

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT
Final Report 2007-2008**

R. Viswanathan, Faculty Senate President
April 2007-December 2008

It has been an active year for the Senate. Some action items that happened under my watch are the following: 1) four Senators—Peggy, Dave Worrells, Phil Howze and I served on the Chancellor’s Plagiarism Review Committee. The committee worked long hours and submitted its report to the Chancellor in October 2007; 2) the Executive Council, along with the Committee on Committees, completed the selection of members for the new JRB. The new JRB was approved by the full Senate in its December 2007 meeting; 3) certain questions relating to the eligibility requirements for full professors to serve on the JRB were referred back to the Governance Committee. While I would very much like to have completed my full term in the Senate, due to the opportunity to serve as the interim dean of the College of Engineering, I had to resign from the Senate. Peggy has led the Senate for the remainder of the term in an efficient manner. It has been a wonderful experience for the past four and a half years, and I made a lot of friends. I would like to thank all the committee members and the Senators for the excellent work and cooperation.

Peggy Stockdale, Faculty Senate President
December 2008-April 2008

During my term as President of the Faculty Senate since January 2008, the Senate has: 1) studied a proposal to extend in-state tuition to residents of bordering out-of-state counties; 2) examined the loss of OTS funds across the colleges; 3) approved resolutions replacing mid-term vacancies on the JRB; 4) changing the name of the College of Business and Administration to the College of Business; and 5) approving a specialization in Agricultural Communications. We are also reviewing proposals for an online voting system. As President, I have attended all of the Board of Trustees meetings, speaking out at one of them, to ask the President’s Office to establish transparent human resource processes. I’ve also regularly attended and actively participated in the Chancellor’s Executive Committee meetings, and I have met regularly with the President to discuss issues of leadership succession. I am optimistic that the Faculty Senate and the Office of the President of the Faculty Senate can work effectively with the wider university community in its efforts to govern this university.