

Faculty Senate Meeting

September 22, 2005

Dr. Manoj Chopra, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of August 25, 2005 were unanimously approved with minor changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Dr. Chopra introduced Guests Provost Terry Hickey, Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine, Dr. John Schell, Mr. Mark Gumble (Dir. ASSA), Dr. Jamal Nayhef, Martha Marinara (QEP) and Kelley Melendez (QEP).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Special thanks to Student government for providing the refreshments for the Senate.
- BOT has approved the renaming of the Engineering III building as the Harris Corporation Engineering Center. The Harris Corporation gave the College of Engineering and Computer Science a \$3million donation which is eligible for match by the state.
- Establishment institute for research and education in Real Estate in the College of Business, followed with a 2 ½ million donation. This award is also eligible for state match.
- Team of student and faculty have been awarded the "EDUCAUSE Teaching and Learning Award for Online Program" for their work on Distributed Learning. The team should be congratulated.

Provost Report

At the BOT meeting, the resolution to establish a medical school at UCF was unanimously approved for forwarding to the BOG.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Dr .Chopra would like to thank all Standing committee members for their services and contribution to the senate.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Budget & Administrative – Dr. Charles Kelliher reported.**
The committee will meet in couple of week to discuss a list of agenda items.
- **Graduate Council – Dr. Wright – no report.**
There was a discussion of the membership of graduate council. According to the Constitution, the Chair and Vice Chair must be current senate members. The committee will need a new Chair as Dr. Wright is not a current senator. It was recommended that Dr. Wright hold the next meeting so election for a new chair can be held.
 - ⇒ **The Policy and Procedures Subcommittee (chaired by Dr. Stephen Goodman)**
No report.
 - ⇒ **The Graduate Curriculum Subcommittee (chaired by Dr. Ram Mohapatra)**
No report.
 - ⇒ **The Graduate Appeals and Awards Subcommittee (chaired by Dr. Jana Jasinski)**
No report.
- **Personnel – Dr. Jeff Kaplan reported.**
At the next scheduled meeting, the agenda item will be Faculty Travel.
- **Undergraduate Policy & Curriculum - Dr. Bob Pennington reported.**
The committee will meet on the 13th to discuss a list of agenda items and course review subcommittee items.

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Athletics and Faculty - Presentation by Mark R. Gumble

Mr. Mark Gumble the new director for Academic Services for Student Athletes, reported on Athletics. He has been at UCF for five weeks. Faculty thanked for his warm welcome. Mr. Gumble stated that he understands the importance of high graduation rates for athletes. NCAA graduation rate report will be coming out soon. He expressed his hope that UCF is successful as San Diego with 80% graduation rate. Team GPA last year was 2.96. Currently, of all 520 athletes at UCF, only one has academic ineligibility problem. Mentoring program has been begun to assist athletes improve success. He hopes to improve several areas. One goal is to develop a better relationship between athletics and faculty at UCF. Communication and relationship with faculty is a priority. An early initiative is improvement of better more timeline letters about game day absences. He encouraged the faculty to discuss any concerns and to find solutions.

Dr. Cynthia Young is new NCAA faculty representative. Dr. Young reports our NCAA certification report was the best seen for a long time. None of football team is on academic probation. Mr. Orsini will bring a facilities update at the next Senate meeting. New stadium (if approved) will have faculty blocks of seats and faculty will have choice on this. It is important that faculty do their part to prevent problems in past with forged signatures on travel forms.

Quality Enhancement Plan – Information Fluency: Presentation by Dr. Martha Marinara

QEP is in response to SACS review. An update was provided by Dr. Martha Marinara. Information Fluency is the topic selected for UCF. The team has looked at existing programs and few are at level/scope we need. There have been several focus groups. Students report they can do all we think they can do. The groups have reported the students are technology dependent but not technology literate.

Academic Learning Compacts (ALC) assessment is a part of QEP assessment. QEP initiatives will not cost departments anything. Budget is big enough to cover initiatives. Web pages on QEP have been developed with more information and are available on the UCF web pages. All notes from the development team meetings notes have been posted there as well as names of team members. The faculty can call Dr. Marinara with any questions.

OTHER

Dr. Schell

This year's initiative for connecting the University Community has "The New America" as its theme. It will have a set of lectures, common reader, class based activities in general education and other courses. A t-shirt has been distributed with the statue of liberty with sunglasses and an I-pod.

Upcoming events:

Oct 20: David Callahan, author of *The Cheating Culture*.

Nov 9: Guy Garcia., author of *The New American mainstream. Hispanic consumerism changing economics of the United States*.

ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn at 5:30pm made and seconded. Approved.