

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** All Faculty Senate Members  
**FROM:** Manoj Chopra  
Chair, Faculty Senate

**DATE:** March 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Faculty Senate Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008

### **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2008**
- 4. Announcements and Recognition of Guests**
  - Announcement: Policy Clarifying the Conferral of a Graduate Degree
  - Announcement: Faculty Assembly, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 in SU Pegasus Ballroom
- 5. Old Business**
  - Amendment to FS Resolution 2007-08-2 ETD Dissemination Policy
- 6. New Business**
  - Provost's update
  - Library Materials Resolution
  - Green Fee Resolution
- 7. Standing Committee Reports**
  - Budget and Administrative Committee – Dr. K. Belfield
  - Graduate Council Committee – Dr. A. Liberman
  - Personnel Committee – Dr. D. Chakrabarti
  - UPCC – Dr. R. Pennington
- 8. Other Business**

## **Policy Clarifying the Conferral of a Graduate Degree**

The graduate faculty at the University of Central Florida are responsible for developing the curricula of graduate degree programs, and are charged with evaluating the performance of students in completing the curricula. Therefore, the conferral of a graduate degree requires the graduate faculty to verify that students have performed at a satisfactory level in completing the entire curriculum required for the degree. It should be noted that although degree programs may prepare students for licensure by an external agency, the conferral of a UCF graduate degree is not dependent on an evaluation by the external agency of a student's performance on the licensure exam, except where required by Florida State statute or rule.

## **Resolution GS-2: ETD Dissemination Policy**

**Whereas**, the university is dedicated to open access of original work for the purposes of scholarship, and

**Whereas**, the university is mindful of protecting the rights of our students (and faculty) with regard to their original work,

**Be it resolved**, that UCF will provide the following options for all graduate students submitting the required Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (with required graduate advisor input)

1. Immediate worldwide dissemination with no restrictions.
2. Pending dissemination of the entire work for six months for patent or other proprietary issues, with an additional six months extension available. Once the patent and proprietary issues are resolved, we recommend immediate worldwide dissemination with no restrictions.
3. Pending dissemination of the entire work for six months for patent or other proprietary issues, with an additional six months extension available. Once the patent and proprietary issues are resolved, we recommend dissemination with limited access to the UCF community for a period of
  - a. \_\_\_one year
  - b. \_\_\_three years
  - c. \_\_\_five years
4. Dissemination with limited access to the UCF community for a period of
  - a. \_\_\_one year
  - b. \_\_\_three years
  - c. \_\_\_five years

**Resolution 2007-2008-7 Funding of the Library Materials and Subscriptions in Support of Faculty Research**

(From the Steering Committee)

**Whereas**, the University of Central Florida recognizes the great importance of research performed by its faculty and the need to afford the research community at UCF with all the necessary facilities to maximize productivity and excellence, and

**Whereas**, the UCF Library performs a vital function of providing access to journals and publications in support of sponsored research being performed by the faculty,

**Be it resolved**, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida recommends to the university administration that the overhead returns generated by research grants, along with other sources of funding, be reviewed for helping overcome the downward spiral of funding for the library's procurement of materials and subscriptions.

## **Resolution 2007-2008-8 Endorsement of Student Government Green Fee**

(From the Steering Committee)

**Whereas**, the University of Central Florida has previously endorsed the Focus the Nation initiative toward environmental concerns, and

**Whereas**, the Student Government and Student Body of the University of Central Florida has supported creation of a Sustainability Fund through the implementation of a "Green Fee,"

**Be it resolved**, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida endorses the concept of environmental sustainability on the UCF campus, and supports the efforts of the Student Government Association to establish a "Green Fee" to generate a Sustainability Fund.

We further urge the Student Government Association to work with the University of Central Florida administration to guarantee reasonable control and proper utilization of such funds.