

# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 20, 2014  
**TO:** All Faculty Senate Members  
**FROM:** Reid Oetjen  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
**SUBJECT:** Faculty Senate Meeting on March 27, 2014

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Meeting Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014  
Meeting Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Student Union Key West, Room 218

## A G E N D A

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2014**
4. **Announcements and Recognition of Guests**
5. **Report of the Provost**
6. **Old Business**
  - Resolution 2013-2014-3 SoTL Eligibility (*from Personnel*)
  - Resolution 2013-2014-4 Great Colleges to Work For Program (*from Personnel*)
7. **New Business**
  - Resolution 2013-2014-5 Establishment of an Awards Procedures Review Committee (*from Personnel*)
  - Resolution 2013-2014-6 Hangtag Pricing Policy (*from Parking*)
8. **Committee Reports**
  - Budget and Administrative Committee – *Robert Cassanello*
  - Personnel Committee – *Mason Cash*
  - Parking Advisory Committee – *Amit Joshi*
  - Undergraduate Council – *William Self*
  - Graduate Council – *Jim Moharam*
9. **Other Business**
10. **Adjournment**

### Resolution 2013-2014-3 SoTL Eligibility

**Whereas**, the SoTL program rewards scholarship of teaching and learning; scholarship that can benefit the university community in many ways; and

**Whereas**, the first of three eligibility criteria currently requires “full-time 9 or 12 month appointment as an instructor or as a professor, associate professor, or assistant professor”, yet UCF faculty have other titles not on this list (e.g. Associate and Senior Lecturer, Associate and Senior Instructor); and

**Whereas**, many other full time UCF faculty, such as librarians, can make a substantial contribution to the scholarship of teaching and learning; therefore

**Be It Resolved that** the restrictive criterion for eligibility to apply for a SoTL award, in Section III.1, to faculty with the title of Instructor, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor should be removed. This criterion should read: "**all UCF Faculty with a full-time 9 or 12 month appointment are eligible to apply for this award**".

**NOTE:** At the 2/20/14 Faculty Senate meeting, discussion of this resolution halted after a call for quorum determined that quorum was no longer present. The edits below reflect the motion that was on the table prior to the call for quorum. These edits have not been approved.

**Be It Resolved that** the restrictive criterion for eligibility to apply for a SoTL award, in Section III.1, to faculty with the title of Instructor, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor should be removed. This criterion should read: "all faculty ranks within the following classifications: Professor, Instructor, Lecturer, and Librarian, including clinical and research faculty, are eligible to apply for this award."

Deleted: "all UCF Faculty with a full-time 9 or 12 month appointment are eligible to apply for this award".

**Resolution 2013-2014-4 To encourage implementation of the Chronicle of Higher Education Great Colleges to Work For program (or similar instrument)**

**Whereas**, the University of Central Florida aspires to reach Carnegie Foundation Research I status; and

**Whereas**, to achieve this status the University must strive to attract and retain quality faculty; and

**Whereas**, the Great Colleges to Work For program, sponsored by the Chronicle of Higher Education, provides administrators with an assessment of the quality of the workplace experience and the competitiveness of the University's policies and benefits; and

**Whereas**, participation in this program would indicate that the UCF administration is concerned with addressing faculty morale and improving UCF's standing as a "Great College to Work For"; and

**Whereas**, registering in the program is simple, and the program is free to participate, and provides benchmarking data; therefore

**Be It Resolved that** the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida urges the University of Central Florida to join the Great Colleges to Work For program, or another similar instrument to achieve this purpose, and to share the results with the appropriate committees of the Faculty Senate, with the goal of using this information to work with the Faculty Senate in a genuine spirit of shared governance to improve and strengthen the workplace environment at the University of Central Florida.

**Resolution 2013-2014-5 Establishment of an Awards Procedures Review Committee**

**Whereas**, the TIP, RIA, and SoTL programs are designed to incentivize and reward excellence in teaching, research, and SoTL areas; and

**Whereas**, the excellence award and incentive award programs have been established by means of sections 23.5 and 23.6 of the UCF Collective Bargaining Agreement; therefore

**Be It Resolved** that a committee be formed to examine potential improvements to the application, eligibility criteria, selection, and distribution of excellence awards and incentive award programs, and the possibility of new awards (e.g. for excellence in service).

## **Resolution 2013-2014-6 Universal Parking Fee Pricing Resolution**

**Whereas**, the purpose of the Parking Services is to provide adequate parking facilities for students, faculty, and staff; and

**Whereas**, the hangtag permits the UCF student, faculty, or staff to have the freedom of anonymity off campus for safety reasons, the safety of our students, faculty, and staff should not be compromised by the undue burden of a significantly higher cost; and

**Whereas**, the purchase of either the hangtag or the decal affords students, faculty, or staff with the exact same benefit, namely the renting of one parking space for the duration of the permit; and

**Whereas**, the decal creates a problem for families with multiple users and two or more vehicles in terms of which vehicle can be used for commuting to work; and

**Whereas**, the hangtag would encourage carpooling, thus reducing the parking burden on campus, but a higher price associated with the hangtag discourages carpooling; and

**Whereas**, a survey of students, staff and faculty indicated strong support for equal hangtag and decal prices across each category; therefore

**Be It Resolved**, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida urges the University of Central Florida Administration to equalize the prices for Parking Hangtag and Decal to the lowest possible, budget neutral price, within each user category.