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USF St. Petersburg
Campus Board Meeting
Davis Hall, Room 130
Wednesday, December 1, 2004
2:00 P.M.

Welcome and Call to Order

Vice Chair Welch welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were: Board Members Davis, Habermeyer, and Stavros and Regional Chancellor White.

USF St. Petersburg Report

Dr. Karen White, Regional Chancellor, reported in brief on a new campus initiative. Effective January 1, 2005, Dr. Deni Elliot, the Poynter Jamison Chair in Media Ethics will be appointed the USF St. Petersburg Ombudsman Officer. Dr. White reported that the office was established to enhance the campus' ethical culture and encourage more communication.

Student Government Report

Student Government President Tom Piccolo presented an update on student activities:

- Student Government continues to fund and operate SAFE TEAM. This past semester SAFE TEAM broke 100 pick-ups in one night. On average, the SAFE TEAM escorts between 60-70 students, faculty and staff to their cars each night. That is up considerably from last semester's average of 50.
- The Student Government is currently trying to coordinate a military mail campaign for our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Student Government hosted a number of events in the beginning weeks of the Fall semester, including Campus Showcase, the Welcome Back BBQ and Homecoming.
 - Campus Showcase brought a number of local businesses and organizations out to the campus to talk to students. At the same time, all student Clubs and Organizations were out talking with students and trying to sign new students up for clubs.
 - The Welcome Back BBQ was an overwhelming success. We served over 425 students, faculty, and staff. That number shattered the previous record of 333 that was set last Spring.
 - Our Homecoming events were a success as well. We had four teams compete for the honor of being homecoming team champions. Our events

were all well attended. The final event, sponsored by student government saw hundred of students out on the lawn, eating, playing games and having a good time.

- Student Government also played a part in the opening of the Terrace back in September. This grand opening has been highly anticipated and we are pleased to have more space for students to relax, student and enjoy the great campus atmosphere.
- Student Government is currently looking for students to sit on campus wide committees. As of last week, our position of Director of Student Life has opened up, and I have had student knocking down my door asking me how they can help search for Nancy Coscia's replacement. Here service to this university has been outstanding and we will all miss her.
- The Budget committee, along with our Treasurer, just reviewed and approved the club and organization budgets for the Spring 05 semester. They were approved unanimously by Student Government.
- The Secretary of Student Government, Daniel Cole, has been working diligently on Graduation Celebration. He has done a terrific job in the past, and I know that this semester's celebration will be nothing short of great.
- Student Government elections were just held, and we had a record number of students vote. 232 students voted this election, which is just under 5% of the campus population. This number is up from 160 in the previous Spring election. All the candidates on the ballot ran a great race. The Spring 05 executive board includes our current Treasurer Chris Koenig, our current Secretary Daniel Cole and the one new comer, our Vice-President Mudit Bhatt.
- Student Government has the pleasure and honor of being a part of Freshman Convocation. Student Government helped fund this inaugural event, and I was impressed with the students that came out and took part in it. I am confident that as each year goes by we will have more and more student participate and help create a great tradition on the campus.
- The most pivotal issue Student Government is working on at this moment is that of the Student Center. We are hoping that we can get the legislation passed to help construct a beautiful Student Center facility that will undoubtedly improve student life on the campus.

Faculty Council Report

Dr. Bill Heller was unable to attend the workshop and submitted a written Faculty Council report.

The Faculty Council began the Fall semester by convening its six standing councils and committees, reviewing their specific charges, identifying and filling vacancies, and

identifying new chairs where necessary. At Dr. White's request, committee membership did not change this year; however, a rotation plan was created to ensure continuity from year to year and will be implemented in Fall 2005.

The Faculty Governance document was reviewed and the Bylaws Committee was asked to update it to reflect recent changes in the titles of our administrators and to provide more flexibility for adding new committees and changing existing committee charges. The revised documents were approved by the Faculty Council in November and sent to the general faculty for approval. The new Faculty Charter and Bylaws were approved by a majority vote of the general faculty on November 24, 2004.

In mid-October, Regional Chancellor Karen White spoke to the Council about enrollment issues at USFSP. Council members offered a number of suggestions for recruiting promising minorities via mentoring programs, expansion of the Learning Communities, and partnerships with community groups. At this same meeting, Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs James Malek explained the Academic Learning Compacts and their potential impact on our campus.

In November, a representative from the United Faculty of Florida bargaining team outlined the negotiated changes to our contract and answered questions in an open forum to which all faculty were invited.

Among the committees identified in our governance document are three (elected) College Councils, which report to the administration via the Faculty Council. Currently, these Councils are working on a variety of tasks, including developing more specific criteria for annual reviews, determining the faculty qualifications necessary for reaccreditation, revising their own governance documents, and implementing the new USFSP tenure and promotion procedures.

The Faculty Council has also been discussing concerns regarding academic freedom and the role of administrators in faculty governance processes.

Information Item: 4.1 USF St. Petersburg Marketing Plan, 2004-05

Ms. Holly Kickliter, Regional Associate Vice Chancellor for University Relations presented the USF St. Petersburg Marketing Plan, 2004-05.

Information Item: 4.2 USF St. Petersburg Student Residential Facility, Phase I and Parking Structure, Phase I

Mr. Abdul Nasser, Regional Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance presented plans for the Student Residential Facility, Phase I and the Parking Structure, Phase 1.

With no other business to discuss, Vice Chair Welch adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.