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USF St. Petersburg
Campus Board Meeting
Harbor Hall Community Room
September 27, 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, Henry, and Mitchell and USFSP Regional Chancellor Sullivan.

USF St. Petersburg Report

Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan and Board Chair Debbie Sembler welcomed new board member Judy Mitchell to the USFSP Campus Board. For the past five years, Ms. Mitchell has been featured on the list of top 50 women in the Florida's Woman-Led Businesses Study conducted by the Center for Leadership at Florida International University. Her commitment to community service has been evident through numerous leadership positions, including Chair of the Morton Plant Mease Hospital, Chair of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce and President of Leadership Pinellas. Mitchell currently serves on the USF St. Petersburg College of Business Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, The Bank of Tampa Board, the Florida Investment Advisors Board, the Morton Plant Mease Hospital Foundation Board and the board of the Homeless Emergency Project. Mitchell received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the Ohio State University.

Regional Chancellor Sullivan shared with the board updates on enrollment, faculty success, and student academic achievement which included:

- The USFSP Festival of the Genome features a series of five public lectures by nationally and internationally renowned speakers exploring the impact of DNA and the genomics revolution on science and society from a variety of perspectives. The series includes

October 20: *The Human Genome: 10 Years and 247 Days Later* with Dr. Gary Litman, Andrew and Ann Hines Professor and Vice Chairman of Pediatrics at USF Health, Distinguished University Professor

October 27: *Dali and Science: A Paranoid Universe* with Peter Tush, Curator of Education, Dali Museum

November 3: *SEQUENTIA (Art and Science Together)* with Xavier Cortada, Independent Artist, and Dr. Kalai Mathee, Founding Chair and Professor, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University

November 10: *Finding the Human in the Genome* with Rev. Dr. Ronald Cole-Turner, H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

November 17: *The Genome and the Internet: Growing Up Together* with Dr. Robert Cook-Deegan, Director, Center for Genome Ethics, Policy and Law, Duke University

- USF St. Petersburg ranks at #36 Among public regional universities in the South – an impressive placement for the university's debut ranking in *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Colleges. The 2012 edition of the rankings were released Sept. 13.
- USFSP is available as a site for college and law school entrance exams for the first time, providing access for students looking to take these exams in St. Petersburg.

More than 50 people took the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) at USFSP on Saturday, Oct. 1. USFSP is only the second site in St. Petersburg to host the LSAT. The university will host the SAT and ACT college entrance exams on Nov. 5 and Dec. 10, respectively.

- USFSP professors presenting at the 2011 *St. Petersburg Times* Festival of Reading include Julie Armstrong, Ray Arsenault, Mark Durand and Tony Silvia. Additionally, Laurens Grant, producer of the Freedom Riders documentary based on Arsenault's book, and former Freedom Riders David Myers, Winonah Myers and Kredelle Petway will participate in Arsenault's presentation.

The festival takes place at USFSP on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A schedule will be available at the event and in the Oct. 16 issue of the *St. Petersburg Times*.

- Julie Wong, the new Chief Student Affairs officer, leads the university's focus on creating and maintaining a university experience that promotes and celebrates student engagement. Prior to joining USFSP, Wong served as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She has led student affairs in various capacities at University of Texas at El Paso, Sixth College at the University of California, San Diego and Chapman University. Wong joined USFSP on August 1.
- Ron Sheehy, the new Director of International Affairs, is leading the university's increased focus on internationalizing curricula, research and the overall student experience. Prior to joining USFSP, Sheehy served as the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morehouse College, his alma mater, and led the university's plan to increase global competence among students. His career as a molecular biologist and university administrator has spanned four decades in a variety of college, university and institutional settings. Sheehy joined USFSP on September 1.

Faculty Senate Update

Enclosed below is the oral report presented to the Campus Board by USFSP Faculty Senate President Chris Davis

It is my pleasure to provide a brief report of the University Faculty Senate's contribution to the governance of our institution.

I was elected President by my senate colleagues in May 2011: I am honored by the trust placed in me and for the support I have received. I return to USF Saint Petersburg after sabbatical leave and would like to record my thanks to my colleagues, particularly Dr Rick Smith for dealing with senate business in my absence.

I have been and will continue to be an active advocate and facilitator of shared governance. I have met with all three college councils this academic year to introduce myself and my fellow senate members and directly engage my faculty colleagues in the governance process. I will attend the meeting of the Library Council next week. This initiative has already proved very fruitful. My cordial relationships with Dr Sullivan, Dr Noonan, Dr Dhingra, their administrative colleagues and all four Deans have already enabled me to rationalize our committee structures thereby improving important operational processes, particularly those addressing assessment. For example, with Dr Noonan's help and Dr Sullivan's support I have restructured the General Education committee to improve communication and reduce duplication of effort. Some committees have been removed from 'standing' committee status and their charges accommodated elsewhere. These senate-led changes have reduced the complexity of our colleagues' service workloads and will, we hope, boost their effectiveness.

My colleagues support for these changes at the university level has also enabled me to shepherd faculty-driven change initiatives through evolving processes at the USF System level: our institution was complemented by members of the USF System Faculty Council at their recent meeting for the quality of the materials outlining the case for and impacts of a College of Arts & Sciences departmental reorganization prepared by Dr. Chris Meindl, Chair of the College Council and presented on their behalf by Dr Melanie Reidinger-Whitmore.

At the system level, Melanie, Rick, Librarian Gerry Notaro and I represent the USF Saint Petersburg Faculty Senate. This body as well as our Faculty Senate are actively exploring the significance of potential policy and legislative changes prompted by Governor Scott's

consideration of Governor Perry's plans for higher education, FSU President Barron's response and the interest and debate this dialog has stimulated.

I am keen to optimize the governance process, the student experience and faculty engagement at our institution and happy to have the opportunity to give voice to the faculty in that dialog.

Student Government Association Update

Enclosed below is the oral report presented to the Campus Board by USFSP Student Government Association President Courtney Parish

Debbie Sembler, Susan Henry, Judy Mitchell, Robert Churuti, Chancellor Sullivan, Dr. Noonan, and Dr. Dhingra. During the last Campus Board meeting I was introduced as President Elect for USFSP SG. Today I come before you as President of SG and Vice Chair of the Council of Presidents. The council met for the first time over the summer in USF Tampa and is meeting again at the end of October here at USFSP, to discuss our future. I am proud to report that there has been a dramatic increase in Student involvement on campus. As a precursor to the school year our leadership department hosted a leadership retreat in which more than 40 new and participating students took part. Over 80 student organizations and community agencies lined Harbor Walk with info tables during the last Welcome Week event, Get on Board Day. Students took this opportunity to sign up for clubs and to volunteer for opportunities that interest them. In its whole, Welcome Week was a remarkably successful event. To increase bull pride and participation in USF athletic events, Caitlin Greene, sg's marketing and communications director has been working with the Athletics department to increase student turn out at USF athletic events and show students how to reserve tickets. It is our hope that one day our campus will have its own Rocky, which will be present at all school events...Our homecoming committee, headed by Jamie Kennedy has been putting the finishing touches on everything. Our Theme is unsinkable and our slogan is "paint the world green and gold." Jamie will be sending out invitations to faculty, staff, and the campus board for an end of homecoming mixer... In addition to the increase in student participation at game day events, there has also been an increase in the USFSP intramural sports program. For the first time our intramural program operated during a summer, with 160 students participating. This fall there has been a 24% increase in student participation with over 400 students competing in the intramural sports program..... Our Sailing team has started the year with wind in their sails. Freshman Dominique Wright qualified for the laser women's nationals in Charleston. And our women's team received first place in the ACC qualifiers in Charleston. (GO BULLS!) Lastly we have wrapped up club budget requests

for the year. Some of our major initiatives on campus are computer breakfast, market on the walk, and purchasing a digital add board. Currently we are in the process of packing up the office and getting ready for midterm elections. We believe the enormous increase in student involvement on campus is attributable to the promise of a new Student Center and Campus Activities Center, and the realization that it is this generation of students that defines traditions for USF Saint Petersburg!!!

Action Items

Action Item 7.1: Approval of the May 19, 2011 Minutes

Upon motion by Board Member Mitchell and second by Board Member Churuti, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the May 19, 2011 Minutes.

Action Item 7.2: Approval of the 2010-11 Budget

Upon motion by Board Member Henry and second by Board Member Mitchell, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the 2011-2012 Operating Budget.

Action Item 7.3: Approval of the Materials and Supply Fees

Upon motion by Board Member Churuti and second by Board Member Henry, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve Materials and Supply Fees

Action Item 7.4: Approval of the Facilities and Equipment Fees

Upon motion by Board Member Mitchell and second by Board Member Churuti, the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the Facilities and Equipment Fees.

Information Items

Information Item 8.1: Faculty Tenure and Promotion

Prior to the Board of Trustees approval, President Judy Genshaft and Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan certified that the nominations for tenure had met the requirements and conditions contained in USF Regulations, Policies, and Procedures.

Tenure was awarded effective August 7, 2011:

- **Kathryn Weedman Arthur, Associate Professor**
- **Lachlan Whalen, Associate Professor**
- **Sharon Segrest, Associate Professor**

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