

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 19, 1991**

Chair, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. All members were present. Provost Astro and Dr. Frank Juge were also in attendance. Minutes of the meeting of August 22, 1991 were amended to include the revised time of September 24 at 4:00 p.m. for the General Assembly Meeting of the Faculty. The minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Cunningham directed the committee's attention to a packet containing readings for the next steering committee meeting. These include the following: Draft revision #2, Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee; Draft revision #1, Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee; and Draft revision, Research Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Cunningham stated that he was accepting recommendations for two Grand Marshals and 2 Faculty Senate representatives for the two December 1991 commencement ceremonies. Suggestions offered were Dr. Paul Wehr, Dr. Jerrell Shofner; Dr. Armando Payas, and Dr. Wallace Reiff. Any additional recommendations should be forwarded to Irene Butler.

Dr. Cunningham invited the committee to read Dean Huseman's memorandum on the Assessment of Students and Final Examination Policy. Dr. Cunningham stated that approximately ten years ago the same issue of honoring the final examination period was addressed. Dr. Philip Taylor indicated that professionalism cannot be legislated. Dr. Bruce Pauley stated that if a faculty member did not honor the final examination period he/she should explain to the chair why. He also suggested that in some instances, such as graduate seminars, the final examination might not be given. Dr. Cunningham will meet with the Instruction Committee and explain the past history of the issue and ask them to consider revisiting this issue. Dr. Terri Fine indicated that the memorandum contained three issues and asked for clarification regarding which one or ones were going to be addressed. Dr. Frank Juge stated that issue was not initiated by the central administration but was initiated by Dean Huseman. Dr. Robert Flick asked if the issue was a question of final exams being given or about meeting with students the final examination week. Dr. Cunningham indicated both.

Dr. Cunningham reminded the committee about President Bryan's request that the Senate revisit the general education program and the foreign language requirement. Dr. Pauley stated he had talked with foreign language faculty and that some students avoid taking these courses until the last minute. Dr. Taylor suggested that the Curriculum Committee be charged to consider foreign language as a priority issue. Dr. Rosie Joels reminded the committee about the criticisms of higher education and the lack of rigor in general education, and the importance of foreign language in the education of our students. Dr. Taylor suggested that separate subcommittees could address the

general education component and foreign language concerns. Dr. Cunningham stated that the foreign language requirement originally had as one of its goals a cultural foundation focus, and this is still an important goal. He asked liaisons to meet and prod committees to get to work on these and other pressing issues. Dr. Pauley asked Dr. Cunningham to have the committee set time goals for resolving issues. The issues of faculty load, service, and lack of encouragement for service to the Senate was discussed again.

Dr. Cunningham introduced Student Body President Jason Di Bona's memorandum comparing product costs from the Campus Office Supply with Office Depot. The question of why our personnel should pay more to buy supplies on campus was raised. Dr. Fine stated that the mathematics in DiBona's memorandum was incorrect and that it should not serve as the basis for future deliberations until corrected. Dr. Cunningham stated that he would ask the Instruction Committee to investigate the comparative cost issue. Dr. Donald Malocha requested that computer store prices be examined as well.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the amount of money going into instruction was decreasing. He asked if the same decrease was occurring in administrative expenditures. Dr. Richard Astro indicated the complexity of the issue. For example, he stated that he and Dr. Lily have picked up more work and pointed to the leanness of the Provost's staff. Dr. Gupton suggested that both academic and business budgets be examined carefully. Dr. Joels indicated that many faculty are not teaching and that this issue should be investigated. Dr. Astro stated that he and Dr. Juge had taken action to see that this is stopped. Activity reports for fall semester will be scrutinized and asked that he be given until the end of the semester to pursue this issue. Dr. Joels asked for an administrative organizational chart which included the Dean's level with the budgets and expenses of those positions. Dr. Juge will provide this information.

Dr. Astro discussed current deliberations regarding the academic home of the Hospitality Management program. Dr. Cornett asked if the implications were being addressed of changing college homes for those about to be reviewed for tenure and promotion. Drs. Astro and Juge indicated that this issue was a significant part of the discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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