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## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

Faculty Council Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2004 8:05 AM

Library Conference Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Present: Ellen Hufnagel, Barbara Frye, Bill Heller, Deb Henry, Jamie McHale, Ambe Njoh,  
Jim Spence  
Absent: David Naar  
Guest: Regional Chancellor Karen White

Dr. Karen White discussed several items at the FC meeting.

- The USFSP SACS application has been tabled; USFSP remains part of the USF system-wide reaffirmation process. There may be a site visit to our campus sometime in April.
- The USFSP Science & Technology building is a high priority at USF.
- USFSP is discussing a joint nursing program with Tampa.
- Legislatively-mandated regional campuses may benefit from a new funding formula being considered at the state level.
- Changes in fees structure and how they may be spent.
- USFSP Master Plan has been approved.

Dr. White also shared that she has been asked to participate in writing a white paper describing 'what is a system' and its value. There was also a brief discussion of the Student Government opposition to the +/- grading system.

Karen reported that four candidates for the RVCAA position will be invited for on-site interviews beginning in January. She asked that Faculty Council continue to urge the general faculty to participate in the selection process. Jamie McHale added that this year's pool is a very strong one.

Bill Heller volunteered to draft a preliminary slate of questions to ask each candidate during his/her interview session with Faculty Council. FC members will then review the questions and revise as necessary.

### Old Business

Minutes from the November 23, 2004 meeting were approved.

### Faculty Council Spring Schedule

The Faculty Council will meet the first and third Wednesdays during spring semester 2005, except when affected by holidays and/or semester breaks. Tentative dates are as follows:

January 12, 19

February 2, 16

March 2, 23

April 6, 20

### USFSP Research and Service Awards

Faculty Council will ask the Academic Conduct and Awards Committee to develop criteria and procedures for these newly proposed awards as well as for the existing Teaching Award. The council discussed the pros and cons of campus-wide versus college driven nominations for awards.

### Emeritus Policy

A question was raised as to the USFSP Emeritus policy and whether it applies only to individuals who are retired from USFSP or if it also applies to those who have stepped down from an administrative position. The individual requesting clarification has been asked to put the question in writing and the FC will then forward it to the Academic Conduct & Awards Committee for discussion/clarification.

### Climate Survey

Deb Henry searched the web for examples of faculty climate surveys performed elsewhere. She will forward the results of her search to Barbara Frye for initial review. Barbara has considerable experience with academic climate surveys. Faculty Council will continue to develop the faculty climate survey over the semester break.

### Academic Freedom

Ellen Hufnagel will contact Jim Malek and invite him to attend a scheduled Faculty Council meeting to discuss academic freedom at USFSP.

## **New Business**

### Committees and Council

Faculty Council accepted end of semester reports from the Student Admissions Committee, the Research Council, and the Graduate Council.

The Graduate Council also submitted a proposed Policies and Procedures document for review. The Undergraduate and Graduate Councils policies and procedures should be consistent. Therefore, Graduate Council's draft will be shared with the Undergraduate Council as that group prepares similar documentation.

The Chair of the Student Admissions Committee will be asked to submit a proposal detailing the membership changes the committee wishes to make and include justifications for the changes.

The Research Council submitted a summary of its first meeting, indicating that they too wish to expand their membership. They will be asked to submit justification as well.

### Faculty Collaboration

It was reported that collaboration with the Tampa campus faculty as well as colleagues from other academic institutions is not always valued with regard to promotion and tenure efforts. However, Dr. White has enthusiastically encouraged collaboration in previous discussions with faculty. Faculty Council plans to invite RVC Jim Malek to a FC meeting to discuss this issue and academic freedom (see above), which was tabled from a previous meeting.

## **College Reports**

Because of the length of the FC meeting, College reports were tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

## **Next meeting**

Wednesday, January 12, 2005, DAV 100, at 8:00 AM.