

On behalf of the Faculty Senators from the College of Public Health and Health Professions, I'm happy to report on our progress regarding Shared Governance.

Here is a summary of our activities this year and our planned next steps.

#### 2006-2007 Shared Governance Activities:

- \*The PPHP Senators convened a shared governance working group last fall.
- \* We presented our ideas and recommended a shared governance process to Dean Frank and the College's Executive Group (Department Chairs, Associate Deans, etc).
- \* The Dean agreed to provide staff support (from his office) for the process. A share drive was created on our server.
- \* One or two senators attended the faculty meetings of each PPHP Department to describe Shared Governance.
- \* At this time, we distributed a paper-and-pencil survey of all PPHP faculty about various aspects of shared governance - gauging interest in the aspects and faculty views on the importance of them. We ended up with about 50 surveys returned (about half the faculty). Most agreed that all shared governance was important, but we could see that our faculty was interested in keeping things relatively simple and that structures and processes should reflect the unique aspects of our College.
- \* We requested that each Department and Administration elect or appoint two representatives to a Shared Governance Task Force. We now have twelve members who have been attending and actively participating in the process throughout the Spring term.
- \* We have met over nine times, about once every two weeks (sometimes more often). We keep minutes and have formal agenda. Christy Lemak and Orit Shechtman were elected as Co-Chairs of the Task Force.
- \* Our chief goal was to develop a Constitution for the College. We reviewed several examples of constitutions and by-laws from other units at UF. With permission, we began with the College of Design and Construction's constitution and have been tailoring it for PPHP. Attached is a version that shows our progress (significant work has been done through and including Article II, Section 5a).

#### Next Steps:

- \* We have a few more sections to complete and hope to finish this by June 1. Then, we will seek some advice/counsel on the appropriateness of our language, etc. with respect to other University documents, etc.
- \* We will share a formal draft with all College faculty, asking for comments. Then, faculty will vote to ratify/accept/approve the Constitution and we will elect members to the Faculty Council (as outlined in the Constitution). Our goal is to complete this during the 2007-2008 academic year.