The meeting was called to order by Dr. Modani at 4:05 p.m. The roll was circulated for signature. The minutes of Senate meeting on August 31, 1995 were approved. Guests present included Dr. Frank Juge, Dean Kathryn Seidel, Dean Marty Wanielista, Dean Belinda McCarthy, Dr. Katherine Keller, Dr. Stephen Rice, Dr. Tom Huddleston, Mr. Joel Hartman, Dr. Charles Harpole (UFF), Ms. Joyce Dorner, Ms. Anne Marie Allison, Mr. Jeff Hunt (Future), and Ms. Dorothy Lallement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Modani reminded members that there are no excused absences from Senate meetings. He announced that Faculty Senate is co-sponsoring a video conference on "Academic Integrity" to be held on Friday September 29, 1995 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Activities center. He distributed a flyer on the conference and urged the members to attend. Dr. Modani urged the members to fill out the "Course Guide Questionnaire" being circulated by the SGA.

Dr. Keller thanked the members for their support of the Honors Program and briefed them on the developments in the program. This year, UCF admitted 177 FTIC students with an average SAT score of about 1200. Plans are underway to include transfer students. She distributed the Honors Program handbook and invited the members to participate in the program. She urged the departments to develop more honors courses and Honors in the Major programs. She offered to attend any department or college faculty meetings to provide more information.

Provost Whitehouse announced that the college criteria and procedures for TIP were approved. Student related services are expected to be more cohesive due to the recently announced administrative changes. President Hitt is forming a Budget Planning Committee chaired by the Provost. This committee will recommend overall budget allocations to the President. Membership of this committee will be the five vice presidents, a designee of the Senate, and the president of the SGA. In response to a question by Dr. Cook, Dr. Modani responded that the
Steering Committee will designate the Senate representative. In reference to a news article in Orlando Sentinel, Provost Whitehouse stated that even though a 5 percent increase in teaching productivity is contemplated for the SUS in the next year, the target for UCF will be much lower due to the productivity increases in recent years. Dr. Huddleston commented that a review of applicants to UCF shows an increase in SAT and ACT scores.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dr. Modani reported that all the standing committees have met to elect chairs and vice-chairs. Dr. Wink is the chair and Dr. Lawther is the vice-chair of the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. Dr. Somerville is the Steering Committee liaison. Dr. Wink has set a meeting schedule for the year and the first meeting is on October 17, 1995. At this meeting the committee will look at new program proposals in biology and management information systems, and start consideration of other items such as American Sign Language to fulfill foreign language requirements, reported GPA for transfer students, catalog year for suspended students, etc. 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 is the chair and Dr. Goodman is the vice-chair of the Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee and Dr. Petrasko is the Steering Committee liaison. Dr. Tucker expressed Senate's appreciation for the increased support for the Office of Graduate Studies and reported that the committee at its first meeting approved the implementation proposals for M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Optical Sciences and Engineering. Dr. Goodman, chair of the Graduate Council, reported that several course action requests were approved.

Dr. Davis is the chair of the Personnel Committee and Dr. Rungeling is the Steering Committee liaison. Dr. LeBruto reported for Dr. Davis that the committee is looking at several issues including use of adjunct faculty. Dr. Johnson is the chair of the Budget and Administrative Procedures Committee and Dr. Talbott is the Steering Committee liaison. The committee plans to continue monitoring 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. He said that many of the reporting committees have been constituted and have begun their operations. The work on the remaining reporting committees is expected to be finished in next several days.
Dean Wanielista, chair of the Student Evaluation Faculty Task Force, briefed the members on the review of the student evaluation form. The committee was appointed by the Senate and started meeting in October 1994. They have looked at the current form, at several suggested questions, and some of the literature dealing with this subject. The BOR has mandated that eight "core" questions be included on all forms for the SUS and the results on these eight questions be made public in a prescribed format. Several of these questions are from the form used at UCF. Further, the BOR has mandated that each course taught by a faculty be evaluated. The committee contemplates that there will be several questions common to all UCF evaluations and the colleges, departments, and faculty will be given the flexibility to use additional questions for their courses. The revised questionnaire will be tested for several courses at UCF during the Fall semester before it is finalized. At the end of this process, a recommendation will be made to the Senate to adopt the final form. This final form will be utilized for the Spring 1996 semester. The committee plans to make some other recommendations regarding evaluations and to improve teaching effectiveness. Dr. Modani thanked Dean Wanielista and his committee for their diligent work.

The GEP Implementation Committee, was appointed by the Senate in August 1995. 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. The current UCF GEP has 40 hours. A report on the final GEP of 36 hours is due to the BOR by November 1, 1995. Dean Seidel, chair of this committee, outlined the procedures the committee has used to accomplish this task. The committee met several times and sought input from the committee members and other faculty. They have held two open faculty meetings and several focus group meetings to seek input. The committee will make a final recommendation to the Senate for its consideration at the October Senate meeting. The committee also plans to recommend that the Senate 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. Dr. Modani thanked Dean Seidel and her committee for their hard work and for accomplishing such a formidable task in an expeditious manner. Provost Whitehouse 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.

Dr. Nayfeh expressed his frustration in dealing with the office of the University Attorney. Provost Whitehouse asked him to work with the college dean and with Academic Affairs to resolve the matter.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.