Items of Interest & Announcements:

- To his credit, President Bradshaw gained a partnership between Edison State College and FGCU to promote greater access to higher education opportunities in Charlotte County. This partnership will result in the offering of bachelor’s and master’s degrees on the existing site of Edison State College in Charlotte. It will be based on our ability to get funding.
- The Lutgert College of Business was identified among the top Schools listed in the Princeton Review.
- SACS Site visit is scheduled for March 2009 to review level change as FGCU moves from a masters level to doctoral level institution. This change is relevant to FGCU’s offering of the doctorate in physical therapy DPT.
- FGCU awarded the solar ray field contract to Regenesis. Faculty served on the selection committee for this contract award.
- Administration has been examining the costs of maintaining telephones in all the classrooms and laboratories. Faculty Senate input has been sought in this matter.
- President Bradshaw created a new Planning and Budget Council that will be in effect this spring 2009 semester. The Council has representation from the Faculty Senate. Dr. Toll, Provost and VPAA will serve as the Chair of the Council and Joe Shepard, VP Administration will serve as Vice Chair.
- The new Whittaker School of Engineering building (Holmes Hall) was completed in fall 2008 and is now occupied and fully operational.
- Student enrollments continue to increase as did retention, and number of graduates in April 2008 and December 2008.
- Sports: Student athletes and the athletic programs are doing well – the FGCU Women’s Basketball Team beat UF – this is like winning the national title! None-the-less, we are excited about the Gators – being number one in football!

Highlights of FGCU Faculty Senate

- **Task Force:** Senate Leadership created a Student Learning Outcomes/Goals (SLOG) Task Force with faculty representatives from each academic unit, the senate graduate curricula, undergraduate curricula, and program review teams and the General Education Council as well as 4 representatives from administration. The task force will review graduate and undergraduate learning goals and define a process for review. The committee will begin its charge this January 2009 utilizing the shared governance model used at FGCU.
- **Senate Bylaws & Standard Operating Procedures:** Review and changes to the Senate Bylaws are in progress. The Faculty Senate leadership is working on standard operating procedures manual (a Senate Handbook).
- **Academic Programs and Curriculum:** Review of curriculum and programs - in progress.
- **Policies:** Faculty Senate is involved with the review, revisions, and recommendations for university policies to meet BOG regulations. Policies for Institutes and Centers are among those revised and forwarded for UBOT approval. The Faculty Affairs Team is reviewing the Honorary Degree Policy.
- **Resolution:** Senate passed the following resolution - Revised Section 1.a and 4.a of the Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Regulation; and the “definition of terms” section of the companion Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Complaint Policy and Procedure, be amended to include “sexual orientation” as a protected class of the University community against which discrimination and harassment are prohibited. It was noted that the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) recognize sexual orientation in the statement for protected classes from discrimination. This item was forwarded to the UBOT as it will be on the next UBOT agenda.
- **General Education:** A 3-credit diversity requirement was approved by the General Education Council.
• **Excellence Awards:** The faculty excellence award documents for teaching, service, research and academic advising were updated.

• Several other key items will be addressed by Senate leadership, teams, committees, council and the Senate.

• FGCU Senate website: [http://www.fgcu.edu/FacultySenate/index.html](http://www.fgcu.edu/FacultySenate/index.html)

**UFF:** Dr. Maddy Isaacs, FGCU UFF Chapter President reported that FGCU has the highest membership ever with over 110 members and is close to 35% faculty representation; this would make us the third largest UFF chapter in the state.

**University Board of Trustees (UBOT):** The next UBOT meeting will be held on January 20, 2009; the agenda will be available on the university’s website, as well as on the faculty senate homepage.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
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