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***College of Education Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2009 10-12:00
Coquina Hall 208***

Meeting Called to Order at 10:11 a.m.

I. Recognition of Members and Alternates

Dr. Butler, Dr. Braun, Dr. Lang, Dr. Leung, and Dr. Senokossoff were all in attendance. Dean Fueyo attended as ex-officio.

II. Recognition of Guests:

Dr. Hewitt came in Dr. Reck's place.

III. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Braun moved that we accept the minutes. Dr. Lang seconded. All approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from April 7th meeting

Dr. Leung moved that we accept the minutes. Dr. Braun seconded. All approved.

V. Business Items for Discussion:

A. Senate Report: (See attached. Below are some of the highlights.)

Highlights: Faculty Senate chairs from all campuses have been having regular meetings since last year. Last month they met in Lakeland. The topics discussed were: 1) Technology fees; 2) Administrative appointments without faculty input, for example, when Dr. Sullivan was appointed; 3) A letter was sent to President Genshaft from the Senate requesting that our campus have a separate annual evaluation for our administrators; 4) The Senate is forming a new committee, a Faculty Technology Committee, and the Sabbatical Committee is being moved from ad hoc status to being a standing committee; 5) Next year the Senate is going to ask the various College Council Chairs to meet with them on a regular basis; 6) There was a discussion on the process and procedures for Tenure and Promotion. All colleges need to follow the procedures. The Senate did not specify where the problems were, but we all need to make sure that we are following the procedures; 7) There was also a discussion on intellectual property and where the boundaries lie.

B. Dean's Report: (See attached)

Highlights:

The Dean encouraged everyone to attend the University wide faculty meeting. There was discussion on procedures for Tenure and Promotion. The Dean was still not able to discuss the budget yet. The legislature is talking about 18-21 million dollar cut for Higher Education. Last year, the budget was 28 million.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Annual Review Committee:

They have finished their reviews and forwarded them to the Dean.

2. Partnership Committee:

They provided some considerations for selection of a school for a formal partnership. The Dean recognized and complimented the University-Partnership Committee for their thoughtful work. Dr. Butler complimented the committee as well. He suggested that this might also be a good opportunity for faculty to share other informal things that are going on, just so that the committee is aware. Two goals were suggested for the Partnership Committee. a) The school's goal is educating their children. b) The college's goal is preparing teacher candidates. Dr. Senokossoff moved that School-University Partnership Committee present this criteria to entire faculty. Dr. Leung seconded. All agreed.

3. Promotion & Tenure Committee:

They met March 18, reviewed two candidates for mid-tenure review and discussed whether they were ready to go up for tenure. The candidates were Dr. Sampson and Dr. Brice.

D. Other Business

There was a discussion about the procedures for the Faculty Teaching Awards. There are awards for Tenure/Tenure-earning faculty and for part-time teaching faculty. Full-time instructors were not eligible for a teaching award. The Dean suggested that Dr. Reck take this back to Faculty Senate and that she recommend that there be a third award, one for full-time clinical teaching faculty.

Dr. Butler let the Council know that he would send a draft for feedback from the Council before he sends it on to Student Government. This letter is regarding open positions in Student Government for College of Education students.

VI. Information Items

A. Constitution Revision Updates:

The committee has met several times, but have not been able to make any changes yet. Dr. Butler asked the Council to consider allowing Dr. Lang and himself to move forward and they would provide the changes to faculty for review over the summer. Then the faculty will vote on the constitution at their first faculty meeting in the fall. The Dean told the Council that they could not wait to change the wording of our constitution where USF St. Petersburg is referred to as a campus. This must be changed to "institution" because of our upcoming NCATE accreditation review.

B. Council Elections:

We will elect three new Council members. Dr. Butler, Dr. Leung, Dr. Reck will be rotating off. Dr. Senokossoff will send out e-mail requesting nominations. Nominations will be due on April 18 and then voting will take place. In addition to the Council elections, there is an opening on the Faculty Senate. Dr. Butler was nominated for the Senate.

VIII. Announcements:

Next Council Meeting is May 1

Upcoming Fac. Mts.—April 17, May 1

Meeting adjourned at 11:28.