## **INFORMATION**

## PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH COLLEAGUES:

The Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee (Ray Thomas, Chair) discussed potential options to remedy the 9-month faculty issue during their September 2013 meeting. The following motion was presented and carried...9-month faculty decals will be honored through commencement.

- Decals will be honored through Commencement weekend.
- There will be no price increase.
- New decals may be ordered beginning April 1st.

Thank you, Curtis A. Reynolds, VP Business Affairs and Scott Fox, Director of TAPS for shepherding this through!

### INFORMATION

# ALL UF FACULTY RECEIVED AN E-MAIL MESSAGE ON MONDAY, MARCH 17 REQUESTING THEIR INPUT:

UF IT is currently in the process of developing their next Strategic Plan.

The Faculty Senate IT Subcommittee requests your input on an on-line survey (it should require ≤10 minutes).

# Survey link:

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_0fF76jtkQwWI1sF

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR COLLEAGUES TO RESPOND. FACULTY INPUT IS INVALUABLE.



Distinguished Professor lectures (featuring 2013 Distinguished Professors)
(Mondays @ 4:00 PM at Emerson Hall)

Jan 27, 2014 Les Thiele, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, "Innovation and Ethics: Fostering a Culture of Responsible Creativity"

Feb 17, 2014 Ranga Narayanan, Bonnie and Fred Edie Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering; "Bhopal-- a Tale of Technology, Tragedy, and Travesty".

Mar 24, 2014 Leonid Moroz, Professor of Neuroscience, Genetics, Chemistry and Biology, College of Medicine

#### 2014 UF Faculty Senate-sponsored Distinguished Professor Lectures\*

Leonid Moroz
Professor, Department of Neuroscience, College of Medicine

"The Final Frontiers: Genomics - from Brain & Memory to Antarctic & Space"

Monday, March 24, 2014 4:00 PM Emerson Alumni Hall

The human brain is the most complex molecular machine known. It is



composed of a hundred billion nerve cells, each of which is unique and makes innumerable connections with other nerve cells. Together these cells and all their connections allow us to move, think, dream, imagine and learn. It would seem that the best and the most efficient way to treat any disease is to understand the normal biology of a

physiological process, cell or organ at the

level of the genes that make it work. Understanding brain complexity starts with the most fundamental questions: What makes a neuron? What is the molecular "toolkit" needed to make a neuron in the first place? Is there only one or are there many "toolkits" to support the origin and maintenance of neural organization?



#### The Grand Challenges Core: Transforming UF's General Education

The Preeminence Bill SB 1076 allows UF to require 9 – 12 credits of unique coursework in all undergraduate programs that cannot be earned through any acceleration mechanism. This page provides information on how these courses will be incorporated into UF's General Education Program and includes the call for proposals from undergraduate-degree-granting colleges. The information below is also available as a <u>UF Core Description PDF</u> and <u>UF Core RFP PDF</u>. Additional information is provided in the <u>Senate Town Hall Presentation</u> materials.

Introduction

**Grand Challenges Courses** 

The Grand Challenges Core

The 2015 UF General Education Program

Objectives for Grand Challenges Courses

Call for Proposals for Grand Challenges Courses

- Please visit the web site
- Share your ideas to enrich the UF educational experience!
- Questions? Contact your Dean. Contact Bernard Mair
- March 31 deadline





# **Other Announcements**

- Council and Committee elections are from April 1 – 15
- Election for Chair-elect is April 17 at the Faculty Senate meeting
- Faculty Senate Reception: April 17 from 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. (right after the Faculty Senate meeting