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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: October 26, 1994
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of October 6, 1994
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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of Senate meeting on September 8, 1994 were approved. Guests present included: Dr. Diane Jacobs, Dr. Tom Huddleston, and Ms. Anne Marie Allison. Dr. Modani welcomed the guests and introduced Dr. Jacobs to the Senate. Dr. Jacobs appreciated the opportunity to be at the Senate meeting and said that she looked forward to working with the Senate on matters dealing with graduate studies and research.

Dr. Modani welcomed two new members: Dr. Martha Bell (1994-95) and Dr. William Bozeman (1994-95).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. John Dietz, Chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee has met and developed a list of topics for consideration. A resolution from the committee dealing with class scheduling will be presented under new business.

Dr. Richard Tucker, Chair of the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee, reported the approval of three graduate programs: M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Optical Sciences and Engineering and Ph. D. program in Clinical Psychology. The committee is also looking at other issues such as the concept of Graduate School, funding for graduate programs, and general procedures for graduate studies.

Dr. Duane Davis, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that he has received information from Academic Affairs on administrative reviews, annual tenure appraisal process, college policies on five year department chair review, and tenure criteria at other SUS institutions. The committee will be looking at these issues at their next meeting. Also, the process for the five year review of administrators is being initiated. Dean Richard Huseman, Dean Belinda McCarthy, Dean Edward Sheridan, Dr. Essam Radwan, Dr. Robert Gennaro, and Dr. Mark Johnson are to be reviewed this year. The committee will also be looking at a suggestion to lengthen the term of members on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Dr. Walter Johnson, Chair of the Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee, reported that his committee has met and are in the process of reviewing the budget for 1994-95.

Dr. Modani asked the senators from the College of Education to remain after the Senate meeting to elect their representative to the Steering Committee to replace Dr. Murray who has resigned from the Senate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani asked Dr. Dietz to introduce Resolution 1994-1995-1.

RESOLUTION 1994-1995-1

WHEREAS:

- (1) Enrollment growth at the University of Central Florida has greatly increased demands on classroom facilities, and
- (2) Construction of new classroom facilities has not kept pace with increases in student enrollment, and
- (3) Current course scheduling practices throughout the university may not

promote efficient use of limited classroom facilities, particularly with respect to full utilization of facilities on Fridays and schedule conflicts resulting from differing course slots across colleges,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Central Florida restructure the present class schedule starting with the Fall 1995 semester to achieve greater efficiency of classroom use, including an expanded class day (Monday through Friday) and consistency of schedules across colleges. Details of the revised schedule shall be developed by the Administration with opportunities for input and review by the Colleges and Departments. Preservation of a weekly time slot with no classes scheduled is necessary to accommodate campus-wide meetings.

Dr. Dietz explained that there is a shortage of classroom space on campus. Starting classes at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday would permit adding one more class on these days and result in more efficient usage of classroom space. This would also reduce traffic congestion at the beginning of these days. Also, standardization of time slots for class offerings would increase usage efficiency. Dr. Modani remarked that starting classes early would require some of the support facilities such as department offices, Instructional Resources, library, cafeteria, Creative School also to be accessible early. Provost Whitehouse responded that if this resolution is adopted, his office would work on these issues.

In the discussion on the resolution, concern was expressed about restricting colleges in their scheduling. It was pointed out that the resolution asks for input and review by departments and colleges. Dr. Cook moved to amend the resolution by adding "and alternate days" after the words "Monday through Friday". This was seconded by Dr. Lawther. In response to a concern, Dr. Modani stated that no faculty should be forced to teach on Saturdays. After some discussion, the amendment was approved with one dissenting vote.

In response to a question, Provost Whitehouse stated that UCF has the highest classroom usage in the SUS and is looking at innovative ways to find more classroom space. Some additional classroom space may become available in the arena and there is a possibility to acquire some space in the Research Park.

The amended resolution was adopted without dissent.

Dr. Modani urged the chairs of committees to expedite sending resolutions to the Senate office.

Dr. Cook asked about problems with the new computer model for scheduling classes. Dr. Modani asked Dr. Huddleston to respond. He replied that the model seeks to optimize classroom usage based on several characteristics. He admitted that there were some problems with the initial use of the model, but assured that most of these are being worked out and there should be very few, if any, problems in future.

Dr. Modani reported that he is serving on the Differential Tuition Committee composed of six students, six faculty/administrators, and a student chair. The maximum increase in the matriculation fee part of tuition would be 5 percent for the Fall 1995 semester and 10 percent for the 1994-95 year. The maximum increase, if adopted, would generate approximately \$2 million and these additional revenues must be used for achieving accountability goals and for reducing the time necessary for graduation. The committee has met three times and is considering several possible uses for the additional revenues. The possible uses are likely to include: increased summer offerings, increased SARC and other tutoring activities, classroom upgrades, and increasing student access to computers on campus. The committee plans to make recommendations to President Hitt by October 25, 1994. UCF recommendations are due in the BOR office by November 1, 1994.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.