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**USF ST. PETERSBURG
FACULTY SENATE REPORT
USFSP CAMPUS BOARD MEETING**

23 April 2009

SACS sacked

The entire faculty breathed a bit easier after the university successfully completed the SACS “dry-run.”

It will be “all hands on deck” on 5 and 6 May when the actual team visits us. The senate will meet to discuss the visit on 8 May.

Faculty attrition

The senate has serious concerns about faculty resignations and retirements. If these had been announced during the Fall semester, searches are currently being conducted.

However, recent resignations have not resulted in authorized searches due to the current fiscal straits. This has called into question the viability of some disciplines in the near future.

Tightening the fiscal belt

The grim budget that promises to emerge from Tallahassee will have a direct impact upon the faculty. We are heartened by Chancellor Sullivan’s commitment to protecting faculty as much as possible, for as long as possible. However, the faculty—particularly junior faculty—will be placed at a disadvantage because of the erosion of support for research and travel to professional meeting.

Campus safety issues and policies

Following a discussion of faculty concerns of the faculty regarding classroom disruptions, the senate has posted on its website the system policies on Academic Disruption, Academic Dishonesty and Academic Grievances.

Library faculty and staff have related concerns that the administration will address in the near future.

Strategic Initiatives

The senate heard and discussed a presentation of the strategic initiatives proposed to guide USFSP for the next three years.

Commencement responsibilities

Senators will function as the marshal and ushers for the Spring commencement.

Upcoming Faculty Senate meetings:

8 May: SACS recap (not postmortem).

15 May: Intercampus Faculty Council will meet on this campus.

Respectfully submitted

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