UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL F RIDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Nancy Klintworth - Faculty Senate Secretary
DATE: January 24, 1990
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting - January 11, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Rosie Webb Joels at 4:05 p.m. The roll was passed for signature by attendees of the Faculty Senate. Minutes of December 7, 1989 were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMISSIONS & STANDARDS: Dr. Karri Williams, Chair, reported that there will be a committee meeting Thursday. She stated that the committee will: 1) continue to examine procedures as outlined in the Student Handbook; 2) evaluate the dual enrollment form; and 3) consider whether a policy should be established regarding the automatic change of "I" grades to "F" after a semester or other specified time period.

BUDGET: Dr. Joels reported that Dr. Schell was in a meeting and would be here later but that the report from that committee is that a meeting has been scheduled.

CURRICULUM: Barbara Judkins announced that a meeting of the committee was scheduled for today and that they would consider Dr. Ratusnik's proposal concerning American Sign Language (ASL). A survey had been circulated regarding non-western studies and she encouraged the faculty to return their copies for compilation as soon as possible.

INSTRUCTION: Dr. Djehane Hosni reported that there was no new business to report, but a meeting of the committee is scheduled for today.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Davis reported that this committee is currently considering the following 3 issues: 1) selection and evaluation of chairs; 2) revision of form AA-18 form, with a view towards streamlining the process; and 3) professorships. He asked his committee to stay and meet today.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 1989-1990 - 6
Proposed by the Instruction Committee

It is recommended to designate the Library as the principal source to hold, catalog, and make available audiovisual materials for circulation inside and outside of the Library.

Dr. D. Hosni, whose committee introduced the resolution, explained that its purpose was to facilitate cataloging and to provide greater access of audiovisual materials.

Concern was expressed that this resolution would result in private collections being removed from colleges. It was also asked how long films, videos, etc. could be checked out and what controls would exist for the removal of materials. Dr. Flick stated that funds needed to be allocated to purchase additional AV materials and to replace those which had become worn out.

Dr. Stern commented that at many universities AV materials are treated in the same manner as books. He also recommended that the following amendment be added to the resolution:

-- It is the desire of the Faculty that the University budget allocate resources to support the development, proper care, and maintenance of an audiovisual collection within the library. --
Dr. Rungeling moved that the unresolved question about the 1989-1990-6 be returned to the Instruction Committee for further evaluation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The question was raised concerning the report from the Provost regarding the resolutions submitted, particularly Resolution 4, tenured matters. Dr. Joels said since the Provost was not present at this meeting, she will ask him to come to the next meeting to give his answer. Dr. Joels suggested that perhaps Duane Davis would like to meet with Dr. Astro to discuss this matter first. Dr. Juge said he thought it would be good for Dr. Davis, himself and the Provost to get together.

A question from the floor was now that the Academic Audits have been completed, what is the next step? When do the administrative audits start? Dr. Juge reported that now that the academic audits are completed, the real work begins and that they must review the documents and notes before a major plan can be developed. Dr. Joels questioned whether this discussion would be open to faculty to attend but Dr. Juge said he could not answer that.

Dr. Joels reported that before Dr. Altman joined UCF, he sent the 5 vice-presidents a list of 31 issues he had identified from interviews and discussions with faculty, which he thought should be addressed by the new administration. Dr. Joels offered to send the faculty senators a copy of this list if they wished to have one. The faculty would appreciate a response on how this administration has addressed these issues, particularly Personnel morale. It was suggested that one reason for low personnel morale was the lack of interaction between administration and faculty. The following comments were made: 1) the administration may send reports to faculty committees for study but responses to problems are already predetermined; 2) the Environmental Committee was cited as an example of lack of interaction. The Administration had previously been apprised of Faculty concern regarding the random clearing of land for parking purposes. It had been agreed that Faculty input would be sought prior to any further clearing of land. Yet during the semester break the area adjacent to the Education Building was cleared without any discourse; and 3) it was suggested that a lot more lip service is paid to shared governance than is warranted by the facts.

A resolution was proposed by Dr. I. Cook:

RESOLUTION 1989-1990 - 9

We, the members of the Faculty Senate, express concern with regard to the University decision-making process, especially with regard to the decision-making for the master plan.

We invite the Provost and the President to provide us with their interpretation of the meaning of timely shared governance.

It was suggested that the proposed resolution was without merit since previous Senate resolutions had been ignored by the Administration. The statement was also made that poor Faculty morale resulted from the lack of consultation and shared governance.

Vote was called on Resolution 1989-1990-9 and it passed, with one dissenting and one abstaining vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Nancy Klintworth, Secretary