

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
of
September 23, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Dr. Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair. The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of August 26, 1999 were unanimously approved and corrected. The minutes of September 9, 1999 were also unanimously approved. Guests present: Drs. Frank Juge, Lin Huff-Corzine, Academic Affairs; Dr. David Hagan, School of Optics; Mr. Rich Gause, Library; and Mr. Andrew Cupicha, Student Body President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Cook welcomed all guests. Mr. Andrew Cupicha, UCF Student Body President, announced that the Student Body was back on its feet and working to turn things around for the benefit of the UCF student body community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Phil Taylor moved to reconsider the Faculty Constitution approved on September 9, 1999. There are additional revisions that need to be discussed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Dr. Naval Modani explained the revisions. In Section 3.10.5.1.1 Graduate Council, the membership shall consist of 19 rather than 18. One "at-large" faculty member will be added. This will allow a representative from a degree granting program. The Library "representative" will change to "Senator" from the library. These modifications were unanimously approved.

In the composition of the Faculty Assembly, Section 2.2.1, at end of sentence add: "professional librarians of comparable rank, and full-time instructors." This addition was unanimously approved. Dr. Cook stated that scrivener's errors are in process of being corrected. It was moved and seconded to approve the Constitution as revised. 42 for, 0 opposed, it was unanimously approved. The President's office will schedule the date for the Faculty Assembly to vote on the Constitution.

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Administrative - Dr. Pamela Roush reported that the committee had met once and had discussed the following issues: travel policy and interpretation, change in State's contribution to retirement, distribution of funds from concession, alterations in the bidding process for small projects and repairs, phone system (charging for telephone calls when traveling), and more timely salary payments to new faculty members.

Graduate Council - Dr. Stephen Goodman reported that the committee had 33 course action requests. The Appeals subcommittee is working on one appeal. The Policy and Procedures subcommittee is looking into the issue of what constitutes full-time status of graduate students, whether there needs to be some uniform TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) requirements across all colleges, and committee composition for dissertations (the issue of who can serve).

Personnel - Dr. Michael Mullens reported that they have elected the chair and they are in the process of setting an agenda.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum - Dr. Ana Leon reported that the committee had discussed the Admissions and Standards catalog changes, large class requirements, Research I Status and excellence in teaching, and the NC grades request from the Mathematics Department. The committee agreed to prioritize topics into three subcommittees: 1) large class requirement, 2) observance of religious holidays, and 3) the balance between Research I Status and excellence in teaching.

The following resolution was endorsed by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on September 16, 1999.

Resolution 1999-2000-1 Heart of Florida United Way

Whereas, UCF as a metropolitan university has a special relationship with the Central Florida community; and

Whereas, the Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) campaign draws wide support from the community; and

Whereas, the Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign (FSECC) includes the Heart of Florida United Way; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the faculty,

Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate endorses the FSECC and encourages its senators to work closely with the deans and chairs of their respective colleges to facilitate faculty participation.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Presentation

Dr. James McBrayer reported on the Institutional Assessment process at UCF. He explained a change that instead of each college's assessment going directly to the university committee, it first goes to a college committee for review; it is more effective and user-friendly. Last year Education and Engineering participated in the assessment process, this year the College of Arts and Sciences, and next year the College of Health and Public Affairs. He reminded the Senate that Institutional Assessment is an on-going process, which must be continually addressed each year. In response to a question about size of sample needed, he replied that 1/4 to 1/3 is acceptable unless the size of the graduate population is extremely small. A second question was asked: Can we do anything with the result of the assessment? Dr. McBrayer replied that if we can't, it's not a valid assessment, and that the results should enable better planning.

Dr. McBrayer recommended that the Senators attend the Higher Education Assessment Forum and to encourage their department faculty to get involved with the process.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.