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**USF St. Petersburg
STAFF Council – General Meeting
BAY 220
MARCH 18, 2011**

Present:

Call to Order: Michael called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Feb. 18th meeting were approved as read.

Reports:

President:

- **Employee Awards**
 - Employee of the Month for March is Michele Holton, Adm. Spec. for Human Resource Dept.
 - Employee Annual Awards Banquet will be on April 7th at CAC Core. There has been a multitude of quality nominations.
- **Union News**
 - March 29th in Tallahassee Union meeting/vote. Proposed bill to eliminate unions if less than 50% of eligible employees are union members
- Starting Monday, March 21st, Union negotiating meeting/bargaining session will be held as an all day event.
- **New Council Officers**
 - Everyone is encouraged to scout for new officers.
 - All positions (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) are available.
 - Former officers will be available to incoming officers for consultation.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Ground Breaking Ceremony for Multipurpose Student Center on April 11th.
 - Provost Wilcox will be visiting USFSP on April 1st.
 - Honda Grand Prix from March 25th to 27th.
 - 2nd Street to 5th Ave. So. will be closed
 - Parking available in Garage on Levels 2 to 5
 - Lots 2, 17, and 15 are designated for Grand Prix
 - Central Parking will handle cash collection.
 - USFSP will monitor decal parking

Vice-President:

- **Leadership report**
 - New Student Govt. President, Courtney Parrish, ran unopposed
 - Fall 2011 term -Alternative dorm space will be available at the Hilton (3 floors)
 - USF Tampa is offering for fall term residential scholarships for 700 to 800 students with a minimum of 3.5 GPA.

- New policy for employee bonuses – they cannot be made for: recruiting, advising, retaining, and financial aid. This policy includes ‘Employee of the Month’ and ‘Employee of the Year’.
- The state of Florida will no longer be funding FACTS. Org; all websites leading to this site will have to be changed.
- Tobacco Free Campus
 - In late 2007 research began to designate USFSP as a smoke free campus.
 - Campus is too small to designate smoking areas.
 - HR will offer smoke cessation classes.
 - May 9th is the next free class for non-smoking.
 - Student Government raised student safety issue regarding females smoking on the borders of USFSP at night.
 - Smoke free campus is not enforceable on city property.
 - Amendment to smoke free campus: does not include USF property (Marine Science/Children’s Research Institute) or city of St. Petersburg property.
 - A committee to advertise ‘no smoking’ policy will begin prior to implementation of policy.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM