

**FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 7, 2000**

Dr. Michael Mullens, Chair, called the Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting to order on Thursday, September 7, at 4:04 p.m. The minutes of August 17, 2000 were unanimously approved. Members present: Provost Gary Whitehouse, Drs. Ida Cook, Lee Armstrong, Phillip Taylor, Diana Velez, Naval Modani, Robert Pennington, Cynthia Hutchinson, Ahmad Elshennawy, John Leeson, and Carol Bast. Guest: Dr. John Schell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mullens recognized and congratulated Dr. Carol Bast from the College of Health and Public Affairs. Dr. Bast has been elected by her Faculty Senate peers to replace Dr. Gregory Frazer as the representative for COHPA on the Steering Committee.

Dr. Mullens announced that he had spoken with Scott Powers, a reporter for the Orlando Sentinel. Mr. Powers will meet with Dr. Mullens on Monday, September 11, 2000 to discuss student cheating, faculty salaries, faculty retirement, etc. He is interested in the Faculty Senate's opinion on these issues and how these issues affect UCF.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Administrative – A meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., location to be announced.

Graduate Council – The committee elected Dr. Stephen Goodman as chair and Dr. Elizabeth Mustaine as vice chair. Discussed two appeals.

Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum – First meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. The committee plans to elect the chair and vice chair.

Personnel – A scheduled meeting is planned for September 12, 2000 in the Computer Science conference room at 4:00 p.m. Election of the chair will be held at that time.

Program to Enhance Teaching Excellence (PETE) – Dr. Modani presented the revised draft of PETE and stated that no major changes had been made except that the number of awards will be about 40 as the \$250,000 amount includes fringe benefits. Therefore, the net amount to be provided as PETE increases will be about \$200,000. The deadline date has been changed to October 6. After a brief discussion there was a motion to endorse the draft. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. (Attached is the final draft submitted by Dr. Modani and the subcommittee.) Provost Whitehouse plans to meet with the deans to obtain their input.

Dr. Mullens reported that he had received a letter of complaint from a Graduate student regarding full time status. It was suggested that the Graduate Council handle this issue.

Dr. Mullens announced that Mr. Joel Hartman is planning a presentation at the next Faculty Senate meeting on September 21, 2000. The Faculty Senate will meet in the new Classroom Building CL1, room 212 at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.