SETTING UP A CUSTOM OPERATOR ASSISTANT (ZERO-OUT OPTION)

The Custom Operator Assistance gives the caller the option of talking with a person that you designate instead of leaving you a message. The custom operator is determined by you and can be changed at your discretion. This feature allows the caller to actually talk to someone instead of leaving a message when you are not available.

To set up the Custom Operator, please follow the following instructions:

After logging into your voice mailbox:

- 1. Press **80.** (This will connect you to the mailbox options menu.)
- 2. When you hear the prompt "Mailbox options: To change the Operator Assistance Number; press 1. To Exit, press number sign (#)."
- 3. Press 1 to edit the Custom Operator Number.

"Operator Assistance Number. The current number is: (zero or other number). Enter the new Operator Assistance Number, followed by the number sign (#).

To Exit, press number sign (#)."

- 4. Enter the 4-digit phone number using your keypad. Then **press** #.
- 5. You should change the greeting on your mailbox to include a phrase such as:

"Hi, you have reached (name, department). I'm either on the phone or away from my desk. Please leave your name, phone number and a brief message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. Or, if you would like to speak with someone now, please press zero (0) now."

NOTE: Custom Operator is only available for University phone numbers.