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TO: ALL FACULTY
FROM: DR. JEFFREY CORNETT, SECRETARY
FACULTY SENATE
DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 1992
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 1992

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn N. Cunningham, Chair, at 4:05 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of April 9, 1992 were approved. Dr. Cunningham announced that Dr. Llewellyn will be on sabbatical and Dr. Sepelveda will be on off campus assignment during the fall semester.

Dr. Cunningham introduced the visitors: President Hitt, Dr. Frank Juge, Dean Mary Palmer, Dean Sheridan, Dr. Stuart Lili, Dr. Holsenbeck, Mrs. Anne Marie Allison (Library) and David Finnerty (UCF Report.)

Dr. Cunningham reminded Faculty Senate members that in case of an absence, senators may send an observer to participate in discussion, but the observer cannot vote.

Dr. Cunningham requested that all Faculty Senate members send a small picture with their name on it to the Faculty Senate office, Room CH 117. This will facilitate name recognition at meetings. Dr. Cunningham welcomed the senators and stated that he recognized they were being asked to do more with no improvement in funds, but hoped that we could all look to the future and see improvement in the fiscal situation.

He requested that the Steering Committee meet immediately following adjournment of the Faculty Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

During the summer, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate worked on the committee assignments according to the constitution structure. Dr. Juge was then asked to address the senate and state why the Promotion and Tenure Committee could not be changed this year. Dr. Frank Juge explained that to implement this change, it required a rule change which must go to the Department of Administration before it can be implemented but that this should be in place for August 1993. Dr. Cunningham reported that the University Promotion and Tenure Committee for 1992-1993 will be selected from the college committees as in 1991-1992 and that all members must be tenured associate or full professors.

Dr. Cunningham and Dr. Naval Modani discussed the process for selection of members for the reporting and standing committees. All senators were polled and asked to indicate committee preferences. In addition, input from administrators was sought where appropriate. An attempt was made to match faculty interests and talents with the committee assignments where possible, and in most instances faculty were granted their first choice. When this was not possible, Dr. Modani apologized to the senators and related that it was often due to the faculty member's ineligibility for the slot because of rank and tenure considerations. He thanked the senators for their patience and suggested that notification of assignments would be sent in approximately ten days.

Dr. Lillie, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, was asked to keep current committees working with his office in place until October when the new committees would begin operation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A) The Provost Search Committee has been established with representation from all colleges. The membership list has been sent to colleges. Dr. Ronnie Clayton has been named the chair. The Chronicle advertisement has been sent and the review of applications will begin October 15th. Dr. Hitt stated that he wanted the process to be orderly to give the university community appropriate time for this important task and still have the new Provost in place as soon as possible.

B) Dr. Cunningham announced that President Hitt's inauguration will be November 19th. The timing of the inauguration is coordinated with the Board of Regent's meeting held concurrently. As a result, time and money will be saved. Dr. Cunningham expressed appreciation for this cost saving measure. He also thanked Dr. Lee Armstrong for serving as overall chair of the inaugural activities and Dr. Les Ellis for coordinating the inaugural day events. They will be assisted by Dr. Holsenbeck and Dr. McGinnis.

C) Dr. Cunningham stated that the GEP review will begin during the fall and more information on this process will be presented at the next senate meeting.

D) Dr. Cunningham asked Dr. Hitt to comment on the budget and enrollment issues. Dr. Hitt stated that his first priority was to get raises for faculty and staff. He highlighted the progress that the faculty and staff are making even in difficult times. He discussed the funding formula and its implications for UCF, emphasizing that because our enrollment was held level, no economic rewards were received. He stated that the Chancellor realizes that UCF is inadequately funded. Dr. Hitt suggested that UCF has an advocacy problem and that we need to work diligently to gain the support of key individuals. He also acknowledged the efforts of Drs. Astro, Bolte, Coleman, and Juge that yielded some last minute funds.

Dr. Hitt stated that over one hundred more sections were offered this fall so that UCF would not have to send money back for underenrollment. He listed three compelling facts that led to this effort: 1) we must shake the "you can't finish" image and offer appropriate classes for the students we already have; 2) we must resume a manageable pattern of growth; and 3) we cannot have a repeat of having to send money back to enrollment corridor deficits. He pledged that we will offer more courses in the spring as well. Dr. Hitt thanked administration, faculty, and staff for their efforts this fall in increasing the number of sections and in teaching classes that are somewhat larger.

Dr. Hitt responded to questions related to the budget, the impact of the hurricane, and the Provost search.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary