

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 4, 2008  
**TO:** Members of the Steering Committee  
**FROM:** Manoj Chopra  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING on March 6, 2008**

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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes of *February 14, 2008***
4. **Announcements and Recognition of Guests**
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
  - Provost's update
  - Discussion on Senate Joint Resolution 2308
  - Rosen College Faculty Appointments
  - Library Decision on ETD Dissemination – Barry Baker and Dr. Bishop
  - Resolution from Library Committee on Funding of Library Materials
  - Green fee discussion
  - Bookstore Follow-up
7. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - Budget and Administrative Committee – Dr. Jewett
  - Graduate Council Committee – Drs. Lynxwiler and Liberman
  - Personnel Committee – Dr. Orooji
  - UPCC – Dr. Pennington
8. **Other**

## Faculty Senate Steering Meeting

February 14, 2008

Dr. Manoj Chopra, Faculty Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

The roll was circulated for signatures. The minutes of January 8, 2008 were reviewed and approved with editorial revisions per Dr. Cook.

Steering Officers present Drs. Ida Cook and Pamela Ark.

Steering Committee Members present Drs. Howard, Jewett, Kamrath, Koons, Gunter, Orooji, Liberman, LiKamWa, Muller, and Pennington.

Steering Members absent Dr. Chase (out of the country), Drs. Daniell, Kassab, Lynxwiler

Administrators present Provost Hickey, Drs. Schell and Huff-Corzine

Guests: Dr. Kevin Belfield, Chair of Chemistry Department and Mr. Thomas Potter, Department of Music, Dr. Patricia Bishop, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies

### Announcements

Lisa Sklar was welcomed as the new administrative assistant to the Faculty Senate Office. Lisa previously worked in the Honors College with student development/scholarship advising.

### Old Business

Revised Resolution 2007-08-05 Appointment and Evaluation of School Directors and Department Chairs from Personnel Committee

The revision was reviewed in detail by the steering committee members. Suggestions were offered by friendly amendment of the insertion of the word 'regular' preceding the last part of the sentence as follows:

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate endorses the following guidelines for appointment and evaluation of *regular* directors and department chairs.

The recommended changes in the document were moved and seconded by Drs. Pennington and Gunter, respectively. The vote was unanimous to approve with the changes as noted.

### New Business

Addition to Agenda – Dr. Liberman reporting

Dr. Liberman brought forward a proposed revision to Faculty Senate Resolution 2007-2008-04 – ETD Dissemination Policy to add the role of the faculty or thesis advisor. The motion was made to add to the agenda, seconded and unanimously approved to add the item to today's agenda.

Dr. Chopra received the document and copies were distributed to committee members. The ETD Dissemination Policy document is a revision to the constitution. Thus, Dr. Cook noted that since the resolution was previously approved by the full Faculty Senate, the proposed changes must be sent to the full senate for a vote.

**ACTION:** Members voted to send forth the resolution document. In addition, for information only the *Thesis and Dissertation Attachment Form* will be available for review at the meeting. It was clarified that senators will only be voting on the resolution and not the attachment form with the document.

Provost's update – Provost Hickey reporting

- *Budget Overview:* The budget situation is fluid and UCF will not know for certain the extent of the budget changes until mid-March, at which time the budget shortfall will be addressed by the legislature. All units were strongly encouraged to offer a full load of course availability to students in summer semester of 2008. Provost Hickey has sent out a Provost Update Newsletter on the budget and will continue to provide more information. The next two years are anticipated to be challenging budget years in the State of Florida.
- Provost Hickey plans to attend the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled on February 28, 2008.

Revisit the issue of tenure in a Center or Institute – Dr. Chopra reporting

*Background:* See Resolution 2003-2004-07 Tenure and Promotion dated March 5, 2004 that was not supported by the Provost.

Dr. Belfield brings forth the issue regarding joint appointments in the Department of Chemistry and the NanoScience Technology Center. The faculty would only be tenured in one unit, presently Chemistry as the Center does not have the capability to award tenure. There was lengthy discussion among members regarding the history of the centers and the faculty issues regarding tenure-earning positions.

**ACTION:** there was no action on the item today.

Cellular Telephone Acquisition and Use Policy – Dr. Schell reporting

The policy is brought forward as an informational item. If the cellular telephone is purchased by the university and paid for with university funds then the value is considered as income and subsequently taxed. With Dean approval, the carrier

service could be transferred to the employee's carrier service with a salary stipend allocation to the employee. Mr. Joel Hartman has provided Questions and Answers online regarding the cellular telephone policy, at <http://www.telecom.ucf.edu/cellpolicy/>

Resolution from Steering Committee on Budget Management – Dr. Chopra reporting

The following resolution was proposed by the Steering Committee for potential adoption at the next senate meeting:

**Budget Management  
Resolution 2007-2008-06  
Faculty Senate Steering Committee**

Whereas, the State University System of Florida and faculty and administrators of the University of Central Florida are dedicated to the goals of promoting quality higher education for the metropolitan Orlando and central Florida area, and

Whereas, the University of Central Florida has one of the worst student faculty ratios in the nation, and

Whereas, the current economic environment in Florida challenges the ability of the University of Central Florida to support the necessary instructional expenditures, to prevent faculty and staff reductions, and to keep pace with the cost of living increases, and

Whereas, the University of Central Florida has demonstrated foresight in addressing this year's budget challenges,

**Be it resolved,** that the University of Central Florida Faculty Senate encourages the administration to make every effort to lower student faculty ratios at the University of Central Florida, and to resist any external effort that may cause the student faculty ratios to increase.

**Be it further resolved,** that the University of Central Florida Faculty Senate encourages the University of Central Florida administration to make every effort to recruit and retain the highest quality faculty and staff at the University of Central Florida through, among other things, the use of future funds obtained from increases in tuition and differential tuition.

The resolution was read and discussed at length by members of the steering committee. The spirit of the resolution is to assist in allaying any worries among faculty regarding the current budget limitations. Dr. Cook offered the friendly amendment to add the following words in the last sentence of the document: "among other things."

**ACTION:** The amendment was approved by committee members. The resolution was then approved unanimously to be added to the agenda for the senate meeting in February.

BOG report – via email from Dr. Chase

Dr. Chase is serving on the Internationalization BOG advisory committee. He asks that all faculty forward any issues related to internationalization.

**ACTION:** Steering members were asked to send any issues and initiatives related to internationalization to Dr. Chase or Dr. Chopra.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Budget and Administrative Committee – Dr. Jewett reporting

The committee is currently reviewing equipment funding proposals.

Graduate Council Committee – Dr. Liberman reporting

The committee submitted the changes in the ETD Dissemination Policy to the FS Steering Committee members today. Work continues on the University-Wide Minimum Qualifications for Participating in Graduate Education document.

Personnel Committee – Dr. Orooji reporting

The committee continued work on the revision of Resolution 2007-08-05 Appointment and Evaluation of School Directors and Department Chairs. The revised document is included in today's meeting for discussion.

UPCC – Dr. Pennington reporting

No report today.

**Other**

No additional business for consideration by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on this date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

**Resolution 2007-08-05 Appointment and Evaluation  
of School Directors and Department Chairs  
(From Personnel Committee)**

**Whereas**, the University of Central Florida needs to create new or restructure existing schools/departments to sustain growth, productivity and excellence in education and research,

**Be it resolved**, that the Faculty Senate endorses the following guidelines for appointment and evaluation of [regular](#) directors and department chairs.

All schools/departments must have an appointed director/chair.

Service Eligibility

A school/department's director/chair serves a term of five years although the appointment is renewable annually. Normally, a director/chair will not serve more than two successive five-year terms. Except in rare occasions, college deans, associate deans, and assistant deans should not serve as directors/department chairs. Where an outside faculty member is considered for director/chair, customary academic search procedures should be followed.

Appointment

Each college dean, upon consultation with that college's faculty, will establish a procedure for the appointment and reappointment of directors/chairs. After due consideration, as hiring agent, the dean will nominate a candidate for director/department chair, whose appointment is subject to approval by the provost and the president. Eligibility to vote on appointments includes all tenured and tenure-track faculty but voting may be extended at the college level by vote of the tenured and tenure-track faculty. College procedures require a record of the vote for appointment and reappointment. Review &

Reappointment

The faculty of the school/department will evaluate directors/chairs annually. Department/school faculty and others the dean deems appropriate will conduct the review. A full review for reappointment will take place during the fifth year. The dean at his or her own initiative or as a consequence of a request can institute an interim review by the department/school faculty.

## **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
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By Senator Carlton

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## Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 4 of Article IV and Sections 2 and 7 of Article IX and creating a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to create the position of Commissioner of Education as an elected member of the Cabinet, to revise the membership of the State Board of Education, which shall consist of the Governor and the Cabinet, and to revise the membership, terms, and duties of the local boards of trustees and the Board of Governors of the State University System.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendments to Section 4 of Article IV and Sections 2 and 7 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

## ARTICLE IV

## EXECUTIVE

## SECTION 4. Cabinet.—

(a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, ~~and~~ a commissioner of agriculture, and a commissioner of education. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail.



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30 (b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal  
31 officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general  
32 the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor  
33 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to  
34 prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having  
35 occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related  
36 transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has  
37 affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general  
38 law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney  
39 general from not less than three persons nominated by the  
40 judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as  
41 otherwise provided by general law.

42 (c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief  
43 fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve  
44 accounts against the state, and shall keep all state funds and  
45 securities.

46 (d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision  
47 of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise provided  
48 by law.

49 (e) The commissioner of education shall supervise the  
50 public education system in the manner prescribed by law, except  
51 as otherwise provided in this constitution.

52 (f)~~(e)~~ The governor as chair, the chief financial officer,  
53 and the attorney general shall constitute the state board of  
54 administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control,  
55 and authority of the state board of administration established  
56 pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885,  
57 and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of  
58 Article XII, Section 9(c).

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59 (g)~~(f)~~ The governor as chair, the chief financial officer,  
60 the attorney general, ~~and~~ the commissioner of agriculture, and  
61 the commissioner of education shall constitute the trustees of  
62 the internal improvement trust fund and the land acquisition  
63 trust fund as provided by law.

64 (h)~~(g)~~ The governor as chair, the chief financial officer,  
65 the attorney general, ~~and~~ the commissioner of agriculture, and  
66 the commissioner of education shall constitute the agency head of  
67 the Department of Law Enforcement.

#### 68 Article IX

#### 69 EDUCATION

70 SECTION 2. State board of education.—The governor and the  
71 members of the cabinet shall constitute the state board of  
72 education, which shall be a body corporate and have such  
73 supervision of the public education system as is provided by law.  
74 ~~The state board of education shall be a body corporate and have~~  
75 ~~such supervision of the system of free public education as is~~  
76 ~~provided by law. The state board of education shall consist of~~  
77 ~~seven members appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year~~  
78 ~~terms, subject to confirmation by the senate. The state board of~~  
79 ~~education shall appoint the commissioner of education.~~

#### 80 SECTION 7. State University System.—

81 (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through  
82 teaching students, advancing research and providing public  
83 service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities  
84 and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance  
85 for the state university system of Florida.

86 (b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state  
87 university system comprised of all public universities. ~~A board~~

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88 ~~of trustees shall administer each public university and a board~~  
89 ~~of governors shall govern the state university system.~~

90 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent  
91 public university shall be administered by a board of trustees as  
92 provided by law ~~consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the~~  
93 ~~purposes of the state university system. The board of governors~~  
94 ~~shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees.~~  
95 Each board of trustees shall consist of eleven ~~six~~ citizen  
96 members appointed by the governor and ~~five citizen members~~  
97 ~~appointed by the board of governors.~~ The appointed members shall  
98 be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five  
99 years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the  
100 equivalent, and the president of the student body of the  
101 university shall also be members.

102 (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors  
103 shall administer the state ~~be a body corporate consisting of~~  
104 ~~seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control,~~  
105 ~~and be fully responsible for the management of the whole~~  
106 university system as provided by law. ~~These responsibilities~~  
107 ~~shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive~~  
108 ~~mission of each constituent university and its articulation with~~  
109 ~~free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-~~  
110 ~~planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding~~  
111 ~~wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's~~  
112 ~~management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to~~  
113 ~~appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall~~  
114 ~~account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor~~  
115 shall appoint to the board five ~~fourteen~~ citizens dedicated to  
116 the purposes of the state university system. The appointed

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117 members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered  
118 terms of four ~~seven~~ years as provided by law. The commissioner of  
119 education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates,  
120 or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida student  
121 association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the  
122 board.

## Article XII

## SCHEDULE

125 Cabinet, State Board of Education, elected Commissioner of  
126 Education, and the State University System.--

127 (a) The amendments to section 4 of Article IV and sections  
128 2 and 7 of Article IX which create a cabinet position for an  
129 elected commissioner of education to supervise the public  
130 education system as provided by law, revise the membership of the  
131 state board of education to be the governor and the cabinet,  
132 revise the number of members and manner of appointment for  
133 members of the local boards of trustees for the state university  
134 system, and revise the membership, terms, and duties of the  
135 statewide board of governors, and this section, if submitted to  
136 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
137 general election, shall take effect July 1 of the year following  
138 such general election.

139 (b) On the effective date of these amendments, the terms of  
140 the members serving on the state board of education, the  
141 statewide board of governors, and the local boards of trustees  
142 and the term of the commissioner of education shall expire.

143 (c) On the effective date of these amendments, the governor  
144 and cabinet shall appoint a commissioner of education to serve  
145 until a commissioner of education is elected in the next general

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146 election following the adoption of these amendments.

147 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
148 placed on the ballot:

149 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

150 ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4

151 ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 2 AND 7

152 ARTICLE XII

153 RESTRUCTURING THE STATE CABINET; ELECTED COMMISSIONER OF  
154 EDUCATION; RESTRUCTURING THE LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND THE  
155 STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY  
156 SYSTEM.--Proposing amendments to the State Constitution which  
157 will create an elected Commissioner of Education who will be a  
158 member of the Cabinet and will be responsible for the supervision  
159 of public education; eliminate an appointed State Board of  
160 Education and replace the board with the Governor and the  
161 Cabinet; provide that the State Board of Education will be  
162 responsible for the supervision of public education; revise the  
163 membership of the local boards of trustees by eliminating the  
164 authority of the statewide Board of Governors to appoint members;  
165 limit the authority and duties of the local boards of trustees;  
166 revise the membership of the statewide Board of Governors by  
167 reducing the number of appointed members and their terms; limit  
168 the authority of the statewide Board of Governors to administer  
169 the State University System; provide that the terms of the  
170 currently appointed members of the State Board of Education,  
171 local boards of trustees, and the statewide Board of Governors,  
172 and the term of the currently appointed Commissioner of Education  
173 shall expire July 1 of the year following the adoption of these  
174 amendments in the next general election; and provide for the

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175 | appointment of a Commissioner of Education by the Governor and  
176 | Cabinet until a Commissioner of Education is elected in the next  
177 | general election following the adoption of these amendments.

March 3, 2008

Mr. Ken Pruitt, President, and Members, Florida Senate

Mr. Marco Rubio, Speaker, and Members, Florida House of Representatives

The Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) consists of representatives from each of the Faculty Senates of the eleven public universities in Florida. The ACFS Chairperson serves on the Board of Governors (BOG) of the State University System (SUS) and each Senate Chairperson sits on their university Board of Trustees. During a meeting today, the ACFS unanimously adopted the following resolution in response to SJR 2308 [S 0132, H 0055]:

The ACFS respectfully requests our legislative representatives consider voting against or temporarily postponing SJR 2308 [S 0132, H 0055]. We ask they allow more time for deliberation on this substantive legislation. We make this request because we believe the portions of the proposed constitutional amendments dealing with the State University System (SUS), the Board of Governors (BOG), and the University Boards of Trustees constitute a serious diversion for the public universities of Florida, at a time when we should be focusing on measures to cope with the impact of a damaging economic downturn.

We know our legislators care about our universities. We congratulate the Legislature for the bold initiatives it has supported in approving funding for Centers of Excellence, and for the willingness to rely upon the leadership of the Board of Governors and the State University System to select the initiatives to be funded under this program. This provides a model of how we can work collaboratively and collectively to encourage economic development and broaden the pool of talented workers, providing the foundation for the growth and prosperity of our economy.

It has only been five years since the implementation of the constitutional amendment, passed by the citizens of Florida, completely reorganizing the structure of higher education in Florida. Rather than reorganizing yet again, we believe the public would be best served by the Board of Governors, the Legislature, and the Governor continuing to work together for the good of Florida's public universities, their students, and the citizens of the State. The Centers of Excellence are just one example of what we have been able to accomplish when we work collaboratively. Recognizing our differing roles in the process, we should endeavor to move forward by ensuring the universities are able to focus on the needs of our students and our citizens, thereby providing the requisite foundation for the State's future.

We urge our legislative representatives to consider voting against this measure or postponing it. Instead, we urge you to find means for working together with the Board of Governors and the Governor, to support our public universities in their efforts to provide a quality education to our students.

**Introduced By:** Governmental Affairs Committee  
Chair Mortellaro  
Pro Tempore Lipinski  
DPT Smith  
Senator Lusk  
Senator Robinson

**Sponsored By:** SGA Environmental Sustainability  
Coordinator Alex Berkun  
Eco-Advocates of Central Florida  
Focus the Nation  
UCF Sustainability Alliance  
Landscape and Natural Resources  
Center for Energy and Sustainability  
Arboretum

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**First Reading:** Adopted in Committee 1/31/08

**Committee Action:** Passed favorably (9-0-0)

**Second Reading:** 1/31/08

**Third Reading:**

**Final Vote:**

**University of Central Florida  
Fortieth Student Body Senate  
Resolution 40-11**

(Resolution Calling for a Referendum Election on Creating a Sustainability Fund through the Implementation of a “Green Fee”)

.01 **Whereas**, Student Government is committed to investigating matters of environmental concern through the Governmental Affairs Committee of  
.02 the Student Senate and the SGA Environmental Sustainability Coordinator;  
.03 **Whereas**, The Student Senate has in the past committed itself to supporting sustainable practices by endorsing *The Declaration of Independence*  
.04 *from Dirty Energy* in Resolution 39-08;  
.05 **Whereas**, President John Hitt committed UCF to sustainability and carbon neutrality by signing the *American College & University Presidents*  
.06 *Climate Commitment*;  
.07 **Whereas**, Continued advancements in sustainable practices will set UCF apart as a leader in the national push toward cleaner energy;  
.08 **Whereas**, UCF currently does not have a fund to promote efforts of energy efficiency and sustainability throughout its campuses;  
.09 **Whereas**, A campus sustainability fund would provide reliable funding for initiatives such as energy efficient appliances, energy efficient green  
.10 buildings, water conservation, investments in renewable energy sources, energy-saving renovations for existing structures, green roofs, composting,  
.11 on-campus recycling, bicycle protection and repair, student gardens, green educational efforts, and other measures that will reduce costs and  
.12 provide more services to students;  
.13 **Whereas**, A campus sustainability fund would provide for the implementation of renewable and efficient energy practices that would save the  
.15 university, and subsequently the student body, a significant amount of money on energy expenditures;  
.16 **Whereas**, A campus sustainability fund would provide for the implementation of renewable and efficient energy practices that would reduce waste  
.17 and the university’s ecological and carbon footprints;  
.18 **Whereas**, Numerous universities and student bodies throughout the country have implemented or endorsed via referenda the concept of a small  
.19 “green fee” to create a sustainability fund for their campuses in recent years, including the University of Florida, New College of Florida,  
.20 University of Tennessee, Virginia Tech, University of California at Berkley, and numerous others; and  
.21 **Whereas**, It would benefit the UCF community to assess student opinion on the creation of a sustainability fund and green free at UCF;  
.22  
.23 **Therefore, be it**  
.24 **Resolved**, That the Fortieth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida calls for a referendum election to be held during the Spring 2008  
.25 Presidential Election through a two-thirds vote on this resolution;  
.26  
.27 **Be it Further Resolved**, That the referendum ballot question on myUCF shall read:  
.28  
.29 Are you in favor of creating a student “green fee” of 75 cents per-credit-hour (about \$9 per semester) to generate a campus “Sustainability  
.30 Fund”?  
.31  
.32 **Be it Further Resolved**, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Crist, members of the Florida Legislature, members of the Board of  
.33 Governors, members of the Board of Trustees, President Hitt, Vice President Holsenbeck, Vice President Merck, Associate Vice President Kernek,  
.34 Physical Plant Interim Director Watson, Physical Plant Assistant Director Norvell, Physical Plant Assistant Director Wormwood, Landscape and  
.35 Natural Resources Director Quigley, Environmental Steward Bernard, and Dean Morrison-Shetlar.  
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**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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Brian Peterson  
Speaker of the Senate

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Date

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Jennifer Lipinski  
Senate President Pro Tempore

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Date



**Resolution – Funding of the Library Materials and Subscriptions in Support of  
Faculty Research**

**(From Library Committee)**

**Whereas** the University of Central Florida recognizes that the great importance of the 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,

**Be it resolved** that the Faculty Senate of the University of Central Florida recommends to the university administration that a percentage of the overhead returns generated by research grants be allocated for the library's procurement of materials and subscriptions.

### **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 Funding of the Library Materials and Subscriptions in Support of Faculty Research**

(From University Library 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,

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By Senator Carlton

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Senate Joint Resolution

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ARTICLE IV

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53 and the attorney general shall constitute the state board of  
54 administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control,  
55 and authority of the state board of administration established  
56 pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885,  
57 and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of  
58 Article XII, Section 9(c).

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59        (g)~~(f)~~ The governor as chair, the chief financial officer,  
 60 the attorney general, ~~and~~ the commissioner of agriculture, and  
 61 the commissioner of education shall constitute the trustees of  
 62 the internal improvement trust fund and the land acquisition  
 63 trust fund as provided by law.

64        (h)~~(g)~~ The governor as chair, the chief financial officer,  
 65 the attorney general, ~~and~~ the commissioner of agriculture, and  
 66 the commissioner of education shall constitute the agency head of  
 67 the Department of Law Enforcement.

68    Article IX

69    EDUCATION

70        SECTION 2. State board of education.—The governor and the  
 71 members of the cabinet shall constitute the state board of  
 72 education, which shall be a body corporate and have such  
 73 supervision of the public education system as is provided by law.  
 74 ~~The state board of education shall be a body corporate and have~~  
 75 ~~such supervision of the system of free public education as is~~  
 76 ~~provided by law. The state board of education shall consist of~~  
 77 ~~seven members appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year~~  
 78 ~~terms, subject to confirmation by the senate. The state board of~~  
 79 ~~education shall appoint the commissioner of education.~~

80        SECTION 7. State University System.—

81        (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through  
 82 teaching students, advancing research and providing public  
 83 service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities  
 84 and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance  
 85 for the state university system of Florida.

86        (b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state  
 87 university system comprised of all public universities. ~~A board~~

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88 ~~of trustees shall administer each public university and a board~~  
89 ~~of governors shall govern the state university system.~~

90 (c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent  
91 public university shall be administered by a board of trustees as  
92 provided by law ~~consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the~~  
93 ~~purposes of the state university system. The board of governors~~  
94 ~~shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees.~~  
95 Each board of trustees shall consist of eleven ~~six~~ citizen  
96 members appointed by the governor ~~and five citizen members~~  
97 ~~appointed by the board of governors.~~ The appointed members shall  
98 be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five  
99 years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the  
100 equivalent, and the president of the student body of the  
101 university shall also be members.

102 (d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors  
103 shall administer the state ~~be a body corporate consisting of~~  
104 ~~seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control,~~  
105 ~~and be fully responsible for the management of the whole~~  
106 university system as provided by law. ~~These responsibilities~~  
107 ~~shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive~~  
108 ~~mission of each constituent university and its articulation with~~  
109 ~~free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-~~  
110 ~~planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding~~  
111 ~~wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's~~  
112 ~~management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to~~  
113 ~~appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall~~  
114 ~~account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor~~  
115 shall appoint to the board five ~~fourteen~~ citizens dedicated to  
116 the purposes of the state university system. The appointed

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117 members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered  
118 terms of four ~~seven~~ years as provided by law. The commissioner of  
119 education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates,  
120 or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida student  
121 association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the  
122 board.

## Article XII

## SCHEDULE

125 Cabinet, State Board of Education, elected Commissioner of  
126 Education, and the State University System.--

127 (a) The amendments to section 4 of Article IV and sections  
128 2 and 7 of Article IX which create a cabinet position for an  
129 elected commissioner of education to supervise the public  
130 education system as provided by law, revise the membership of the  
131 state board of education to be the governor and the cabinet,  
132 revise the number of members and manner of appointment for  
133 members of the local boards of trustees for the state university  
134 system, and revise the membership, terms, and duties of the  
135 statewide board of governors, and this section, if submitted to  
136 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next  
137 general election, shall take effect July 1 of the year following  
138 such general election.

139 (b) On the effective date of these amendments, the terms of  
140 the members serving on the state board of education, the  
141 statewide board of governors, and the local boards of trustees  
142 and the term of the commissioner of education shall expire.

143 (c) On the effective date of these amendments, the governor  
144 and cabinet shall appoint a commissioner of education to serve  
145 until a commissioner of education is elected in the next general



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146 | election following the adoption of these amendments.

147 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
148 | placed on the ballot:

149 | CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

150 | ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4

151 | ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 2 AND 7

152 | ARTICLE XII

153 | RESTRUCTURING THE STATE CABINET; ELECTED COMMISSIONER OF  
154 | EDUCATION; RESTRUCTURING THE LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND THE  
155 | STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY  
156 | SYSTEM.--Proposing amendments to the State Constitution which  
157 | will create an elected Commissioner of Education who will be a  
158 | member of the Cabinet and will be responsible for the supervision  
159 | of public education; eliminate an appointed State Board of  
160 | Education and replace the board with the Governor and the  
161 | Cabinet; provide that the State Board of Education will be  
162 | responsible for the supervision of public education; revise the  
163 | membership of the local boards of trustees by eliminating the  
164 | authority of the statewide Board of Governors to appoint members;  
165 | limit the authority and duties of the local boards of trustees;  
166 | revise the membership of the statewide Board of Governors by  
167 | reducing the number of appointed members and their terms; limit  
168 | the authority of the statewide Board of Governors to administer  
169 | the State University System; provide that the terms of the  
170 | currently appointed members of the State Board of Education,  
171 | local boards of trustees, and the statewide Board of Governors,  
172 | and the term of the currently appointed Commissioner of Education  
173 | shall expire July 1 of the year following the adoption of these  
174 | amendments in the next general election; and provide for the

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175 | appointment of a Commissioner of Education by the Governor and  
176 | Cabinet until a Commissioner of Education is elected in the next  
177 | general election following the adoption of these amendments.