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# UFF CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Senators representing our chapter at meetings of the state-wide UFF Senate are:

Mike Budd (Department of Communication), Maris Hayashi (Library), Fred Hoffman (Department of Mathematics), Susanne Lapp (Department of Teacher Education), Tim Lenz (Department of Political Science), Anita Pritchard (Department of Political Science), Rangasamy Ramasamy (Department of Exceptional Student Education), Lydia Smiley (Department of Exceptional Student Education), Debra Vance Noelk (FAUS), and Sharmila Vishwasrao (Department of Economics)

Alternate Senators (eligible to substitute for an elected Senator at UFF Senate meetings) are:

Bassam Alhalabi (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Ray Cafolla (Department of Educational Technology and Research), Eleanor Lomax (Library), and Gary Parsons (Library).

All chapter officers and Senators are members of the UFF/FAU Chapter Executive Committee. Additional members of the Executive Committee are appointed committee chairs and building stewards. The chairs of standing committees are:

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Feel free to contact any of the people here listed on issues related to your FAU employment.

# LUNCHEON TO WELCOME NEW FACULTY

**Friday, October 19, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
in the Board of Trustees Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Admin. Bldg, Boca Campus)**

All are invited - new faculty, old faculty - UFF members, nonmembers -  
to this major social event of the fall calendar!

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## FACULTY CLUB

The November meeting of the FAU Faculty Club will be held on Friday, November 2, at 4:00 P.M. in the Board of Trustees Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Administration Building, Boca Campus). Faculty Club will follow the University Faculty Senate, which meets from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. The FAU Faculty Club is an event that is sponsored jointly by the United Faculty of Florida and the FAU Provost's Office. All faculty and administrators are invited to partake of the food and drink, and enjoy the convivial atmosphere. Questions? Contact Dave Lee (7-3252, [dlee@fau.edu](mailto:dlee@fau.edu)).

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## Contact Legislators on Budget Cuts Now

Florida's Governor Crist is recommending a 6.2% cut in funding for Florida's state universities this year. We urge you to contact your state legislators now – by e-mail or by phoning their local district offices – to make sure they understand that their constituents do not want more damage done to Florida higher education through budget cuts.

To identify your state legislators, check your Voter Card to find your State Senate and State House district numbers. You can then go to [www.flsenate.gov/Legislators/index.cfm](http://www.flsenate.gov/Legislators/index.cfm) and use your district number to learn who your State Senator is. Likewise, you can go to [www.myfloridahouse.com/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx](http://www.myfloridahouse.com/Sections/Representatives/representatives.aspx) to learn who your State Representative is. Each legislator's webpage will provide the local district office telephone number, and sometimes the e-mail address as well. If the e-mail address is not given, you can reconstruct it using one of the following templates: For a Senator, the e-mail address will be [last name][dot][first name (or nickname)][dot]web@flsenate.gov. For a Representative, the e-mail address will be [first name][dot][last name]@myfloridahouse.gov. Easy enough, right? Now for some talking points to impress upon your legislators:

1. The student-faculty ratio at Florida's state universities is already at the bottom (49<sup>th</sup>) in national rankings. More cuts would require a hiring freeze on faculty this year that would make things even worse for students. Increasingly, students cannot get the courses they need to graduate, and they cannot get the attention they deserve from professors in overcrowded classes. Students' initial access to higher education is threatened as well by these proposed cuts, as enrollment at the state universities has been frozen. Budget cuts limit access, increase graduation time, and decrease rates of graduation.

2. Faculty are leaving Florida higher education at an alarming rate. In the universities, the turnover rate last year was 14%. It is impossible to staff departments with the qualified faculty they need to cover all the subjects necessary because faculty leave as soon as they find employment elsewhere - at higher salaries and with better teaching conditions. Recruiting new faculty is especially difficult when they hear that there is a freeze on salaries or that classes are crowded. This makes recruitment and retention an ongoing problem that directly affects students adversely.

3. It is shortsighted to think that the State can save money by reducing its commitment to higher education. Higher education is the engine that drives the State's economy. A developed economy requires a developed higher education system to supply the kinds of employees necessary to run it. Moreover, large business operations will not open their doors in a state that cannot attract talented employees with educational benefits.

**IMPORTANT:** (1) Short, polite messages are most effective with legislators; one or two sentences is enough to make the point. (2) Use an off-campus computer or private telephone for messages.