September 5, 2006:

Motion 06/07:01:
The Faculty Senate approves John Makemson as Senate Parliamentarian

Motion 06/07:02:
The Faculty Senate approves Dario Moreno as Governmental Liaison

Motion 06/07:03:
The Faculty Senate unanimously approves the CHUA Reorganization proposal whereby CHUA would be placed by three independent free-standing schools/colleges: The Stempel School of Public Health, a College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and a College composed of the Schools of Social Work, Criminal Justice and Policy and Management.

September 19, 2006:

No Motions

October 10, 2006:

Motion 06/07:04:
The Graduate Council approves the New Track in Criminal Justice Administration specialization in public management Ph.D.

Motion 06/07:05:
The Graduate Council approves the Unit Specific Graduation Requirements for the M.A. in Statistics.

Motion 06/07:06:
The University Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the Bulletin 1 with the following items deferred:
- New Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies
- New Graduate Certificate in Water, Environment & Development

October 24, 2006:

Motion 06/07:07:
The Faculty Senate supports the actions taken by the Athletic Council, the Athletic Department and the Administration regarding the behavior exhibited at the FIU/UM Football Game on Saturday, October 14, 2006

Motion 06/07:08:
The Faculty Senate approves the Classroom Utilization Report.

November 14, 2006:

Motion #06/07:09:
The Faculty Senate will send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Herb Wertheim for his contributions to the University. The chair and Steering Committee are charged with drafting the motion.

December 5, 2006: (Motions from Bulletins 1 and 2):

(Undergraduate Council Motions)
Motion #06/07:10:
The Faculty Senate approves the Minor in Beverage Management

Motion #06/07:11:
The Faculty Senate approves the BA in Music
Motion #06/07:12:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Track in Atmospheric Sciences for the BS in Geosciences

(Graduate Council Motions)  
Approval of items that were deferred in Bulletin 1:

Motion #06/07:13:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Track in Latin American & Caribbean Studies for the Spanish Language Master’s Program in Journalism

Motion #06/07:14:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Spanish-English Master’s Program in Journalism

Bulletin 2 – Graduate Council item:

Motion #06/07:15:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Master of Science in Construction Engineering.

Motion #06/07:16:  
The Faculty Senate approves the request to change unit specific admission requirements for Mechanical and Materials M.S. in Engineering

Motion #06/07:17:  
The Faculty Senate approves the request to change unit specific admission requirements for International Relations M.S.

(denied: unit specific admission from curriculum & instruction - education; unit specific admission from religious studies; unit specific admission from material science & engineering, three from electrical and computer engineering - Computer engineering, Electrical engineering, Telecommunications & Networking)

(Curriculum Committee Motions)  
Approval of items that were deferred in Bulletin 1:

Motion #06/07:18:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Graduate Certificate in Water, Environment, and Development Studies

Motion #06/07:19:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies

Motion #06/07:20:  
The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin 2 with the following correction:

PET 5XXX - Administration and Professionalism in Allied Health Care new course proposal title changed to Administration and Professionalism in Athletic Training

Deferments:

- PHC 7xxx Fundamentals of Biostatistics I
- PHC 7xxx Fundamentals of Biostatistics II
- PHC 7xxx Fundamentals of Biostatistics III

Plus anything not approved by the Graduate Council

January 16, 2007:

Motion #06/07:21:  
The Faculty Senate approves the Steering Committee’s nomination of Kathy Blais to serve out the remainder of Len Bliss’ term as Senate Vice Chairperson.

January 30, 2007:

Motion #06/07:22:  
(From Curriculum Committee Bulletin #2)  
The Faculty Senate approves PHC 7XXX – Advanced Biostatistics I, II, and III to replace the proposals for PHC 7XXX – Fundamentals of Biostatistics I, II and III.
Motion #06/07:23:
The Faculty Senate approves the Proposal for the Minor in Public Health in the Stempel School of Public Health.

Motion #06/07:24
The Faculty Senate approves the Master of Science in Athletic Training

Motion #06/07:25
The Faculty Senate approves the Proposal to Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admissions standards (M.S. in Electrical Engineering)

Motion #06/07:26
The Faculty Senate approves the Proposal to Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards (M.S. in Telecommunications and Networking)

Motion #06/07:27
The Faculty Senate approves the Proposal to Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admissions Standards (M.S. in Computer Engineering)

Motion #06/07:28:
The Faculty Senate recommends approval of Bulletin 3 with the following:

- Cancel the requested change to HSA 4421.
- Withdrawal of CCJ 3702 Applied Statistics in Criminal Justice

'Proposal for Changes to a Graduate Degree Program, Track or Academic Graduate Certificate' for the BA/MA in Asian Studies should be Proposal for A New Degree Program for BA/MA in Asian Studies.

Defer action on the following items:
- Objection from Engineering for EVR 3xxx – GIS & Environmental Data Analysis
- Change to Graduate Policies & Procedures Manual
- RN (With Bachelor’s In Another Field) To MSN Program
- Counseling Psychology Track for Master of Science Program

Motion #06/07:29:
The Faculty Senate approves the 2007/2008 Academic Calendar

Motion #06/07:30:
The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Ms. Carly Simon for an Honorary Degree

Motion 06/07:31:
The Faculty Senate approves the Special Rules for the deliberations on the Revised Tenure & Promotion Manual.

February 20, 2007

(TENURE AND PROMOTION MANUAL MEETING)

Motion 06/07:32:  (Passed Unanimously)
Each college/unit making clinical/professional practice/research appointments should develop appointment and promotion guidelines through a college/unit faculty committee. The guidelines be approved by the college/unit faculty governance body, the dean, and the Faculty Senate prior to final approval by the Provost.

Motion 06/07:33:  (Passed 19/17)  (addition of /or passes)
II) [Steering Committee motion] to p. 17: II, “Academic Ranks,” in both the Associate, and Full Professor passages in subsection (iv):

Service: a record of substantial professional service including, for example, leadership in regional, national or international professional societies, organizing conferences, serving on editorial boards; service to schools, agencies, companies, and/or community organizations; and evidence of service to the department, college or university, including participation in collegial governance.
Motion 06/07:34: (Passed Unanimously)
(III) [Steering Committee motion] to p. 21: III. A “General Appearance and Integrity of the File” add paragraph:

7. Candidates are allowed to update the file anytime during the process; however, these documents will be reviewed only at the stages following the modifications without requiring adjustments to the timetable.

Motion 06/07:35: (Passed Unanimously)(2) [Steering Committee motion] to p. 2: in I, Responsibilities of the Participants, add a new section, “Time Line,” between “Nomenclature” and “College/Unit Guidelines:”

The University will announce the schedule of the tenure and promotion process to the faculty for the next year at least two weeks before the end of the Spring semester.

Motion 06/07:36: (Passed 24/16)
(3) [Steering Committee motion] to p. 11: in I, F “Responsibilities of the Provost and Executive Vice President: the addition of an additional bullet at the end:

In instances where there is agreement among the departmental faculty, chairpersons, college committees, and the deans, the Provost shall affirm that decision in his/her review except when (a) one of these bodies or individuals has failed to follow the policies and procedures set out in the Tenure and Promotion Manual; and/or (b) such decisions are either arbitrary or unreasonable, and are thus clearly and decisively against the weight of the evidence. In such cases the Provost must provide a detailed written statement explaining her or his recommendation.

The following motion failed:
(4) [Steering Committee motion] to p. 11: in I, F “Responsibilities of the Provost and Executive Vice President:” the addition of another additional bullet at the end (after (3) above if it is approved) [Notice: this amendment and the one which immediately follows are, effectively, alternative proposals—rationally Senators would either favor one or the other, or be opposed to both (those proposing them do not recommend support of both):

In instances where there are different decisions among the department faculty, chairperson, college committees, and the dean, or if the Provost is considering reversal of a dean’s decision, he/she shall consult with and receive the advice of the Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Motion 06/07:37: (Passed 21/18)
In instances where there are differing decisions among the department faculty, the department chairperson, the college committees, and the Dean or if the Provost is considering a reversal of the Dean’s decision, he/she shall consult with and receive the advice of a committee comprised of: the chairperson or representative of the department tenure and promotion committee, the department chairperson, the chair or a representative of the college tenure and promotion committee, and the Dean of the college. The meeting must take place before the published deadline for the Provost’s decision.

The following motion failed:
In instances where there is agreement among the departmental faculty, chairpersons, college committees, deans, and the Provost, the President shall affirm that decision in his/her review except when (a) one of these bodies or individuals has failed to follow the policies and procedures set out in the Tenure and Promotion Manual; and/or (b) such decisions are either arbitrary or unreasonable, and are thus clearly and decisively against the weight of the evidence. In such cases the President must provide a detailed written statement explaining her or his recommendation.

The following motion failed:
In instances where there are differing decisions among the department faculty, chairperson, college committees, deans, and the Provost, or if the President is considering reversal of the Provost’s decision, he/she shall review the advice of and may consult with the Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee.
Motion 06/07:38: (Passed with 2 negative votes)
This section of the file must contain a minimum of five letters which must be from external reviewers who are in a position to provide an evaluation of the candidate's scholarly and professional activities. The candidate is allowed to provide names of potential evaluators and to exclude names, if there exists a professional or personal conflict with any potential reviewer. The dean or department chairperson in consultation with some or all members of the departmental Tenure and Promotion committee, will decide from whom to request letters and will make the formal request for letters. The individuals solicited for letters may or may not be on the list provided by the candidate but will not include individuals the candidate requests be excluded. No more than two outside letters may come from the list provided by the candidate. Outside letters are intended to be an independent, professional evaluation. Letters should not be solicited from former mentors, mentees, co-authors, co-editors, or anyone who has been associated with the candidate closely enough so that there would be reason to question the impartiality of the evaluation.

Motion 06/07:39: (Passed 35/5)
This section of the file must contain a minimum of five letters which must be from external reviewers who are in a position to provide an evaluation of the candidate's scholarly and professional activities. The candidate is allowed to provide names of potential evaluators and to exclude names, if there exists a professional or personal conflict with any potential reviewer. The dean or department chairperson in consultation with some or all members of the departmental Tenure and Promotion committee, will decide from whom to request letters and will make the formal request for letters. The individuals solicited for letters may or may not be on the list provided by the candidate but will not include individuals the candidate requests be excluded. No more than two outside letters may come from the list provided by the candidate. Outside letters are intended to be an independent, professional evaluation. Letters Normally, letters should not be solicited from former mentors, mentees, co-authors, co-editors, or anyone who has been associated with the candidate closely enough so that there would be reason to question the impartiality of the evaluation. Exceptions must be accompanied by an explanation in the dossier.

This motion failed:
This section of the file must contain a minimum of five letters which must be from external reviewers who are in a position to provide an evaluation of the candidate's scholarly and professional activities. The candidate is allowed to provide names of potential evaluators and to exclude names, if there exists a professional or personal conflict with any potential reviewer. The dean or department chairperson in consultation with some or all members of the departmental Tenure and Promotion committee, will decide from whom to request letters and will make the formal request for letters. The candidate will be provided with the list of reviewers chosen and the name of the individual who proposed the reviewer. The individuals solicited for letters may or may not be on the list provided by the candidate but will not include individuals the candidate requests be excluded. The candidate is allowed to exclude names, if there exists a professional or personal conflict with any potential reviewer or with the reviewer suggested by any individual member who shaped the evaluator list with whom there exists a professional or personal conflict. No more than two outside letters may come from the list provided by the candidate. Outside letters are intended to be an independent, professional evaluation. Letters should not be solicited from former mentors, mentees, co-authors, co-editors, or anyone who has been associated with the candidate, the dean, department chairperson, or any members of the departmental Tenure and Promotion committee consulted closely enough so that there would be reason to question the impartiality of the evaluation.

Motion 06/07:40: (Passed unanimously)
Service: should include professional service at a satisfactory level of performance and service to the department and college, including participation in collegial governance. Professional service should receive regional and national recognition.

Motion 06/07:41: (Passed with 2 negative votes)
Teaching: demonstrated strong commitment to excellence and creativity in teaching and student learning. Qualifications and experience for teaching a variety of courses, including graduate courses where appropriate, at an above satisfactory level of performance. Some indicators of a commitment to teaching include the successful use of appropriate pedagogies and modes of teaching and learning, guiding and advising students, and providing opportunities for involvement in research projects. In departments with graduate programs, teaching also includes mentoring of master’s students and doctoral and postdoctoral students as reflected, for example, in time to degree, publications or other creative output by students, and placement of students in their professional field.
Motion 06/07:42: (Passed 21/19)
Status of FIU as a Carnegie Research University/High Research Activity and a university with the expectation of moving into the ranks of Research University/Very High Research Activity Candidate should be allowed to write a paragraph about the critical facts and historical changes at the department since he joined to the university. This paragraph may include the variation of the number of the faculty members in the department, when the accreditation was obtained, when various programs (BS, MS, PhD) started, the year of the initiation of graduate faculty and dissertation adviser status, and the number of graduate students in the program. The status, classification or ranking of the university, college or the department will be written only if the candidate and the chairman agree to include it/them to the letter by considering the characteristics of the reviewers

March 13, 2007

Motion 06/07:43:
The Faculty Senate approves the PhD. in Environmental Studies.

Motion 06/07:44:
The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #4 with the following deferral:
Proposal to Establish Unit-Specific Admission Standards - Advertising & Public Relations Journalism & Broadcasting.

Motion 06/07:45:
The Faculty Senate approves changing the summer meeting date from June 19 to June 12, 2007.

Motion 06/07:46:
The Faculty Senate approves the 2007-2008 Senate Meeting Dates

April 3, 2007

Motion 06/07:47:
The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar for an Honorary Degree.

April 17, 2007

Motion 06/07:48:
The Faculty Senate approves the Aerospace Engineering Track in the BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Motion 06/07:49:
The Faculty Senate approves the East Asian Studies Track to the BA in Asian Studies

Motion 06/07:50:
The Faculty Senate approves the Leadership & Change Management track to the BBA in Management

Motion 06/07:51:
The Faculty Senate approves Curriculum Committee Bulletin #5.

June 12, 2007

Motion 06/07:52:
The Faculty Senate Approves Bulletin 6 with corrections to the course descriptions for PHY 2048 & PHY 2049. Course changes for PHY 2053 were cancelled.

Motion 06/07:53:
The Faculty Senate refers the motion presented by the Building & Environmental Committee, which reads: All future buildings at FIU must be certified by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), which is the rating system developed by the United States Green Building Council, back to that committee for further deliberations.

Motion # 06/07:54:
The Faculty Senate approves the nomination of Manuel Viamonte for an Honorary Degree.