Charge to the Faculty Senate
Formal Request for Faculty Senate Action

Charge Initiated by: _____________________________ Administrative Senate

Date Charge submitted: ________ 8/30/2012

Name of Faculty Senate Representatives:
1. _____________________________
2. _____________________________

Complete the following items and submit this form to either your Faculty Senate representative or the Faculty Senate chair for consideration by the Faculty Senate.

Directions: Items 1 – 4 to be completed by initiator.

1. Action Requested: State specifically what action the initiating faculty wants the committee to take. For example, update data; research relevant new data from this or another institution or institutions; update an outmoded policy; propose a solution or a revision of the handbook; write a report, etc. What is the desired outcome?

   Support our proposal for contracting with Abenity.

2. Current Policy: Include a copy of the current policy and/or practice (if applicable) and reference where it is located.

   Look at the USI websites and see if you can find all of our current benefits. Good luck!

3. Background: Provide explanation of background and context for the proposed charge. What problem, issue, or experience prompts the proposal of the charge? Whenever possible, provide examples of the experiences impacted by the issue.

   Our salaries are frozen but the cost of living is going up.

4. Potential resources: What necessary information can you provide and what resources can you suggest to help the Faculty Senate or committee fully address the charge?

   Our peer institution, University of Central Florida, contracts with Abenity.
Item 5 to be completed by Senate secretary or Chair.

5. Senate Comments: List any pertinent comments or suggestions raised in the Senate’s discussion of this charge. Also if this or a very similar charge has been proposed within the last 3 years and addressed by a committee, provide the result.

- Debra Clark, chair of the Administrative Senate’s economic benefits committee, asked the faculty senate to support its request for the university to provide an employee discount program for nationwide items offered by Abenity. The Faculty Senate entertained a motion that the faculty senate endorse the administrative senate’s Abenity proposal. The motion was unanimously passed.

RECOMMENDATION:
At the September 7, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting, the Senate voted to make the following recommendation:

*The Faculty Senate supports the Administrative Senate’s request for the university to provide an employee discount program for nationwide items offered by Abenity.*

The recommendation was forwarded to Ron Rochon (Provost) and Donna Evinger (Director of Human Resources).