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USF St. Petersburg  
Campus Board Meeting  
Davis Hall, Room 130  
Monday, October 20, 2003  
9:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Duncan welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were: Chairman Duncan, Trustees Davis, Stavros, Welch, and Zank, and Vice President White.

**USF St. Petersburg Report**

Dr. White reported that the start of the academic year 2003-04 has been exciting and challenging. USF SP welcomed 51 new faculty and 11 new administrators to the University. These highly qualified professionals join a distinguished veteran faculty and enable the University to enhance its academic capabilities, expand its expertise in the Programs of Distinction, and address more broadly the educational needs of the campus. Staff and faculty spent a great amount of time in July and August preparing facilities for new faculty and students and establishing academic homes for the new colleges. Dr. White took this opportunity to recognize Dean Mark Durand, College of Arts and Sciences, Dean Ron Hill, College of Business, and Dean Vivian Fueyo, College of Education.

Dr. White informed the Board that construction on the Welcome Center and renovations on the Terrace Lounge and Williams Houses are complete and the facilities are now in use. Dr. White shared her appreciation for the individuals who put in long hours on the planning and execution on these projects.

Dr. White invited the Board Members and the audience members to Bayboro Station following the meeting for a tour of the College of Business.

Dr. White reported that the diversity of the faculty and administrative group is greater than at any other time in the history of the Institution. Sixteen percent of the faculty and administrative group are persons of color, forty-seven percent are female, and fourteen percent of the new hires last year were persons of color.

July and August was also spent adding and improving facilities and classrooms for new and returning students. Today USF SP has a headcount of over 4,600 students - an all time high for enrollment. From Fall 2002 to today, we note an increase of sixteen percent in the total undergraduate headcount and fifteen percent increase in graduate headcount. Dr. White noted that most interesting is the significant increases in student credit hour production, lower division SCH increase (thirty-four percent) telling us that more undergraduate students are choosing full-time enrollment in the University's four-year degree programs. The median age of the University's first time in college students is eighteen telling us that USF SP is attracting a more traditional age college population among that cohort. About two-thirds of USF SP's undergraduates are female and about three-fourths of its graduate students are female. This is data above the national averages.

Dr. White introduced the newest member of the administrative group, Dr. Charles Brown, AVP for Student Affairs. Dr. Brown joined the University in August from Wayne State University in Detroit and brings with him broad experiences and in-depth knowledge on student issues. Dr. Brown provided brief remarks as a part of Dr. White's report.

Dr. White concluded her report by introducing some of the "faces" of USF St. Petersburg:

Mr. Hashim Ahmed, an undergraduate political science major. Mr. Ahmed was just notified that his article, *"The Political Economy of Race and It's Role In the Development of Public Housing in South St. Petersburg: The Case of Jordan Park"* was accepted for publication in a national journal, *The Review of Black Economy*.

Dr. Brett Jones, a faculty member in the College of Education. He is one of the author's of a book entitled, *"The Unintended Consequences of High Stakes Testing"*.

Dr. Robert Egley, a faculty member in the College of Education, along with Dr. Brett Jones focused the national discussion on issues in Florida with their recent survey of seven hundred teachers and administrators. This survey assessed perceptions of teachers and administrators on how Florida's testing affect teacher motivation and satisfaction.

These examples illustrate how the faculty and students of a Metropolitan Research I University engage in community interactions, identify regional issues for research, and produce data and formed opinion that help address national problems and contribute to the national debate.

Dr. White also introduced Wakine Alston. Wakine is a member of the facility maintenance team and helped USF SP "take a bit out of crime". Wakine noted theft of furniture from the Florida Center for Teachers and alerted the campus security.

Dr. White noted that these are the faces of our campus. Their accomplishments and actions illustrate the vibrant metropolitan university that is the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

### **Student Report**

Student Government President Sue Sietsma presented an end of year report to the Board. Ms. Sietsma informed the Campus Board that the Safe Team is now operating faculty, staff, and students evening escorts from the campus facilities to their automobiles. Ms. Sietsma also reported that Student Government hosted a very successful "Welcome Back Barbeque" in which more students than 450 students attended. In addition, a very busy Homecoming Week is planned with a calendar of events for the upcoming week.

Ms. Sietsma concluded her remarks by thanking the Campus Board Members for their dedication to the University and reflected that USF St. Petersburg has been a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

### **Faculty Report**

Dr. Heller reported that the Council is working to implement the Faculty Constitution that was put into action last spring and do it in a way that maximizes its collaboration with the College Councils, the A&P and USPS Councils, and the Student Government. The goal of the Faculty Council is to evolve a strong, shared governance structure for this campus and it will need the support of this Board, the Administration, and everyone else on campus to achieve it. Dr. Heller

urged the Board to consider including reports from the A&P and USPS Councils on its meeting agendas. Dr. Heller commended Dr. White on her accessibility to the Faculty Council. Dr. Heller shared that it is the Faculty Council's goal to keep Dr. White informed of the Faculty needs as well as to support her as the leader for our campus. Dr. Heller also shared the Council's appreciation for the Campus Board's support of USF St. Petersburg. The Council intends to be a fully constructive force on the USF SP campus and looks forward to working cooperatively and collaboratively with the Campus Board to help this campus realize its fullest potential.

**Action Item 5.1 Approval of the June 15, 2003 Minutes**

Upon motion by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Zank and carried, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the June 15, 2003 Minutes.

**Action Item 5.2 Approval of the July 22, 2003 Minutes**

Upon motion by Trustee Welch, seconded by Trustee Zank and carried, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the July 22, 2003 Minutes.

**Action Item 5.3 Approval of the August 19, 2003 Minutes**

Upon motion by Trustee Welch, seconded by Trustee Zank and carried, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the August 19, 2003 Minutes.

**Action Item 5.4 Student Fees, Athletics**

The Athletic Fee Committee met on October 15, 2003 to consider a request by the USF Athletic Director to raise the athletic fee paid by USFSP students. The Committee consisted of Chris Buckler, student, Sue Sietsma, student, Paul Schultz, student, Daniel Cole, student, Thomas Smith, faculty, Greg DeCosmos, faculty, Ron Bugg, staff, Nancy Coscia, staff, and AVP Charles Brown, *ex officio*. As noted, half of the committee members are students.

USF Athletic Director Lee Roy Selmon and Associate Athletic Director Barbara Sparks-McGlinchy appeared before the committee. They stressed the need for additional revenues to fund USF's burgeoning athletic programs, including the women's sailing team based at USFSP. Three scenarios were presented: raising the USFSP student per-credit hour fee from the current \$2.00 to \$2.25; from \$2.00 to \$2.50; and from \$2.00 to \$2.61. Athletic Director Selmon requested that we raise the fee to \$2.50. He recommended no change in the \$5.00 per semester athletic flat fee that students also pay.

Based on the presentation and our deliberations the committee recommends:

- That the student per-credit hour fee be raised from \$2.00 to \$2.25. (6 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention).
- That a portion of the total student per-credit hour athletic fee be returned to USFSP as is currently done with 50 percent of the flat fee. These monies would support USFSP's co-ed sailing team (recently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation), helping to offset the \$68,000 per year associated with the co-ed sailing team currently paid from the USFSP Activities and Services Fee budget. (6 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention)
- That student athletic fees not be increased again for a minimum of three years (5 yeas, 2 nays, 1 abstention).

- That future requests related to student athletic fees be lodged by September 1 of coming years to allow the Committee ample time to convene and consider the request (8 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions).

Upon motion by Trustee Welch, seconded by Trustee Davis and carried, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the fee increase only. All other recommendations from the committee will be discussed at the next Campus Board meeting after the VP/CEO has been able to consult with Athletics and General Counsel.

**Information Item 6.0 Presentation of Program of Distinction:  
Environmental Science and Policy**

Dr. Mark Gaulter presented an outline of the Environmental Science and Policy Program of Distinction.

Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.