire to attend UCF.

2. **Bulldozing of Student Project.** Dr. Joels inquired about a report that a graduate student's research project, which was located in a protected area, was bulldozed to make room for additional parking. State protected animals were buried during the clearing. Dr. Henry Whittier, Biological Sciences and Director of the Arboretum, related that attempts had been made to preserve part of the campus in its natural state. Five years ago a parcel was set aside for preservation, but this designated preserve was never recorded on the master plan. He stressed that communication needs to be improved. It was suggested that to prevent similar occurrences in the future a Faculty Environmental Committee be consulted before bulldozing and/or construction can occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.