

MEMORANDUM

TO: New and Returning Senators
FROM: Dr. Manoj Chopra
Chair, Faculty Senate
DATE: April 21, 2007
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting and Reception Thursday, April 26, 2007

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes:** *Approve Minutes of March 22, 2007*
4. **Announcements and Recognition of Guests**
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**

- *Introduction of Members*
- *Election of Officers for the 2007-2008 Senate*

Nominations by the Steering Committee:

Chair: Dr. Manoj Chopra, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences

Vice Chair: Dr. Ida Cook, College of Sciences

Secretary: Dr. Pamela Ark, College of Health and Public Affairs

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

- *Establishment of the Steering Committee for 2007-2008*

In addition to the elected officers of the Senate and the immediate past chair of the Senate, the Steering Committee will need the following:

- **(3) members from the College of Sciences**
- **(2) members from the College of Arts & Humanities**
- **(1) member from the College of Business Administration**
- **(1) member from the College of Education**
- **(2) members from the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences**
- **(1) member from the College of Health and Public Affairs**
- **(1) member from the College of Optics and Photonics**
- **(1) member from the Burnett College of Biomedical Sciences**
- **(1) member from the Rosen College of Hospitality Management**
- **(1) member from the College of Nursing**

Members are elected by the senators from each of the colleges.

- *Establishment of the Committee on Committees for 2007-2008*

The Committee on Committees is chaired by the Vice Chair of the Senate and has one Steering Committee member from each college and the immediate past chair of the Senate.

7. **Adjournment**

Manoj Chopra, PhD, PE, Associate Professor in Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Central Florida; BE 1985 Birla Institute of Technology and Science; MS 1988 and PhD 1992 State University of New York at Buffalo.

It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve as the Chair of the UCF Faculty Senate and member of its Board of Trustees for the past two years. I am proud of my record of service to the faculty and the entire UCF community during this period. I will continue to work diligently towards a better future for the university as we go through this extraordinary period of growth, both in size and stature. This is an exciting time for the university as we welcome the new College of Medicine and our on-campus stadium. However, as we usher in the new, I will continue to be vigilant to the needs of the faculty that have worked very hard to bring us to where we are today. This includes the continued opportunity to grow in their careers and the availability of adequate resources for the faculty. Thank you for continued support.

Pamela Ark, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor currently in the School of Nursing at the University of Central Florida; BSN 1974 Murray State University; MSN 1988 and PhD 1997 University of Tennessee Memphis.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the university in the Faculty Senate as secretary during the 2006-2007 year. I represent the new College of Nursing in the faculty senate. I would like to be considered for the role of secretary for the Faculty Senate in the 2007-2008 year. The work as secretary requires organization and attention to detail. These are the strengths that I have to fulfill this role.

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 on evaluation, regarding attitudes toward retirement, services for children in poverty, substance abuse and social programs, and domestic violence. Her current work involves additional study of attitudes and experiences of caregivers for dementia/Alzheimer's patients. At UCF, she has been involved in many areas of faculty governance, including the Faculty Senate (Vice Chair, Chair, committees), College of Arts and Sciences, College of Sciences, UFF and community service—Oviedo, FL.