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Library Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

6 March 2012, 3:00 p.m., Dean's Conference Room, Poynter Library

Librarians Present: Gary Austin, Deborah Henry, Jerry Notaro, Patricia Pettijohn, Tina Neville, Jim Schnur

Regrets: Kaya Van Beynen

Guests: None

Meeting: Called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Jerry

Minutes: Motion to accept 6 December 2011 meeting minutes as amended made by Tina and seconded by Deb. *Motion carried.* Motion to accept 7 February 2012 meeting minutes made by Tina and seconded by Deb. *Motion carried.*

Announcements

Court Decision: Circuit Court Judge Jackie Fulford ruled in favor of the Florida Education Association in its suit over the legislature's decision to require state and public employees to "contribute" 3% of their salary towards their pensions. State will immediately appeal.

New Business

Transition to New LFC Chair: Jerry reminded other LFC members that they would need to move forward with plans to nominate or self-nominate for the positions of chair and secretary prior to the April 30 deadline stipulated in our governing documents. If more than one candidate offers services for each position, the decision will be made via anonymous ballots.

Annual Review: Allison Howard, a reference librarian at Shimberg Health Sciences Library on the Tampa campus will serve with Tina and Deb on the Annual Review Committee. Tina asks that all librarians submit PDF printouts of their annual reviews from FAIR by Monday, March 12.

Old Business

United Faculty of Florida: Jerry noted that membership continues to increase throughout the USF System. Many senate seats remain unfilled.

Faculty Governance Reports: The following reports were submitted—

System Faculty Council: Jerry was at the February 23 meeting. Discussion took place about President Genshaft's February 17 meeting with the USFSP Faculty Senate. Chris Davis of FS mentioned that the meeting occurred and involved fruitful discussions. Shared governance issues came about due to the Board of Governors's refusal to allow separately accredited members of the USF System a place at the table, instead believing that a single representative from each institution was appropriate and that communications and decisions within the USF System should be shared across System entities by the Provost and/or the single System representative. Ongoing conversations also took place regarding USF Polytechnic faculty as legislative plans move forward for the creation of a new standalone institution in Lakeland.

Faculty Senate: Jerry reported for Kaya that plans are moving forward for a Distance Learning Forum. Although a search for the position currently held by Margaret Sullivan is not presently underway, President Genshaft did mention during her visit with USFSP Faculty Senate that she planned to engage a professional search firm. She wanted involvement from all constituent groups, hoped to see a search committee in place by the summer that would be chaired by a full professor, and expected the search process to begin formally by August 2012. The Senate wholeheartedly agreed with President Genshaft's plans.

Undergraduate Council: Jim said that the council met on February 21 and approved changes to the existing Legal Studies minor, the Finance major, and other minor matters related to courses under

consideration. The next meeting on March 21 will focus on drafts of revisions to the undergraduate catalog for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Graduate Council: No report.

Research Council: Deb mentioned that the committee will review four applications for the Chancellor's Research Award. Research Month activities will soon be underway, and the library will once again serve as the venue of the annual faculty event to recognize researchers who have published their works. This will take place on Thursday, March 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the Poynter Corner.

General Education: Patricia talked about some plans in the Florida House of Representatives that may change general education requirements as part of an effort to streamline regulations in Florida's public colleges and public universities. The number of gen ed semester hours may drop from thirty-six to thirty. Deanna Michael is now on the committee. "Assessment Day" may become "General Education Day." Patricia also announced a lecture for faculty scheduled for tomorrow in the Community Room of Harbor Hall and mentioned that she would resend information about the program.

Awards Committee: The committee will review awards for service, teaching, and non-teaching faculty tomorrow (March 7) at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Schnur
Council Secretary