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David Adcock, senior executive assistant to the Academic Registrar, presented information on the University’s Alternative Spring Break program, which is designed to provide students with opportunities to serve and learn about real-world issues. The program is open to students from all backgrounds and majors. Students interested in participating should contact the Office of Off-Campus Student Services at 407-823-2716 or email d.adcock@ucf.edu. 

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INTEGRITY

I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.

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