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**USF St. Petersburg  
Campus Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 24, 2013 – 9 a.m.  
USC Ballroom 3**

**Welcome/Call to Order**

Chairman Sembler welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. In attendance were: Chair Debbie Sembler, Board members Roy Binger, Bob Churuti; USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and USF System President Judy Genshaft.

**USFSP Update**

Chancellor Wisniewska provided a USFSP update including recent student and faculty achievements. She also reported on recent hires and a \$100,000 gift to the College of Business. The Regional Chancellor also reported that Congresswoman Kathy Castor will be renting, at USF required rates, a district office of the USFSP Williams House beginning October 1, 2013.

**USF System Report**

System President Judy Genshaft provided a USF System update reporting a total student enrollment of 47,954 students.

The USF Foundation Unstoppable campaign concluded successfully, exceeding its goal of \$600 million. Fundraising update: USF has met its \$600 million campaign and will celebrate with an event on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Research funds came in at \$413 million, #2 behind UF.

**USFSP Faculty Senate Update**

Dr. Steve Lang, Faculty Senate President reported that the Senate will general education, promotion and tenure, SACS accreditation, athletics, distance learning, USFSP strategic planning and student retention. To that end, this year Faculty Senate will invite key staff from Admissions, Student Affairs, Student Government and other groups to their meetings to discuss ways to strengthen the student experience here.

**USF St. Petersburg Student Government Update**

Mark Lombardi – Nelson, President, Student Government Association discussed the successes of last year and plans for increased student activities and

participation in the community, partnerships with community, and higher student graduation rates.

**Action Item 8.1 Approval of the April 2, 2013 Minutes**

Upon motion by board Member Churuti, seconded by Board Member Binger and carried, the USFSP Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the April 2, 2013 minutes.

**Action Item 8.3 Approval of the 2013-14 Operating Budget**

Upon motion by Board Member Binger, seconded by Board Member Churuti and carried, the USFSP Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the 2013-14 Operating Budget.

**Special Presentations**

**9.1 Digital Journalism Program/Neighborhood News Bureau**

Professor Deni Elliott, Campus Ombuds, Eleanor Poynter Jamison Chair in Media Ethics and Press Policy, Director, Department of Journalism and Media Studies and Mark Walters, D.V.M., Associate Professor; Director, Digital Journalism and Design, offered a presentation on this fully online Master's Degree program as well as a presentation on the Neighborhood News Bureau.

**Awarding of Emeritus Status to Dr. Susan Fernandez**

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Vivian Fueyo conferred the honor of Emeritus status on Dr. Susan Fernandez (CAS).

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.