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USF St. Petersburg  
Campus Board Meeting  
Davis Hall, Room 130  
May 19, 2011  
9:00 a.m.

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Sembler welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were: Chairman Sembler, Board Members Churuti, Goforth, and Henry and USFSP Regional Chancellor Sullivan.

**USF St. Petersburg Report**

In the final meeting of the academic and fiscal year, Regional Chancellor Sullivan provided the board a detailed account of the academic and student life accomplishment for the 2010-2011 year.

**Accreditation**

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges (COC), which accredits colleges and universities, granted USF St. Petersburg its own accreditation in 2006. All accredited institutions undergo a reaffirmation process five years following initial accreditation and USF St. Petersburg is nearing successful completion of its accreditation reaffirmation. Upon successful reaffirmation in December 2011, USFSP will continue regular reporting to the COC. The next reaffirmation visit is in 2021.

The College of Business is dually accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in both business and accounting. Of the more than 12,000 business schools worldwide, only 633 are AACSB accredited and only 177 are accredited in both business and accounting.

The College of Education achieved full accreditation in 2010 from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The College of Arts and Sciences Department of Journalism and Media Studies earned re-accreditation in 2010 from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

The College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) accredited USFSP's Academic Success Center for its tutoring program. The center is one of only three in the State University System to earn CRLA accreditation.

**Student Life Highlights**

USFSP has approximately 111 clubs in various stages of activity - 49 were active as of September 2011 and more will likely be activated during the 2011-2012 academic year. All clubs are student-driven and the growth of student interest in starting new clubs has broadened the student experience at USFSP.

The residential student population continues to grow at USF St. Petersburg. The population for the fall 2011 semester is the largest ever with the residence hall at capacity and approximately 100 students living in the Bayfront Hilton overflow housing option. During the 2010-2011 academic year, approximately 80 percent of residential students came from outside Pinellas County.

Through a student-led initiative, the USFSP Debate Team was established in 2008 and team captain David Trigaux has built a competitive team that travels the country representing USFSP and the whole USF System. The team consistently places in the top 10 at regional competitions. Trigaux earned an All-American award from the Cross Examination Debate Association.

A federal grant awarded to USF St. Petersburg in 2009 supports student leadership initiatives and created the student philanthropy program which offers grants to assist non-profit organizations in the local community. In May 2011, student philanthropy boards awarded a total of \$45,000 to nine local agencies.

The Learn and Serve America Higher Education grant is from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The \$395,000 grant is one of 36 Learn and Serve America grants awarded to organizations throughout the country to engage students in service-learning projects that promote community service while enhancing student academic and civic skills.

The Student Environmental Awareness Society at USF St. Petersburg received a \$3,500 Bay Mini-Grant from the Tampa Bay Estuary program in February 2011 for the installation and maintenance of a 75-foot water goat that helps keep trash and pollutants from the city out of Tampa Bay.

The new water goat runs along the northern edge of Bayboro Harbor where a city run-off pipe flows water into the bay. Students have maintained a water goat at the southern end of Bayboro Harbor for more than a year. Student volunteers maintain the water goats by taking kayaks into the harbor to pull out trash caught by the devices.

Students from the Lead Learn Serve program volunteered to kayak through St. Petersburg's Clam Bayou and remove trash from the water in February 2011.

The College of Business partnered with IBM to host a viewing event in February 2011 of the television game show, *Jeopardy!* College of Business students, professors and members of the community gathered to watch IBM's supercomputer, Watson, battle as a contestant on the TV

show. Representatives from IBM answered questions about the supercomputer and its possible applications to business.

A student-led effort brought together hundreds of members of the community to hold a vigil on Feb. 3, 2011 in honor of St. Petersburg Police Sergeant Thomas Baitinger and K-9 Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz who were killed in the line of duty on Jan. 24, 2011. Many members of the St. Petersburg Police Department attended and the students received significant news coverage of their event.

USF St. Petersburg is home to the USF Sailing Team. Out of more than 200 active college sailing teams in the country, the co-ed sailing team and the women's team are consistently ranked among the country's top 20 programs. The team finished its 2011 spring season with a 12<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Sperry Top-Sider/ICSA Women's National Championships in Cascade Locks, Ore.

### **Faculty Senate Update**

Dr. Rick Smith shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Faculty Senate President for the term of 2010-2011. He indicated that it was a tremendous learning opportunity and he was honored to have been chosen by his peers to represent them in this capacity.

Dr. Smith indicated that of all accomplishments the Faculty Senate achieved during this period, he is most proud of the involvement in working with his colleagues across the USF System to create a working USF System Faculty Senate.

### **Action Items**

#### **Action Item 6.1: Approval of the January 13, 2011 Minutes**

Upon motion by Board Member Goforth and second by Board Member Churuti, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the January 13, 2011 Minutes.

#### **Action Item 6.2: Approval of the 2010-11 Continuation Budget**

Upon motion by Board Member Henry and second by Board Member Churuti, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the continuation of the 2010-2011 Operating Budget.

#### **Action Item 6.3: Approval of the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Plan**

Upon motion by Board Member Henry and second by Board Member Goforth, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **Action Item 6.4: Approval of the 2012-2013 Legislative Budget Requests**

Upon motion by Board Member Churuti and second by Board Member Henry, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012-2013 Legislative Budget Requests.

#### **Action Item 6.5: Approval of the Green Energy Fee**

Upon motion by Board Member Henry and second by Board Member Goforth, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Green Energy Fee

### **Information Items**

#### **Information Item 7.1: 2011 – 2012 Tuition and Fees**

Base tuition for students within the USF System and at USF St. Petersburg is proposed to increase by 8%, with differential tuition proposed to increase by 7%. FLS 1009.24 states that “Differential tuition shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial need.”

For the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, the 15% tuition increase for in-state undergraduate students will generate approximately \$1.8M and increase student tuition (base and differential) from \$108.47 per credit hour to \$124.74 per credit hour, or an increase of \$244 on average per semester for students who were admitted after July 1, 2007.

Tuition items are approved annually by the Board of Trustees after the end of the legislative session.

#### **Information Item 7.2: The 2011 University Work Plan / Proposal for the Florida Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors will work with each university to set its share of responsibility for the system-wide outcomes.

The Board of Governors, through the Annual Report and Work Plan process for each university, will be accountable to the Legislature, Governor, and the people of Florida or these outcomes.

The Board of Governors will continue making improvements in quality, effectiveness, and efficiency at the public universities.

The 2011 USFSP University Work Plan / Proposal for the Florida Board of Governors will be included as part of the USF System submission (one for each institution and an overall USF System plan). One major consequence of this process is that new degree program proposals

may not be brought forward for consideration by the USF Board of Trustees unless they have been included in the year's Work Plan.

### **Information Item: 7.3 BS in Biology**

USF St. Petersburg currently offers 19 bachelors degree programs. The proposed major in the College of Arts and Sciences will expand and enhance our science offerings. This degree is the most requested by prospective students. In addition, it assists in meeting Florida's critical need for more STEM degree holders. The B.S. in Biology is designed to address the curricular needs of those students who are seeking admission to graduate and professional schools (MD, DVM, PharmD, DDS, PhD) as well as those students who may want to pursue careers in the private sector, particularly in the growing biotechnology industry in Florida. The degree proposal anticipates collaboration with USF Health for research opportunities for students and USF College of Marine Science for possible courses to articulate into the degree.

The proposed program is fully supportive of USF St. Petersburg's Mission to serve its region and is consistent with the strategic direction of the USF System, the goals and priorities of the USF System Board of Trustees, and the Florida Board of Governors as expressed through the New Florida Initiative. The proposed program has been approved by the USF St. Petersburg College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Council, the USFSP Undergraduate Council, the USFSP Regional Chancellor and the USF System Academics and Campus Environment Advisory Council.

### **Information Item: 7.4 Faculty Sabbaticals**

Sabbatical leaves are an important element in ensuring intellectual renewal and disciplinary currency for deserving faculty. While two-semester, half-pay sabbaticals are generally granted, one semester sabbaticals with full pay are awarded in a competitive process. A Sabbatical Review Committee, chaired by Dr. Phil Trocchia, was elected by the faculty to review the applications of all faculty members requesting leave and to provide a ranked list. In addition, the Deans of the Colleges reviewed the sabbatical proposals of their faculty. The below listed faculty have been granted sabbatical leaves for the 2011-2012 Academic Year:

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Dr. Ella Schmidt (full year, pending award of a Fulbright)
- Dr. Hugh LaFollette (one semester)
- Dr. Deni Elliott (full year)
- Dr. Donny Smoak (one semester)

#### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Dr. Thomas Carter (full year)

### **Information Item 7.5: Faculty Emeritus**

By conferring Emeritus status the University of South Florida St. Petersburg recognizes that the retiring faculty member has been and remains a member of the University community.

Therefore, the recommendation that a retirement would lead to the Emeritus status must be grounded in the record of the retiree.

While the Emeritus title is extraordinary and is not granted automatically to all retirees, the presumption of the process is that faculty members who have been granted tenure, or its equivalent, at the University deserve the Emeritus status.

Within the umbrella of the institution's policy on the conferral of Emeritus status, USFSP recognizes the diversity of disciplinary models of scholarship and, therefore, lodges the responsibility for evaluation of the appropriateness of the Emeritus status in each case in the department and college with which the faculty member is associated.

The following faculty member has been recommended for Emeritus status by the Dean of the College, reviewed and approved by the Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and approved by the Regional Chancellor:

Dr. Robert Fowler, Professor of Psychology

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Sembler adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.