

2009-2010 Faculty Senate

Biographies of Officer Nominees

Chair

Ida J. Cook, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Central Florida, received her B.A. (U. of F.) in 1967, her M.S. (F.S. U.) in 1969, and her Ph.D. in sociology in 1976 from North Carolina State University (*An Evaluation of Change in the Relationship between Ascriptive and Achievement Variables in the United States from 1960-1970*). Dr. Cook's research focuses on evaluation of social programs, community change, political behavior, substance abuse, public attitudes toward pornography, domestic violence, and health care for the elderly. She has presented her research at numerous conferences and has published several monographs and technical reports on evaluation, regarding attitudes toward retirement, services for children in poverty, substance abuse and social programs, domestic violence, study of attitudes and experiences of caregivers for dementia/Alzheimer's patients. Her current work involves the study of experiences and satisfaction of participants in study abroad programs. At UCF, she has been involved in many areas of faculty governance, including the Faculty Senate (Vice Chair, Chair, committees), College of Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UFF and community service.

Vice Chair

Diane Wink, Ed.D., FNP, ARNP, is a Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Central Florida. She has presented and published extensively in the areas of clinical teaching and the use of questions to promote critical thinking. Working with other faculty at UCF, she founded one of the college's sixteen community nursing coalitions used for clinical experiences for students in their community based nursing curriculum. She also helped expand the scope of service-learning experiences in both the nursing undergraduate and graduate programs as well as across the university. Dr. Wink holds a joint appointment as a Family Nurse Practitioner at a federally qualified health center. She has served on the senate for many years and served as secretary from 2000 to

2006 years. More recently she was a member of the Graduate Curriculum Committee, University Athletics Committee, University Fee Committee, and the university level Promotion and Tenure Committee on which she served as Chair for the 2008-2009 year. She is a co-chair of the ad hoc Faculty Senate Committee working on revision of the Student Perception of Instruction forms.

Secretary

Alain Kassab, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Mechanical, Materials and Aerospace Engineering Department (MMAE) of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at University of Central Florida. He has authored or co-authored over 200 papers, books, invited chapters, and edited proceedings in the area of computational heat transfer and fluid flow and inverse problems. Dr. Kassab holds a joint appointment with the Department of Mathematics. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (US) and the Wessex Institute of Technology (UK). He is associate editor of the international journal *Inverse Problems in Science and Engineering* and serves on the editorial boards of three professional journals and transactions. He has been chair or co-chair of 7 international and national conferences and served on over 40 scientific advisory committees and organized or co-organized nearly 40 sessions/symposia at national and international conferences. Dr. Kassab has served as MMAE Graduate Program Coordinator (1996-2003, 2008-present), and has served on numerous department, college and university level committees. He has served on the senate continuously since 2002 and in 2008, at the university level, he was a member of the Senate Steering Committee, Graduate Program Review Committee, University Fellowship Committee, and University Promotion and Tenure Committee on which he served as vice-Chair for the 2008-2009 year.