Resolution 2007-2008-5 Appointment and Evaluation of School Directors and Department Chairs

Whereas, the University of Central Florida needs to create new or restructure existing schools/departments to sustain growth, productivity and excellence in education and research,

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate endorses the following guidelines for appointment and evaluation of regular directors and department chairs.

All schools/departments must have an appointed director/chair.

A school/department’s director/chair serves a term of five years although the appointment is renewable annually. Normally, a director/chair will not serve more than two successive five-year terms.

Each college dean, upon consultation with that college’s faculty, will establish a procedure for the appointment and reappointment of directors/chairs. Except in rare occasions, college deans should not serve as directors/chairs. Departmental faculty and others the dean deems appropriate will conduct the review. Eligible voters include all tenured and tenure-track faculty, but eligibility may be extended at the college level by vote of the tenured and tenure-track faculty. College procedures require a record of the vote for appointment and reappointment.

The faculty of the school/department will evaluate directors/chairs annually. A full review for reappointment will take place during the fifth year. The dean at his or her own initiative or as a consequence of a request can institute an interim review by the department faculty of the director/chair under college procedures. After due consideration, the dean will nominate a candidate for director/chair, whose appointment is subject to approval by the provost and the president.