Chair, Dr. Glenn Cunningham, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members present were Drs. Denning, Everett, Fine, Flick, Joels, Judkins, Malocha, Modani, and Dr. Astro and Dr. Juge were also in attendance. Minutes of October 17, 1991 were unanimously accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:
A) UCF ARENA - Dr. Cunningham announced that a UCF Arena Committee had been formed with 3 faculty members included. They discussed policy to make the 3rd floor for exclusive use of the President or his designee. This will be adopted unless there is a problem. The room is one large multi-purpose room.

B) Resolution from University of Florida Faculty Senate concerning reform of Florida's inadequate tax structure was presented to the Steering members to review and the question arose whether UCF should follow suit. The decision was that no steps be taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 1991-1992-3 concerning internal auditing was discussed and changes suggested. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to send this revised version of the resolution to the Faculty Senate:


RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests that Internal Auditing consult the chair of the Faculty Senate in the next and all subsequent invitations to make comments and suggestions for audit attention.

RESOLUTION 1991-1992-4 concerning articulation project was discussed and changes suggested. Dr. Juge explained that these training programs consisted of a full day and covered rules and regulations; student rights, ethics, and sexual harassment. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to send this revised version of the resolution to the Faculty Senate:

RESOLUTION 1991-1992-4

The Faculty Senate recommends that all teaching assistants be required to attend the training sessions offered by the University of Central Florida and Valencia Community College as part of the Title III Articulation Project, or an equivalent program. At the discretion of department chairs, adjuncts and junior faculty would be encouraged to attend these training sessions. It is further recommended that the training be given prior to or concurrent with their first teaching assignment.
Dr. Cunningham distributed a copy of a letter from the Association of American Publishers, Inc. concerning copyright permissions in preparation of course anthologies.

The Foreign Language issue was discussed at length. Foreign Language is required at most universities for the B.A. degree. UCF is the only university that requires foreign language for the B.S. degree. All state universities require foreign language for B.A. The students' concern about not getting into the classes is valid. Suggestions on offering a foreign comparative culture course in lieu of or as an option was discussed. Dr. Robert Flick stated that 80% of the problem lies with transfer students who assume that they will have to meet the requirement, etc.

The computer issue was discussed. Dr. Astro stated that it was the overwhelming sentiment of the Computer Committee not to buy the new main frame. We have a 4381 on loan but we are operating only at 60% capacity. Updating this computer would only cost $25,000. Dr. Astro spoke of the long range computer plans.

Dr. Cunningham informed the steering members that he had spoken with Dr. Bolte and explained that the senate resolution was an indication of concern of the faculty how the university should operate its budget, no matter who was in charge of the budget. Faculty should be informed.

Discussion was held on the issue of colleges coming up with their own promotion and tenure guidelines. Guidelines are not bargainable but the criteria can be. Concern was expressed about Arts & Sciences and whether or not they have developed guidelines or criteria.

Dr. Cunningham said the Constitutional Subcommittee is meeting on December 3rd and in January the steering committee will call a special meeting on this subject. Results to date are promising.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Steering Committee meeting has been changed from December 19, 1991 to December 12, 1991.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to Faculty Senate