

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 21, 1989

Chair, Dr. Rosie Joels called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

All members were present, with the exception of Dr. I. Cook, Dr. D. Davis, Dr. N. McLain, and Dr. Y. Hosni. University Provost Dr. Richard Astro was also in attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Classroom Overcrowding

Dr. P. Taylor reported that the continuing problem of registering students in excess of classroom limited capacity as established by the Fire Marshall poses a serious problem. The following resolution was made by Dr. M. Stern and seconded by Dr. K. Barsch:

RESOLUTION 1989-1990-1

No class section shall have more students enrolled than the assigned classroom's legal capacity as designated by the Fire Marshall.

The resolution passed unanimously.

2. High Student Enrollment

The discussion next focused on student enrollment in excess of what was anticipated. Dr. M. Stern reported that admissions were reopened after they had been closed. Dr. Astro was asked who bore responsibility for the reopening. Dr. Astro responded that nobody will admit to the reopening of registration, except as it pertains to post baccalaureate students. Dr. Stern requested that Dr. Astro obtain a report from Dr. J. Bush regarding the reopening of registration. Dr. Astro said he would do so. Dr. Stern also suggested that Dr. Bush appear before the Faculty Senate and explain what occurred during the recent admissions and enrollment process.

It was also noted that post baccalaureate students can register for graduate courses without qualifying for graduate study. Unqualified students in graduate classes impact negatively on the teaching of those courses and contribute to classroom overcrowding. It was mentioned that the Graduate Council has passed a resolution dealing with this issue. A suggestion was made that the chair of the Graduate Council appear at a future Faculty Senate meeting to assist in a discussion of this problem.

Dr. L. Malone also noted that during the Fall, 1989 registration period drop/add ended before all classes had met.

3. New Student Advisement

The matter of new student advisement was discussed. Dr. M. Stern stated that currently new student advisement is

largely in the hands of student organizations such as the Orientation Team and Peer Advisement. These student groups frequently stress social rather than academic advisement. Further, new students are often advised to take only 12 credit hours initially. Dr. Joels questioned why peer advisors are making judgments regarding course levels and faculty qualifications.

Dr. Astro reported that a proposal has been submitted for an Advisement and Teacher Awards grant of over \$600,000. If this grant is obtained it will provide funding for advisement.

Dr. N. Modani proposed the following resolution, which was seconded:

RESOLUTION 1989-1990-2

Orientation of new students shall be the responsibility and under the control of Undergraduate Studies, in order that more emphasis be placed on the academic rather than the social aspects of campus life.

4. Number of Classes Taught by Adjuncts

Dr. K. Barsch noted that in some instances adjuncts were teaching as many as seven classes. Dr. Astro stated that he was not aware of this. Dr. Astro also remarked that this was prohibited and he requested a list of adjuncts names and excess classes taught.

5. Graduate Admissions

Dr. L. Malone stated that a problem exists in relation to graduate admissions. Some applications and inquiries are sent directly to the colleges where admission is sought. However, in other instances the applications and inquiries are sent to offices in Administration where they may or may not be forwarded to the colleges in a timely manner. The possibility of centralization was discussed. Dr. Joels recommended that this issue be deferred to the Admissions and Standards Committee.

6. Student Life Committee

Dr. K. Barsch asked whether a Faculty Senate Student Life Committee still existed. Such a committee could assist students with problems such as being ticketed for jaywalking, etc. Dr. Joels recommended that an Ad Hoc Student Life Committee be reactivated, with Dr. Barsch as chair. Other committee members will include Dr. I. Cook and Dr. L. Malone.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy P. Klintworth, Secretary
UCF Faculty Senate