MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Faculty Senate Office
DATE: September 18, 1995
SUBJECT: Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of August 31, 1995

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Modani at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signature. The minutes of Senate meeting on April 20, 1995 were approved. Guests present included President John Hitt, Dr. Frank Juge, Dean Kathryn Seidel, Dean Marty Wanielista, Dean Belinda McCarthy, Dr. Diane Jacobs, Mr. Joel Hartman, Dr. Charles Harpole (UFF), Ms. Joyce Dorner, Ms. Anne Marie Allison, Ms. Ellen Anderson (LIB), Ms. Athena Holcomb (LIB), Ms. Meredith Semones (LIB), Mr. Gerald Ewing, Mr. Miguel Torregrosa (SGA), and Ms. Barbara Pate (SGA).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Modani introduced two new senators: Dr. Andrew Creamer replacing Dr. Martha Coutinho from College of Education and Dr. Rosalind Beiler replacing Dr. Shirley Leckie from College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Modani also introduced Ms. Kathy Wohbold as the new executive secretary for the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Modani introduced Ms. Barbara Pate, academic advocate for the SGA and Mr. Miguel Torregrosa, President of the SGA. Ms. Pate urged the senators to participate in a SGA project of making the Course Guide more complete and better. Mr. Torregrosa thanked the faculty for their dedication and hard work. He plans to thrust the SGA in the direction of more cooperation with faculty and administration. He asked faculty for their help and support of student government affairs and offered to cooperate with the Senate in anyway possible.

President Hitt reviewed the enrollment growth for Fall 1995. He commented on the 40 point increase in the SAT scores of FTIC students, higher GPA, increased numbers of students in the Honors program, and the success of the LEADS Scholars Program. Enrollment
growth over the past two years has resulted in substantial growth in funding for UCF and has resulted in hiring many new faculty. Next year UCF may be hiring more than 100 new faculty. Many classrooms have been improved and several more are scheduled to be improved during the 1995-96 year. President Hitt thanked the faculty and staff for their support and sustained efforts. He cautioned the members, however, about the budget battles expected to flare up during the next legislative session. Members noted that the request for classroom improvements were originated by the Senate and thanked President Hitt for the results.

President Hitt announced that Dr. John Bolte is retiring and Dr. Joyce Clampitt will serve as an interim. The search committee for Dr. Bolte's replacement is chaired by Provost Whitehouse and will have faculty representation. Dr. Dan Coleman, Institutional Research, and Dr. LeVester Tubbs, VP Student Affairs, will report to Provost Whitehouse.

Dr. Juge briefed the Senate on the requirements of Senate Bill 2330 in the areas of GEP, credit hours to degree, prerequisites and leveling. A Senate committee chaired by Dean Seidel is reviewing ways to reduce the GEP to 36 hours. This issue will be debated on the floor of the Senate. Other faculty groups are looking at the other requirements of SB 2330.

Dr. Modani introduced Mr. Joel Hartman. Mr. Hartman thanked the Senate members for the opportunity to brief them on some of the developments and changes in the area of information technology and resources on campus. He outlined several changes that have been implemented or are being planned. These projects are: universal access where all students, staff, and faculty have permanent accounts; Pegasus and academic LAN upgrade; network expansion including wiring more campus buildings, 1500 new connections, links to branch campuses, and network access to students in dorms, greek houses, and some nearby apartments; improved off-campus access to the campus network by way of expanded modem pool, separate access for students and faculty, and a 800 number for remote access; enhanced network services; migration from host-centric to network-centric model of computing; and upgrades to computer labs. Mr. Hartman also talked about classroom improvements and multimedia classrooms, new library services, new campus ID card, improved touch tone registration, and expansion of distance learning capabilities.

A lively discussion followed Mr. Hartman's presentation. Some of the concerns expressed were: number of computers available in labs
in relation to the number of students wanting to use them, priority use of the Internet by students in terms of amusement versus educational purposes. Mr. Hartman responded that he plans to monitor the situation and take action when appropriate. Dr. Taylor suggested that the computer services offer shorter training session rather than day long sessions. Mr. Hartman responded that this is being done in the current semester. Dr. Weeks expressed concern about the lack of support of latest upgrades and enhancements in computer connections. Mr. Hartman invited all faculty to communicate with him on any concerns and suggestions. Dr. Modani thanked him for his presentation and asked him to come back later in the year to give an update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani provided an update on the resolutions adopted by the Senate during 1994-95. Provost Whitehouse did not approve the resolution on first day of class attendance policy due to some operational constraints and due to the new policy on early payment of tuition by the students. The resolution dealing with the Office of Graduate Studies was also not approved. Dr. Jacobs informed the Senate that several of the recommendations in the resolution were implemented this year. The resolution dealing with honorary degrees is pending some clarifications and consultation with the Senate. Eleven other resolutions were approved by Provost Whitehouse.

Dr. Modani also reported on the survey of standing committee members conducted during Spring semester. The response rate for the survey was 77 percent and the responses indicated a general satisfaction with the functioning of the committees. There were suggestions for improvement and some of these will be incorporated in the committee operations in the current year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani reported that the work on standing committees for 1995-96 is complete. Most Senate members are on committees of their first preference. Some of the members were assigned to committees of second preference. The standing committees will meet shortly to elect their chairs and start work on developing resolutions for Senate consideration. The work on reporting committees of the Senate is underway and should be completed shortly.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.