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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: October 21, 1993
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of September 16, 1993

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Naval Modani, Chair, at 4:03 p.m. The roll was passed for signature. The minutes of Senate meeting on April 15, 1993 were approved. Guests present included: President John Hitt, Dr. Gary Whitehouse, Dr. Frank Juge, Dr. Trevor Colbourn, Dr. Stuart Lilie, Dean Richard Huseman, Dr. Kathryn Seidel, Dr. Douglas Brumbaugh, Dr. Jean Kijek, Mrs. Anne Marie Allison, Mr. Manny Rodriguez (Alumni Relations,) Mr. Tom Messina (Alumni Relations,) and Ms. Juliann Hickey (Student Government.)

Dr. Modani recognized the guests and invited President Hitt to address the Senate. President Hitt welcomed the Senate members and guests and proceeded to outline some of the recent activities at the university. He spoke of the increase in Fall 1993 student enrollment and commented that with good Spring 1994 enrollment, UCF will not have to send money back to Tallahassee. A recent student survey of students indicated increased student satisfaction.

President Hitt reported on the purchase of land from the Research Park. This would provide UCF with needed land and provide the Research Park additional operating funds. UCF is moving ahead with plans to compete in Division 1A football with able guidance from Athletic Director Steve Sloan. President Hitt said that he would much rather have UCF associate with schools with 1A programs. He encouraged the faculty to assist in getting more support from the community.

President Hitt mentioned of a recent fund raising effort by an employee of AT&T who is an UCF alumnus. This project involved contributions by several AT&T employees and matching funds by AT&T resulting in substantial support for UCF. This indicates an appreciation for our academic programs. The marketing plan for UCF recommended by a task force would have four main points: tell our constituents more about UCF, improve enrollment management, push capital campaign, and stress athletic programs. He reported that Tom Huddleston would serve as the Associate VP of Academic Affairs and Director of Enrollment Management. This would allow us to recruit and retain top quality in state and out of state students. He also reported that Dennis Eloë would serve as the Associate VP for University relations and President of UCF Foundation. This would assist us in fund raising efforts including the capital campaign to be launched soon. Commenting on the TQM program, President Hitt mentioned that it will undertake several projects this year. He stressed the importance of affirmative action and the need for diversity in the student body, staff and faculty.

The funding situation for SUS and for UCF was discussed. President Hitt commented on a recent review of funding. Two universities, UF and FSU receive about 116 percent of the nine campus average, six universities (excluding UCF) receive about 93 percent, and UCF receives only 80 percent. This data was recently presented to the BOR with the consent of Chancellor Reed. The BOR is now more aware of the extent of underfunding for UCF. President Hitt is serving on a committee concerned with funding and any solution would put UCF in a better situation than the current situation. Our increased enrollment this year should help us in getting more funding. President Hitt thanked Dr. Trevor Colbourn, Mrs. Joan Ruffier and others who have worked hard in the past to make the funding for UCF more equitable. A better economic situation for the state would expedite UCF getting more equitable funding.

The SACS accreditation process is progressing. President Hitt is continuing with his discussion lunches with faculty and students. UCF is making progress in using technology to improve classroom instruction. He referred to a recent Senate resolution recommending use of technology in classrooms and said that the resolution is being implemented. President Hitt is serving on a SUS committee on distance learning. He also commented on the participation of UCF in the discussions regarding use of the space to be vacated by the Naval Training Center. He stressed the importance of producing more Ph.D graduates so that UCF can move up in the Carnegie classification of universities.

Dr. Modani thanked President Hitt for his comments and remarked that UCF is fortunate to have a dedicated group of faculty. The recent growth in enrollment would not be possible without the efforts of faculty, staff and administrators. The new FTIC and junior college transfer students are of better quality as indicated by their GPA and SAT scores.

Dr. Modani invited Provost Whitehouse to address the Senate. Dr. Whitehouse agreed that UCF has a special faculty that pull together. He was appreciative of the input from the Senate Steering Committee on various issues and would continue to call on them for consultation and advice. He spoke of working with the Senate Steering Committee throughout the summer to develop the Undergraduate Teaching Incentive Program. He commented on the UCF plan as being more inclusive than other plans. This plan, however, had to meet the guidelines from the BOR and the legislative language. He gave a report on a recent open session for faculty to discuss this program and said that several good questions were raised. He announced that another such open session was scheduled for October 5, 1993. He also commented on the pending suit against the program.

Dr. Whitehouse reported that he has formed several action groups to look at issues in the areas such as enrollment management, classroom space, and interface of Academic Affairs with Finance and Accounting. The addition of Tom Huddleston as the Director of Enrollment Management is a positive step. Dr. Whitehouse has visited with several units on campus and plans to visit with the remaining units in the near future. A monthly newsletter from his office would provide information and keep faculty informed on various issues. He reported that Dr. Mary Palmer would serve as the Dean of College of Education and the search for VP Research is continuing.

Mr. Tom Messina was introduced. He informed the Senate about events of the Homecoming week, asked for the support of faculty, and encouraged them to attend Homecoming activities. He also stated that alumni clubs and chapters are being formed outside Florida. Ms. Juliann Hickey, Director of Academic Affairs for the Student Government, was introduced. She is the liaison from the Student Government to the faculty and informed the Senate that her office is working this year to help with academic advisement. She encouraged the faculty to participate in the Student Government's project of compiling a course guide for students.

Dr. Modani expressed his appreciation for all the support and cooperation he has received from faculty. He stressed the importance of faculty working together and participating in committees to enhance the Senate goal of faculty governance. He announced the interview schedule for the remaining candidates for VP Research and encouraged the members to attend these sessions. He also announced that the Faculty Assembly is scheduled for October 12, 1993.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Modani narrated the response from the administration to the Senate resolutions for the year 1992-93. He then reported on the four Standing Committees of the Senate as follows: (1) Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee - Dr. Robert Flick was elected chair and Dr. Larry Holt was elected vice chair. Dr. Lex Wood is the liaison from the Steering Committee. Dr. Holt would chair the Undergraduate Course Review Committee. (2) Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee - Dr. Jeff

Cornett was elected chair and Dr. Steve Goodman was elected vice chair. Dr. Brian Petrasko is the liaison from the Steering Committee. Dr. Goodman would chair the Graduate Council. (3) Personnel Committee - Dr. Gordon Paul was elected chair. Dr. Ida Cook is the liaison from the Steering Committee. (4) Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee - Dr. Walter Johnson was elected chair. Dr. Jose Sepulveda is the liaison from the Steering Committee.

Work on Reporting Committees is progressing slowly. There are 15 Reporting Committees and six of these have been constituted. The remaining committees should be constituted shortly. The GEP Committee chaired by Dean Sheridan is meeting every week. There is an Oversight Committee for the Undergraduate Teaching Incentive Program. This committee would be advisory to Dr. Whitehouse and would hear faculty appeals on data used for determining eligibility or productivity and would review allocation of awards to colleges. Under no circumstances would this committee consider appeals of college selection committees' recommendations.

In response to a question from the floor, Dr. Modani responded that the Traffic and Parking Committee is not a reporting committee but the faculty members of this committee are appointed in consultation with the Senate Chair. Another member raised the question of faculty parking for night classes. The faculty lots are released for student parking at 5:00 p.m. and some faculty have difficulty in finding parking for their 7:00 p. m. classes. Dr. Cook responded that this question may come before the Personnel Committee this year. In response to a question whether any committee was looking into UCF's effort to move up in the Carnegie classification of universities, Dr. Juge said that this was suggested by the Strategic Planning Council and the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee would look at it. Dr. Cornett added that his committee has already requested a meeting with the administration on this topic.

After some additional discussion on the Undergraduate Teaching Incentive Program, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.