The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Professor David Singer, Chair of the Faculty Senate. The guests, attending the meeting to speak to the agenda items: changes to the undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy, and resolutions from the Dental School for changes to department organization, name of degree and name of the school, were introduced.

The minutes of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting of April 15, 2003 were approved as distributed.

Professor Thomas Bishop agreed to report at the Faculty Senate meeting for the Executive Committee.

President’s Announcements
President Hundert noted it being a very busy time - the departure for Emory University of James Wagner and Deputy Provost Lynn Singer stepping up to be the Interim Provost and Vice President. The Provost’s Search Committee has just met once. It is a small committee of distinguished faculty, with a trustee member, and staff and student representation, and is being aided by an experienced search firm.

The search for the next Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is coming to fruition with the hope of a January 1 start date. Three other new administrators already here over the summer months are Christopher Munoz (Vice Provost for Enrollment), Anthony Kinslow (Vice President of Human Resources) and Jeanine Ornt (Vice President and General Council) who is especially interested in Risk Management.

Initiatives underway are the SAGES Task Force being chaired by Professor Roy Ritzman, and the new student environment for which we hope to break ground early in November for a new college town on Euclid Avenue which will include the Campus Bookstore, and to also start on the new North Residential Village dormitories by October.

University Advancement - Lara Kalafatis has been promoted to Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations, Programs and Events. The SAGES Presidential Fellows Program is being adopted by an alumni chapter in San Francisco; we have launched our national visibility campaign with the new logo; and Dr. Ted Castele will be heading the campaign to raise funds for the campus center, a new Alumni House and for Library resources. Centers of Excellence within our schools, the opening of the Wolstein Research Center in October, the Academic
Medical Center and his visits to Washington are all activities noted by President Hundert. He asked the Executive Committee to pick a few big issues to work on to advance the mission of the University and to draw attention to the University and its faculty.

**Interim Provost’s Announcements**

Dr. Lynn Singer noted the theme for the University this academic year as Knowledge and the Senses. Dr. Oliver Sachs’ (our Fall Convocation speaker) book fits well into this theme which will be more fully developed through other forums during the year. She mentioned a number of awards - Wright Center/Fuel Cells, stem cell research, neurostimulation, NSF Advance Award for advancement of women faculty in science and engineering which is a $3.5 million dollar award for 5 years to focus on ways to change the campus culture. Expect more on this in the future.

Organizational Change - Student Life will now report to the Office of the Provost and a search will begin, after confirmation of a new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, for a vice provost in this area. Sue Nickel-Schindewolf is heading a program to help us create a community of scholars, and Lynn Singer asked what faculty perks would attract faculty to identify with one of the residential colleges. Other changes are that Don Feke has added to his time in the Provost’s Office and Kathryn Karipides will be serving part time in the interim as well.

Admissions - Enrollment of 880+ is the highest we have ever had, but it is at a slight cost in SAT scores. We cannot change our financial structure too much, especially in the area of merit scholarships, which means we are still “buying” our best students.

Other areas of note are the exchanges and programs with Fisk University and a collaboration with the Musical Arts Association for discounted tickets to events, coffee shops to attract students and, possibly, a faculty dining room in their restaurant area. The Women’s Center dedication is October 23rd

**Chair’s Announcements**

Professor David Singer’s announcements were of a housekeeping nature. In the summer of 2002, the Law School petitioned for approval of a change in their academic calendar to a 13 week semester which was approved by last year’s Faculty Senate Executive Committee and failed to get noted in any of the minutes. There is still a vacancy in committee chairs for the Minority Affairs Committee, as well as the need for a new member to replace Stephen Haynesworth who also served as the chair. Dr Dorothy Miller, Director of the Women’s Center and an adjunct member of the faculty was nominated by the Nominating Committee, Kathy Farkas, chair, and approved unanimously. The chair will be announced later.

Activities that day to commemorate September 11th were noted, and all observed a minute of silence.

**Changes the School of Dentistry**

Dr. Stephen Wotman spoke on behalf of Dean Jerold Goldberg and read the resolutions to change the name of the school to the School of Dental Medicine, the name of the degree to the D.M.D. (Doctor of Dental Medicine) and for the discontinuance of two departments, the Department of Restorative Dentistry and the Department of General Practice Dentistry and instead establish the Department for the Practice of General Dentistry, and, lastly, the establishment of the new Department of Biological Sciences. He elaborated on the reasons and the background, noting the time when the Department of Oral Biology was eliminated. The school’s faculty overwhelmingly support these changes, the alumni support the name change, and they would like to have the discussion at the level of the Provost’s Office on how to make the transition for students and of the degrees.

In response to several questions, Dr. Wotman said that all the affected faculty would be happy, existing Ph.D. programs would continue to be housed in their present departments, and
that the name change in the degree better reflects that their work includes more than dental practice. There was one suggestion to expand on the term “appropriate people” in the rationale for establishing the Dept. Of Biological Sciences prior to presentation to the Faculty Senate.

There was no further discussion and the MOTIONS PASSED without opposition to place these resolutions before the Faculty Senate.

**Amendment to the UUF Academic Integrity Policy**

Professor J. Adin Mann explained that the new wording was for clarification of the original intent of the policy accepted last year by the Faculty Senate, and that the key person in situations where academic integrity is in question is the faculty member, but that there are checks and balances in place. He noted that much is being done to education our students, including our foreign students who may be accustomed to different cultural habits. There were several points of discussion, a questions about how we inform faculty of new policies such as this one (they are published in handbooks and the Bulletin) and a request for the web page containing the policy so that it could be linked to a course page. The chair called for a vote on the MOTION which was APPROVED unanimously to go forward to the Faculty Senate at the next meeting.

**Report of the ad hoc Pet Policy Committee**

Committee chair, William Deal, reported that the committee had extensively discussed a large number of responses to questionnaire from both faculty and staff. It would, without doubt, be easier to simply ban dogs on campus but it was agreed that this is not an easy situation. D. Singer stated that the Executive Committee does not feel any particular expertise on this subject so MOVES that the report be presented to President Hundert. All were IN FAVOR of that action.

**Approval of Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting**

The draft agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting of September 23rd was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary of the Faculty Senate