The meeting was called to order by Dr. Modani at 4:04 p.m. The roll was circulated for signature. The minutes of Senate meeting on September 28, 1995 were approved. Guests present included Dr. Frank Juge, Dean Kathryn Seidel, Dr. Stephen Rice, Mr. Joel Hartman, Dr. Charles Harpole (UFF), Ms. Joyce Dorner, Dr. Michael Hampton, Dr. Shirley Leckie, Ms. Sena Testa, and Ms. Jeanne Piascik.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Modani recognized the guests present at the meeting. He announced that Dr. Carol Wilson will provide the dean of each college a copy of a video from the video conference on "Academic Integrity" co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate. The Steering Committee has decided that the chair of the Senate would serve on the Budget Planning Committee formed by President Hitt. TIP folders were due on October 23, 1995 and the winners of the awards are to be notified before the end of Fall term. Dr. Harpole distributed copies of the collective bargaining agreement. Provost Whitehouse commented on a recent proposal made by President Lombardi regarding excess credit hours and tuition paid by the students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Wink chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee reported on several issues being considered by the committee. A new program proposal in management information systems was approved. The committee is considering of other items such as American Sign Language to fulfill foreign language requirements, reported GPA for transfer students, catalog year for suspended students, plus/minus grading system, and earlier deadline for student withdrawal from courses. The committee is seeking input from various colleges. Dr. Lawther, chair of the Undergraduate Course Review Committee, reported that several course action requests were approved. The committee is also looking at the course levelling requirements of Florida Senate Bill 2330.

Dr. Tucker chair of the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee reported that the committee has a draft of revised Policies and Procedures manual.
which has not been revised since 1982. The committee is looking at SACS recommendations in the graduate studies and research area.

Dr. LeBruto reported for Dr. Davis, chair of the Personnel Committee. The committee is looking at several issues including use of adjunct faculty. They have requested some data from Dr. Juge on this issue. Other issues being looked at are policy regarding overload compensation for faculty on twelve month contract and teaching responsibility for chairs and directors.

The Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee chaired by Dr. Johnson continues to monitor the Pegasus model and look at some administrative services and their charges to academic units.

Dr. Modani reminded the committee chairs that the Senate office is available to provide staff support for the smooth functioning of their committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Modani thanked Dean Seidel, chair of the GEP Implementation Committee, and the committee members for their diligent work and for tackling such a formidable task in such an expeditious manner and yet be able to seek input from a large number of faculty through focus groups and open meetings. The main task of this committee was to take the report of the previous GEP Committee and recommend a way to reduce the GEP to 36 hours as required by the Florida Senate Bill 2330. Following is the resolution presented by the committee.

RESOLUTION 1995-1996-1

Whereas the State of Florida passed Senate Bill 2330 which calls for a 36-hour General Education Program requirement, be it resolved that the General Education Program be changed in the following ways:

(1) In the Communication Foundations area, a new course SPC 1605, Technical Presentations, will be offered along with Speech 1600.

(2) In the Science Foundations area, the requirement will read: "Take one course from each group. Some majors require a specific course or a higher level course in this area. Consult your advisor." The total credits for the area will be changed from seven to six.

(3) In the Social Foundations area a student will take either American National Government or Micro-Economics or Macro-Economics.

(4) While a required diversity course will not at this time become part of the GEP, the Faculty Senate will appoint a committee to study the incorporation of diversity as a graduation requirement. The report of this committee will be due to the Faculty Senate at its November, 1996 meeting.

Attached is a copy of the recommended GEP.
Dr. Modani pointed out some of the clarifying editorial changes that need to be made in the footnotes and the descriptive parts of the recommended GEP. Dr. Cunningham expressed concern regarding the elimination of science lab. Dr. Modani pointed out that as a practical matter, many students in sciences, engineering, and health related areas will take the science lab as a requirement in their majors. Dr. Debnath wanted to keep the GEP at 40 hours. Dr. McBrayer expressed satisfaction that the course description for ENC 1102 will be changed to satisfy engineering accreditation requirements. Dr. Rungeling suggested the Faculty Senate send a letter to the legislators expressing concern and dissatisfaction with such micromanagement of university curriculum. Several members expressed apprehension with legislative mandates without proper consultation with universities and their faculty. They agreed, however, that we have no choice but to comply with the law. Dean Seidel said that the committee discussed various options and examined several courses before making the recommendation. After considerable debate, the resolution was approved with 30 in favor and 4 opposed.

Dr. Modani stated that the Senate will appoint an ad-hoc committee to look at ways to incorporate cultural diversity in the curriculum and to fine tune the GEP course offerings to enhance the educational experiences of UCF students. Provost Whitehouse thanked the Senate for its work on GEP and commented that the 4 hour reduction in GEP will make it easier to accomplish another mandate of the Florida Senate Bill 2330 to reduce all degree programs in the range of 120 to 128 hours. Eighty percent of the UCF programs are at 120 hours and steps are being taken by the appropriate departments to reduce their requirements to be within 128 hours.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Cook reported on a meeting between the Steering Committee and the Florida House Committee on Higher Education. The chair of the Higher Education Committee, representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and other members were interested in faculty views on various issues facing higher education in Florida. Dr. Modani was invited to meet with the entire committee in Tallahassee next week to present faculty views on several recent legislative actions. Discussion followed. Dr. Modani asked members to send their concerns to him so he can use them in his discussions in Tallahassee.

Dr. Armacost expressed his concern over the way excess credit hours are computed including excess hours transferred from community colleges and other universities as well as hours from dropped or failed courses. Dr. Modani said that these hours should not count against UCF and that he will discuss this at the meeting next week in Tallahassee. Dr. Tucker enquired about the issue raised by Dr. Nayfeh at the last Senate meeting. Dr. Nayfeh had expressed his frustration in dealing with the office of the University Attorney. Provost Whitehouse responded that his office in consultations with Dean Wanielista and Dr. Nayfeh is working on resolving the matter.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.