

# Faculty Senate Newsletter

## Senate Policies

October 12, 2009

Policy	Sunset Date	Senate Approval Date	Forwarded To	Date	Action Taken
Academic Honesty				October 2009	Task force Created
Overload	2007	May 2009	Provost		
Exigency Policy	1994	May 2009	Provost		
Office Hours	1994			May 2009	Tabled
Tenure Track Academic Ranks	2008	May 2009	Provost		
Non-Tenure Track Academic Ranks	2008	May 2009	Provost		

## A Message from the Faculty Senate President

September was a busy month for the faculty senate as we held our first monthly meeting on the 2nd, our Fall Faculty Assembly on the 16th, and our annual senate retreat on the 25th. One topic for discussion at our faculty senate meeting was House Bill 2504 which requires that by January 2010 undergraduate course syllabi be posted on the UHCL web site as well as faculty vita. Eventually, student evaluations of faculty will have to be posted on the web site. When the Board of Regents met on the UHCL campus in the spring, the UH system faculty senate presidents spoke out in opposition to this bill. At the request of the University Faculty Senates Council (UFEC) a task

force was formed to determine how to best address the requirements of this bill. Beth Hentges, Faculty Senate Vice President is our representative on the task force.

Dr. Staples and Dr. Stockton welcomed faculty back to campus at our Fall Faculty Assembly. Dr. Mugdh provided a preview of the SACS reaccreditation process. He named the numerous committees that would be formed and asked for faculty to volunteer to work on the committees based on their areas of expertise. Dr. Jenkins spoke about the Student Success Initiative, which includes the Academic Support Referral Program and the Student Success Center.

On Friday, September 25, the senators attended the third annual retreat. During this day long retreat, the four faculty senate committees established their goals for the year and designed action plans for accomplishing those goals.

Once a month, the University Faculty Senates Council (UFEC), comprised of the faculty senate presidents and vice presidents from the four UH system campuses, meet on the UH campus to discuss common concerns and to share updates on the work of the faculty senates on each campus. This is also a time for us to meet with Chancellor Renu Khator and Provost John Antel.

## Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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## VPN Software

The Faculty Senate Research committee wants UHCL faculty to know about the VPN application software that enables faculty from the convenience of a home computer to access Outlook email (instead of web mail), open and revise folders and files on his or her office computer, and run application software on his or her office computer.

For information, download the UCT guide to using VPN: [http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/UCT/New\\_UCT/documentation/VPN/Virtual%20Private%20Networking%20-%20Windows.pdf](http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/UCT/New_UCT/documentation/VPN/Virtual%20Private%20Networking%20-%20Windows.pdf).

NOTE: UCT does not currently support VPN for 64-bit Windows product; Mac users have no UCT documentation but VPN does work with Snow Leopard 64-bit.

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