

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
of
September 21, 2000

Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of August 24, 2000 were unanimously approved. Guests: Joel Hartman, John Schell, and Scott Powers, reporter for the Orlando Sentinel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Mullens announced that the Orlando Sentinel had an article in Thursday's newspaper regarding the expansion of UCF. It stated that UCF should grow faster than any other Florida public university during the next five years. The plans for UCF call for the University to add 6,303 full-time student slots by the 2005-06 school year. We should have a student enrollment of over 43,000 by the year 2006. If UCF had that many students today, it would make UCF the fifth largest university in the United States.

Dr. M.J. Soileau has stated that there has been four times more research proposals sent out this year when compared to last year. The net total dollars proposed is 21 times more than what it was last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Administrative – Dr. Pamela Roush, Interim Chair, reported that the first meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in BA 230, Dean's conference room.

Graduate Council – Dr. Elizabeth Mustaine, Vice Chair, reported that Dr. Stephen Goodman, Chair, submitted this report of the Graduate Council activities for the Faculty Senate.

At the first meeting held on August 31, 2000, the committee elected chairs for the three subcommittees as follows:

Policy and Procedures Subcommittee: Chair, Stephen Goodman

Course Review and New Programs Subcommittee: Chair, Elizabeth Mustaine

Appeals Subcommittee: Chair, Jeff Harrison

The bulk of the Graduate Council work is accomplished through these subcommittees.

- The Policy and Procedures subcommittee met once and began prioritizing agenda items for the year. Among the issues being looked at are: 1) what the policy should be for minimum dissertation hours, i.e., whether there should be a uniform, university-wide policy on minimum dissertation hours or discretion within programs, colleges. 2) What the policy should be regarding adjunct, joint, and other forms of faculty appointment to dissertation committees, and related committee issues. 3) Whether there should be a policy for excluding (dismissing) non-degree, post-bac students who display poor academic performance. 4) A review of graduate education funding.

- Course Review and New Programs subcommittee has met twice and has approved a proposal for a Ph.D. degree in Bio-molecular Sciences (interdisciplinary program among Chemistry and Biology in Arts and Sciences, and Molecular Biology/Microbiology in Health and Public Affairs), has approved a proposal for a Ph.D. degree in Texts and Technology (interdisciplinary program among English, Computer Science, Film, Music, and Visual Arts). The subcommittee has also considered a variety of graduate course action requests.
- The Appeals subcommittee became active during the summer term and acted on graduate student appeals.

Personnel - Dr. Sophia Dziegielewski, Chair, reported that the committee met on September 12, 2000. Dr. Dziegielewski stated that the committee had an agenda for their next meeting to be held on October 10, 2000 to set up subcommittees for the issues charged to their committee by the Steering Committee, such as improving computing technology and support for faculty, faculty mentoring, and parking issues.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Procedures – Dr. Ady Milman, Chair, reported that the committee discussed a revision of the UPCC proposal and revisions procedures to assist deans and chairs. These procedures are still in review.

The UPCC received a proposal for a generalist track within the B.S. Health Sciences degree from the College of Health and Public Affairs. The proposal was discussed and unanimously approved to go forward to Provost Whitehouse for his perusal and approval.

The committee is debating changes in the add-drop policy by adding one add day to the end of the add-drop period.

Dr. Milman also stated that the issue of teaching/learning and tenure was discussed. Dr. Karen Smith, Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, will be invited to the next meeting of the UPCC on October 3, 2000 for a short presentation.

TIP Revision - Dr. Modani outlined the new teaching award program. He stated that the PETE award (Program to Enhance Teaching Excellence) had been revised by the subcommittee, Drs. Naval Modani, John Schell, Diana Velez, and Diane Wink. The number of awards would be approximately 40 for the year 2000-2001. Regardless of contract length, award recipients will receive a \$5,000 increase to their salary base retroactive to the start of the 2000-2001 contract. The actual dollars awarded for any given year will reflect the FTE for the year. A faculty member will be considered “eligible” for an award if all the criteria and the teaching productivity criteria are met. Dr. Modani commended Dr. Gary Whitehouse for his view of the importance of good teaching.

In any given academic year, if any recipients of PETE awards leave University employment, these awards will remain within their respective colleges for “recycling” as additional PETE awards for the following academic year. If a TIP recipient leaves the university, that money will also be ‘recycled’. Tentative schedule calls for open informational meetings with the Provost October 11th and 12th. Concern raised that once the program becomes self-sustaining, some colleges that are now small but later grow may not have a proportionate number of awards to number of faculty. Concern about using “PETE” as acronym for program title has been raised as possibly gender biased. Senate members in attendance were in favor of the current name. The final decision on the program name will be left to Provost Whitehouse.

Research Recognition Program - Dr. Glenn Cunningham reported on Research Recognition Program, which will be discussed at the next steering committee meeting. Projected to be in place for Spring 2001.

Network Resources Presentation by Mr. Joel Hartman

Dr. Mullens introduced Mr. Joel Hartman, Vice Provost for Information Technology and Resources. Mr. Hartman discussed the many improvements in information technology on campus. He stated that UCF provides free Internet access for faculty, staff, and students. All dorm rooms are wired with Internet connections. The server on campus has been upgraded for 30,000 users. They have added Valencia west with interactive delivery. There are many more students taking courses through Web services. The UCF library has approximately 3000 electronic journals. The new classroom CL1 has wireless notebook access (as do twelve other buildings), and is home to the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of Instructional Resources. Mr. Hartman stated that on September 22, 2000, a multimedia classroom day would be held in CL1 as an open house for all faculty, staff, and students.

There has been a telephone system upgrade adding 1600 lines to the phone system. Eighty percent of students are now registering through the Web. PeopleSoft is being implemented. Admissions went live last October. Human Resources Payroll will be up in January 2001 with training in October. Student records should be up in March or April. In general there is more on line access to campus services. Polaris continues to grow and will add services. Most students now use it (not the phone) to register. Looking to put reference librarians on the network that can be contacted 24 hours a day.

Other - Dr. Mullens reminded the Senate to continue the support of the FSECC (Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign) and to remind their colleagues.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.