

**University of Central Florida**  
**Faculty Senate Executive Steering Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2001**

Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair, called the Faculty Senate Executive Steering Committee to order at 4:08 p.m. Minutes of the August 16, 2001 were unanimously approved with one correction. Dr. Naval Modani is not on the parking committee.

Present: Drs. Diane Wink, Rufus Barfield, Glenn Cunningham, Keith Koons, Martha Marinara, Naval Modani, Cynthia Hutchinson, Ahmad Elshennawy, Ola Nnadi, Carol Bast, and Provost Gary Whitehouse.

Absent: Drs. Stephen Goodman and Ida Cook

Guests: Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Whitehouse announced that because of the tragedy of the World Trade Center, a National Day of Mourning would be September 13, 2001 with a national prayer at noon in the UCF Student Union. Provost Whitehouse stated that Dean Seidel had suggested that FCTL (Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning) develop a program to help faculty deal with discussions and student issues.

Resource persons to contact:

Bill Gaudelli, (Instructional Programs, College of Education) was suggested as a resource person.

Mike Robinson (Counseling Education, College of Education.)

Tracey Deitz, (Sociology/Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences)

Earl Wright II, (Sociology/Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences)

Students' reactions to the airline bombings were discussed. Muslim Student Association placed calming signs across campus.

It was stated that President Hitt had announced UCF would remain open for the duration of the day, but the decision to close the SUS was made by the State.

Dr. Mullens announced that Speaker Feeney has several other commitments and has declined our invitation to speak to Faculty Senate this fall.

Dr. Mullens also announced that Dr. Naval Modani has accepted the offer to hold the title of Faculty Senate Parliamentarian. Thank you, Dr. Modani, and "Congratulations."

### UCF TIP for 2001-2002

The document is expected to remain the same as last year. Dr. Modani will work on drafting the document next week and forward by electronic mail to the Steering Committee for their approval. Portfolios are due the first week of spring semester. Eligibility is every five years. Approximately \$250,000 to distribute among 40 new awards plus awards for recycles. The number of awards will remain the same as last year, approximately 15 awards for UCF. RIA also funded at the same levels as last year. There are 100 new lines funded for spring semester. The college budgets have been distributed.

Dr. Mullens stated that funding of the Pegasus model is high at 90% and there is hope to make it higher. This will impact departments positively. Some colleges are hearing there will be shortfalls. This subject was discussed with the college deans yesterday. It was stated that UCF funding and enrollment have been very high. Enrollment money can be used in the way the university feels is best. UCF received more money for this year than was requested.

Dr. Whitehouse was asked if cutbacks are expected. He responded that some money has been held back, approximately 5% that they hope to return. There is concern in regard to the recent terrorism of September 11 and the state budget. At present, the budget for UCF is not a bleak situation, assuming that the state economy stays healthy.

Dr. Mullens reported that there are 18 "tenure with hire" Professors and Associate Professors this fall that will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the September 25 meeting. Approval notice will probably be in late fall. The role of the possibility of the Faculty Senate chair sitting on a standing committee (Education) has not been determined.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Educational Excellence Initiative**

Dr. Mullens gave a brief summary of the discussion on the Initiative at the last Faculty Senate meeting. He also gave current status of the initiative. Focus groups have ended. Language now will include voting faculty on state and local boards. The initiative is expected to move forward. A question then would be what role faculty will want to take in the process. It was suggested to continue discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Budget and Administrative – Dr. Glenn Cunningham reported that scheduled meeting was set for the following Tuesday at noon.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee – Dr. Carol Bast reported that a meeting has been scheduled for the following week on Monday, September 17, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. Items to be discussed include:

- Quality of teaching for international students in their first semester at UCF.
- Collection of data on plus/minus grading.
- Teaching evaluation of Web courses.

Graduate Council – No report, Dr. Goodman had a previous commitment and was out of town.

Personnel Committee - Dr. Elshennawy reported a meeting was scheduled for next week.

### **Fall Commencement.**

Dr. Mullens reminded the Committee that it is time to think about grand marshals and faculty representatives for fall commencement. The number of graduations has not been determined at this time. Kathy will e-mail the Steering Committee on the dates and times of each commencement, and which colleges need grand marshals and faculty representatives. Once you receive the notice, make appointments with your deans' to determine who will be given the privilege of participating at commencement. This topic will be addressed at our next Steering Committee meeting on October 11, 2001.

### **Other**

- Dr. Elshennawy offered to come to any class to help with moderation of feelings with any classes concerning the World Trade Center tragedy. General discussion of what would be best approaches to handling students concerns.
- Dr. Mullens stated that Dr. Chuck Dziuban would like to do an analysis of the evaluation data, and indicated he would like to share results thus far. He wants to address the Steering Committee first before going to the Senate. He will be invited to next Steering Committee meeting.
- Dr. Cunningham is working with Dr. John Schell's committee on a new procedure for student academic appeals versus grade appeals. This will probably change some parts of the Golden Rule. Dr. Cunningham will share the results with the Steering Committee when finalized.

### **Agenda Items for Faculty Senate**

None are known at present. It was moved and seconded to cancel the Senate of September 20, 2001. The motion was approved unanimously. This will give the Standing Committees the opportunity to organize and begin work on assignments for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.