

2011-2012 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 of regarding law enforcement training, attitudes toward retirement, services for children in poverty, substance abuse, social programs, domestic violence, study of experiences and satisfaction of participants in study abroad programs. Her current research involves the study of faculty/student attitudes toward open access textbooks, experiences with internationalization, and graduate student financial needs. At UCF, she has been involved in many areas of faculty governance, including the Faculty Senate (Chair, Vice Chair, committee service), College of Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UFF and community service.

Vice Chair

Robert L. Pennington, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director in the Department of Economics in the College of Business Administration at the University of Central Florida received his B.A. in 1969, and his Ph.D. in economics in 1977 from Texas A & M University (*The Generalized Handicap Wager Market for Football Bets: Theory and Evidence*). Dr. Pennington came to UCF in 1983 from George Mason University as the Director of the Center for Economic Education. His research and teaching in economic education have brought over \$1,000,000 in research and training grants to UCF. Dr. Pennington and the CEE staff have won every major award for Economic Education including the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Medal (twice), the Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education, and the NFIB Foundation Achievement in Entrepreneurship and Free-enterprise Education. He has presented his research at numerous conferences and authored the Holt, Rinehart and Winston High School Economics textbook,

numerous journals and monographs in economics, economic education, and papers evaluating various teaching techniques and tools in teaching economics as well as applying economics to real world markets. His current work involves assessing online homework management systems and learning in large economics classes. At UCF, he has been involved in many areas of faculty governance: Faculty Senate (Vice Chair 2010-11, Parliamentarian, Chair of the UPCC, Constitutional Revision committee (twice), CBA Steering Committee Representative); College of Business Administration (Undergraduate Policy Review Committee chair, Assistant and Associate Dean, MBA and MAAE program director, and chair or member of various curriculum evaluation committees); College of Education (Founding Academy Faculty Fellow, UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership); and UCF's Chapter 232 of Phi Kappa Phi national honorary (past chapter president and current chapter treasurer, chapter delegate and national parliamentarian at Bi-annual meetings).

Secretary

Reid Oetjen, Ph.D., is a Tenure-earning, Assistant Professor and the Director of the Undergraduate and Executive Health Services Administration Programs in the Department of Health Management and Informatics at the University of Central Florida. He teaches courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Oetjen focuses his teaching on long-term care administration, healthcare quality management, human resources management, and the aging of the population. Dr. Oetjen has numerous peer-reviewed publications and regularly presents his research at academic and practitioner conferences. His research foci are on the long-term care quality, developing tools for healthcare practitioners, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. In addition to his academic experience, Dr. Oetjen served as an Assistant Administrator for a national Skilled Nursing Facility chain and spent 10 years as an operations manager for a major international airline. He has served on the Faculty Senate since 2009 and currently serves as the Secretary. In addition to his University service, he is very active within the College of Health and Public Affairs and the Department of Health Management & Informatics. Reid is also active in several national professional organizations, the Association of University Programs in Health Administration and the Academy of Management. He is Chair of the Upsilon Phi Delta National Honor Society, Chair of the Long-term Care Faculty Network, and is a member of the AUPHA Nominating Committee.