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Colleagues:

Welcome back for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Faculty Senate office has been actively working to further shared governance in the colleges and academic units. I have met with many of our faculty groups and will continue to meet with you throughout the fall and encourage faculty participation in governance within the University and your unit. We are also ready to unveil the final version of the University Strategic Work Plan (attached) that was initially drafted by the President and then co-opted by the Faculty Senate. A work group of three faculty (Barry Ache, Jaquie Resnick, and Kirk Ludwig) met with the President this summer to incorporate hundreds of faculty comments into a final document that fully represents shared governance both in its origins and its substance. The faculty participated in making major changes to the Work Plan to reflect the many valuable faculty comments that were expressed throughout the spring and summer.

The Faculty Senate will hold an open forum on the Work Plan on Thursday, August 24th from 2:15-2:45 to discuss its provisions. The Senate will hold a discussion and a vote on the Plan near the end of the Senate meeting, that same day at roughly 4:00 P.M.. You are all invited to attend either or both of the meetings to express your views. If you cannot attend, please feel free to e-mail comments to me at facultysenatechair@ufl.edu and I will be sure they are included in ongoing conversations, updates, and revisions to the Plan.

Other important items of interest to the faculty include the creation of a joint presidential/faculty senate task force to do strategic planning for the Smathers and Health Sciences Center Libraries that is beginning its work this fall. The Senate Policy Councils have an aggressive action plan for this academic year, so please look out for their reports and resolutions. The Senate will engage in some housekeeping matters with regard to committee structure and function this year. We are also continuing to tidy up the Constitution. We are working with the Associate Provost for Faculty Development to create workshops on shared governance. The Senate's Web site is being revamped to include a place for dissemination of information of general interest to faculty, including: local events, information on schools and child care, calls for papers, accolades, and updates of policies that affect faculty. Please look at the Web site in the next month or so to see the changes we are making to better meet the needs of faculty here at UF.

This is an exciting year to be at UF and I look forward to serving you and representing your interests in my capacity as Chair of the Senate. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Senate office if you have questions, would like more information about our activities this year, or if you have an idea you want to have brought before the Senate. I encourage you to speak to your Senators, attend Senate meetings and get involved to help create a nurturing and responsive academic culture here in Gainesville.

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