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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
September 24, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2015 Meeting
3. Welcome and Updates from Faculty Senate President Phil Levy (15 minutes)
4. Senate Attendance – Scott Rimbey (5 minutes)
5. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs
 - a. ORI Internal Rewards Report – John Adams (10 minutes)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - a. Proposed Reorganization from College of Arts and Sciences – Eric Eisenberg and Steve Tauber (20 minutes)
 - b. Draft Emeritus Professor Statement – Steve Permeth (20 minutes)
8. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (20 minutes)
9. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (20 minutes)
10. Report on USF System Faculty Council Activities – Phil Levy (5 minutes)
11. Report from USF United Faculty of Florida President Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)
12. Other Business from the Floor

Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – October 21, 2014

USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2105

Faculty Senate President Phil Levy called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 22, 2015 as written. The motion unanimously passed.

WELCOME AND UPDATES FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT PHIL LEVY

After welcoming everyone to a new academic year, President Levy provided the following updates:

1. Huron Executive Summary
The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) discussed the Summary at its August meeting. It will be on the Senate October agenda to give Senators the opportunity to further discuss the report and recommendations for research. The summary is posted on the Senate web site at <http://guides.lib.usf.edu/faculty-senate/fs-meetings> (under supplemental materials).
2. Digital Communications Policy 0-206
During the summer a draft of policy 0-206 was reviewed by the SEC. It addresses three areas: legal (statutory rules from SACS), marketing (concern about outside branding of USF) and technical (control issues). The policy is posted on the Senate web site at <http://guides.lib.usf.edu/faculty-senate/fs-meetings> (under supplemental materials).
3. On-Line Course Evaluation Review Committee
The committee met over the summer and is working on a report with recommendations. When the report is finished, it will be shared with the Senate.

SENATE ATTENDANCE – Scott Rimbey

Sergeant-at-Arms Scott Rimbey is responsible for maintaining the Senate's attendance roster. For the benefit of everyone, he reiterated the attendance goals as outlined in Article IV, Attendance and Vacancies, B. Resignation and Removal, 2. of the Bylaws: A Tampa Faculty Senator is deemed to have resigned his/her seat if the Tampa Faculty Senator is recorded absent at three meetings of the Tampa Faculty Senate during a single semester or four meetings of the Tampa Faculty Senate during a single academic year. He added that Senators should try to send an alternate who is not a current Senator. A Senator can send an alternate 2 times/semester or 3 times/year. If a Senator will be absent from a meeting, he/she should send an e-mail to Sergeant-at-Arms Scott at rimbey@usf.edu informing him of the absence and whether or not there will be an alternate.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

- a. ORI Internal Rewards Report – John Adams

During the 2014/2015 AY, the USF System Faculty Senate Research Council was asked to conduct an assessment of the ORI Internal Reward Program. As chair of the council at the time, Dr. Adams reviewed a draft report of the results at today's meeting. The presentation consisted of a summary, including responses and comments, from awardees and Stakeholders. Dr. Ivan Oleynik, the current council chair, has a complete listing of comments. Any questions may be sent to either him at oleynik@usf.edu or Vice Chair Jeff Ryan (ryan@usf.edu).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposed Reorganization from College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) – Eric Eisenberg and Steve Tauber

In accordance with USF's System Policy 10-055 (Policy and Procedures for Proposed Changes in Academic Units of the University of South Florida System), Dr. Eric Eisenberg, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Steve Tauber, Chair of Government and International Affairs, attended today's meeting to present a proposal for the creation of the School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS). Dean Eisenberg explained that this would be a new school within CAS created through the integration of the Department of Government & International Affairs, the Department of Africana Studies, the Institute on Black Life, and the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean. SIGS is an opportunity for these academic units to serve a population of undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing an international degree. Dean Eisenberg added that the proposal was overwhelmingly accepted by all faculty (full and part time), as well as stakeholders outside of CAS. He emphasized that this is not an attempt for CAS to corner the market on "global", but to give students a broader context to get an international degree.

At this time, Dr. Tauber reported on the process and degree of consultation, after which the floor was opened for discussion. Dr. Tauber clarified that the use of the word "school" in this context denotes a department with faculty from a variety of interdisciplinary backgrounds. Although the Senators expressed concern about using the word "school" in the title of the proposed unit, President Levy reminded everyone that the Senate is to focus on the soundness of the rationale and the process of creating this new academic unit. With that, a motion was made and seconded that the USF Faculty Senate has determined that the College of Arts and Sciences has met the terms and conditions of policy 10-055 and recommended that the proposal for the new academic unit move forward. The motion unanimously passed.

- b. Draft Emeritus Professor Statement – Steve Permut

On behalf of the Council on Faculty Issues (CFI), Dr. Permut presented a draft emeritus status statement. He explained that the document was started in 2003 with several iterations from various committees and came to CFI from Dr. Greg Teague, Faculty Senate Past President. The document was also discussed by the SEC at its September meeting. At this time, the floor was opened for discussion with the following comments:

- During its discussion of the statement, the SEC felt that the time span of a minimum of 10 years was sufficient for recognition of Emeritus status.
- Concern was raised about possible questions of legal, insurance and benefits issues. It is anticipated that a liability waiver would be signed.
- Provost Wilcox clarified that this is not a policy but a set of guidelines being recommended for promulgation.

There being no further comments, a motion was made and seconded that the Faculty Senate approve the draft emeritus professor statement as presented to be forwarded for promulgation. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft reported the following initiatives that are now moving forward:

- A task force chaired by Board of Trustees member Stan Levy is working on a set of System guiding principles.
- The first phase of the RCM (Responsibility Centered Management) will be implemented July 1, 2016.
- Based upon a recommendation from Huron Education, USF has established a Research Advisory Committee which will include representatives from the USF System Research Council. It is anticipated that a new research model will be in effect July 2016.
- The Faculty Senate will be involved in the creation of a committee to develop a new strategic research plan.
- USF Physicians Group and USF Health have moved to a new computer system called Epic in an effort to improve services.
- Renovation of student housing will begin as soon as approval has been received from the BOT.
- Through the Tampa Innovative Alliance, USF will play a large part in the revitalization of the university area.
- Construction of a new USF Health Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute facility downtown is still in the works.
- USF will go tobacco-free on January 1, 2016. Free cessation workshops will be available.

Legislative Update

- USF received more funding this year than any of the other institutions.
- At the suggestion of the Legislators, The Florida Institute of Oceanography has created a consortium to raise funds to purchase a new research vessel. The consortium consists of researchers from institutions that have used the *Bellows* for research.
- USF has received 417 million dollars in endowments, of which 16 million dollars has been distributed each year throughout the university.
- The Huron final report will be released through a web site.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox's report covered the following items:

- Enrollment highlights for fall semester.
- A review of the metrics embedded in the strategic plan – Performance Funding Metrics (10) set forth by the Board of Governors (BOG) and the BOG Preeminence Metrics (12) set forth by the Legislature.
- There has been a finalized review of faculty hiring plans in the college.
At this time, Dr. Roger Brindley, Vice Provost and USF System Associate Vice President for USF World, announced that USF now has group international travel insurance to cover all faculty and staff who are traveling internationally on USF business. He also announced that nominations are being accepted for global achievement awards, as well as faculty travel research grants. Information is available on the USF World website.

REPORT ON USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL (SFC) ACTIVITIES – Phil Levy

President Levy reported that the SFC is working on the following items:

- a report from USFSM campus report on online education that has raised a few concerns, primarily questions of enrollment targets, a proposed requirement of 9 hours minimum online credits, and what systems will measure online course quality, and
- a textbook policy.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT ARTHUR SHAPIRO

President Shapiro had nothing significant to report.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Senator Marilyn Bertch requested that action items be indicated on the agenda.
2. Senator Ellis Blanton, Chair of the Committee on Committees, announced that the COC will be reviewing council nominations the following week, and there are colleges that do not have representation on the committee.
3. Senator Richard Manning inquired about which agent or agency was responsible for Title IX's definition of "responsible employee" when it comes to reporting deeds covered by the act. The answer is that although the definition does not come from the wording on the act itself, it does come from the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. USF is using this language as are other affected universities.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5 p.m. to partake of the food and refreshments.