MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Senate Steering Committee
From: Jeffrey W. Cornett, Secretary
Date: March 10, 1993
Subject: Minutes of meeting of February 25, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. Glenn Cunningham, Chair. Steering Committee members present included Drs. Armstrong, Cornett, Gupton, Judkins, Modani, Nuckolls, and Wood. Dr. Juge attended as a guest. The minutes of the February 18th meeting were unanimously approved.

Dr. Cunningham provided an update on the search for Provost and discussed the schedule for visitations by candidates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Drs. Modani and Cunningham reviewed the constitutional changes which will be published during the month of March 1993.

3.10.3.1.2 Committee on Committees (Subcommittee)
Drs. Modani stated that the immediate past Chair of the Senate (ex-officio) was added to provide more knowledge of faculty members and their work.

3.10.41.1 Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee
Dr. Juge recommended that wording be changed throughout the document to replace specific references to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies with Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee.

Dr. Cunningham shared a letter from Dr. Lawther requesting that representatives from the college committees serve on the university committee to improve communication (e.g., undergraduate policy and curriculum). The Steering Committee directed Dr. Cunningham to respond to Dr. Lawther's request by expressing opposition to the idea based upon the following: 1) many faculty members are already overcommitted in service/governance, and it is unfair to ask them to participate in additional meetings; 2) it is a committee member's responsibility to communicate committee work to the appropriate parties within his/her respective college.

3.10.8.1 Research Committee

Dr. Juge recommended that the revision read Vice President for Research (ex-officio) or his/her designee.

3.10.15 Courtesies and Awards Committee

Dr. Juge suggested adding the source of funds for the awards and the insertion of "special" in reference to travel awards, so that it reads special travel awards to faculty.
3.10.17 Commencement and Convocations Committee

After discussion of the appropriateness of the name for this committee's responsibilities, Dr. Cornett suggested that the name be changed to Commencement, Convocations, and Recognitions Committee.

All other editorial suggestions and recommendations by Dr. Modani for changes were unanimously approved as indicated by the handout he provided detailing the revisions (see attached).

The Steering Committee expressed appreciation for the significant efforts by Drs. Modani, Cunningham, and Ms. Irene Butler on the revision process.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the Strategic Planning Council has been added for Southern Association Accreditation reasons. He also stated that subcommittees were not necessary for the University Athletic Committee.

Drs. Cunningham and Modani led a discussion on whether or not the quorum for the Faculty Assembly, presently outlined in 2.45 of the constitution as one third of the members, should be revised. It was decided that this issue would be addressed at the first meeting in the fall.

2) The discussion of the faculty survey on effectiveness of faculty governance was moved to the agenda of the next Steering Committee meeting.

3) Drs. Cunningham and Juge discussed the productivity model for UCF stressing the concern for quality of instruction in relation to increased class size. Steering Committee members discussed the indicators of increased productivity and decrease in monies for support of instruction.

4) Dr. Cunningham discussed the proposed differential tuition for SUS and indicated that his position was that there should be no such distinction. This viewpoint was supported by the Steering Committee.

Dr. Gupton synthesized the discussion related to items three and four on the agenda by quoting President Hitt's statement that, Access without quality is no bargain at any price (emphasis added).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey W. Cornett
Secretary