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**USF St. Petersburg
Campus Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 2014
USC Ballroom 3**

Welcome/Call to Order

Chair Sembler welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. In attendance were: Chair Debbie Sembler, Board Members Roy Binger, Bob Churuti, John Connelly and Judy Mitchell; USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and USF System President Judy Genshaft.

USF System Report

System President Judy Genshaft spoke of upcoming Spring Commencement 2014 invited all to attend. She is hopeful for a successful Legislative session specifically mentioning Congressman C.W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Act; In-state tuition bill for undocumented immigrants; Performance funding; Florida Center for Cyber Security funding.

Team Grants - USF System, UCF system and FIU together graduate over half of the BA degrees in the State, 63% of degrees of minority students. The 3 universities collaborated on grants for accounting, Information Technology, STEM teacher education and were awarded two of the three grants.

USFSP Update

Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska reported on the Strategic Planning process. The committee has defined the bold goals about identity, academic excellence and student success. It has addressed needs of human and physical infrastructure and the importance of local and global partnerships and developed a plan for sustainable funding. The Vision Team has met with President Genshaft and BOT members, resulting in the commitment of aligning the USF System and the USFSP government structures with our vision. The final plan will be written over the next couple of months, the committee will seek approval of the written document over the summer. The plan should be launched during the fall semester.

Undergraduate admission is underway for summer and fall. Average GPA is 3.82, average SAT is 1140. Graduate applications for fall are up 15% over last

year due in part to the new MA in Psychology, the fully online Digital Journalism and Design program and the MBA (both online and onsite).

Accomplishments – At the 11th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Entrepreneurship students won 1st place for the 3rd consecutive year at the (national) Virtual Startup Simulation Competition; Graphic design students created art to enter into the World Peace-East Meets West competition in China (Dr. Wong will lead the trip). Kudos to faculty: Jamie McHale and Thomas Smith for their collaboration on the Undergraduate Research Symposium; Bill Jackson for his work with the Entrepreneurship program; Sheramy Bundrick won the Rome Prize, a fellowship to pursue advanced research in Rome; Hemant Merchant, recently named editor in chief of the Asia Business Journal; Mark Durand, 2014 Princeton Lecture Series Fellowship; Vivian Fueyo, PI on a project on dynamic technologies to engage and improve student learning of complex mathematics in the middle grades.

USF St. Petersburg Student Government Update

Mark Lombardi – Nelson, Student Government Association President was honored as outgoing president and introduced new SGA President Cody Boyer. Accomplishments; sustainability efforts include Bike Share, Butterfly Garden, renewed Student Green Energy Fund, solar powered energy areas, building partnerships with Administration, monitor buildings for energy consumption (reducing it by 10-15%).

Action item 8.1 - Approval of the January 30, 2014 meeting minutes

Upon motion by Board Member John Connelly and seconded by Roy Binger, the USFSP Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the January 30, 2014 minutes.

Action Item 8.2 - Approval of the continuation budget for 2014-15

Upon motion by Bob Churuti and seconded by Roy Binger, the USFSP Campus board voted unanimously to approve the continuation budget for 2014-15.

Information Item 9.1- Awarding of Posthumous Emeritus Status to Dr. Robert Dardenne.

Adjournment at 10 a.m.