TO: All Faculty
FROM: John C. Whitney, Secretary - Faculty Senate
RE: Minutes ... Faculty Senate Meeting, December 1, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rosie Joels at 4:03 PM.

Several visitors were asked to introduce themselves and the minutes of the October 20 meeting were approved with the exception of the wording of Resolution 88/89 - 3. The minutes of the November 3 meeting were approved as distributed.

It was moved and seconded to substitute the new version of Resolution 88/89 - 3 for that which appeared in the October 20 minutes. It was clarified during discussion that interdisciplinary programs are in current practice. It was also questioned why the administration did not recommend a proposed policy to the Senate for approval and/or recommendations. The motion passed. Thanks were expressed to Drs. Ida Cook and Mark Stern for their effort in clarifying the Resolution. (Resolution 88/89 - 3 is attached.)

Resolution 88/89 - 5, (previously distributed) regarding the make-up of Presidential Search Committees, was passed unanimously. Dr. Joels mentioned that three other SUS campuses have passed similar resolutions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMISSION AND STANDARDS - Barbara Perry reported that the committee is studying the admissions procedures for athletes, foreign students, and out-of-state students. The group will meet on December 8 at 4:00 PM in HFA 516. BUDGET - Dr. Dixon reported further meetings with Dr. Bolte and Anne Marie Allison. Another meeting is scheduled for this month. INSTRUCTION - Nanette McLain said that library problems are to be discussed with the Budget Committee and the discussions on drop/add are continuing. PERSONNEL - Dr. Paul's committee will meet tomorrow (12/2). CURRICULUM - Dr. Kathy Cook's committee will also meet tomorrow to discuss English and Honors Program curricula.

Resolution 88/89 - 6, (previously distributed) regarding disruptive behavior was held until Dr. Paul's arrival from class.

Resolution 88/89 - 7, (previously distributed) regarding the procedures for GEP changes, passed unanimously after adding "undergraduate curriculum committee" to the appropriate place in the final line.

Resolution 88/89 - 8, (previously distributed) regarding the addition of BOT 1020C, Botany to the fulfillment of one section of the GEP requirement, passed unanimously. There was a brief discussion during which a senator expressed concern about cavalier changes in the GEP and questions were raised as to the reasons for additions to the GEP. (Are we making this change because we are short of Biology faculty and/or laboratories? It was generally agreed that we are not, in this case.)
Resolution 88/89 - 9, (previously distributed) regarding the addition of ANT 3511, The Human Species to the GEP requirement, received lively discussion. There was a question regarding a possible laboratory requirement for the course and prerequisites, possibly Biology or Genetics. Dr. Chase answered that the lab could be added, but was not really necessary since this was fulfilled elsewhere in the science component. She also suggested that the course was quite different from the suggested prerequisites and felt that none would be necessary. Dr. Malone asked about listing a 3000 level course within the GEP. It was stated that, as an alternative course, it was all right. Some concern was expressed that the course numbering might be lowered to the 2000 level. The department chair stated that other SUS schools offered the course at the 3000 level. Due to an unknown scheduling conflict for use of room PH 115 beyond 5:00 PM, the Senate was forced to conclude its order of business. Discussion of Resolution 88/89 - 9 was unavoidably interrupted. There was a motion, which passed, to table the resolution. It was moved, seconded, and passed to hold other resolutions until the next meeting. Adjournment was declared at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Whitney, Secretary UCF Faculty Senate

RESOLUTION 88/89 - 3 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 12-1-88

Whereas there are faculty engaged in interdisciplinary/joint research and teaching and it is anticipated that increased interdisciplinary/joint activity will occur, it is necessary that tenure and promotion procedures reflect the unique character of such activity. It is therefore recommended that:

1. the tenure and promotion committee be drawn from the departments or units that are the focus of the faculty member's academic work. This committee shall be comprised of at least 5 and not more than 7 members elected by the tenured/tenure earning members of the respective departments. The Provost shall designate the appropriate number to be drawn from each department.

2. when the interdisciplinary area crosses college and department lines, or the line is not formally located within an academic unit, the equivalent of department and college committees shall be drawn from the focus of the faculty member's assigned responsibilities. The department committee shall be drawn as described above. The inter-, or intra-college committee shall be comprised of at least 5 and not more than 7 members who shall be selected by the respective college committees. The Provost shall designate the appropriate number to be drawn from each department and college.

3. when the department (or its equivalent) committee decision is made, a proportionately representative group of tenured faculty from the areas in which the interdisciplinary courses are taught shall be assembled to allow for a vote of tenured faculty on the committee recommendation for tenure.

4. for all future interdisciplinary/joint appointments, the faculty member's department affiliations should be specified in the initial contract. The designated affiliations shall not be modified at a later time without the consent of the affected faculty member, and publication of such changes shall be a matter of record for review by Faculty Senate representatives. All faculty who currently hold interdisciplinary/joint appointments shall have the department affiliations for promotion and tenure purposes specified in the next contract they sign with the University.