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

**Welcome/Call to Order**

Campus Board member Roy Binger called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Chair Debbie Sembler participated via conference call; Board Members in attendance were 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 USF System having one of the best Legislative sessions in a decade. She thanked the Governor and Helen Levine and others for all they did to make the session successful, including \$10-million for the USFSP College of Business building; the Heart Institute received funds; continuing funds for The Center for Cyber Security and STEM funding for USFSM. Negotiations about the collective bargaining agreement with the USF Chapter of the United Faculty of Florida, which will include salary raises, are close to completion. Dan Doyle, of Pinellas County, is a new appointment to the Board of Governors. She Introduced Kim Wilmath, Executive Director, USF System Initiatives and Higher Education Policy.

**USFSP Update**

USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska reported that the work on Sixth Ave. S is nearly complete; the road will soon have wide bike lanes and an island separating the two driving lanes. USFSP is negotiating for the closing of the Gulf Coast Legal Services building. We have the necessary funds to sign a construction contract for the USFSP College of Business building; groundbreaking ceremony is on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Leadership/faculty recognitions: Dr. Han Reichgelt, new USFSP Regional Vice Chancellor (RVC) of Academic Affairs came on board July 14. Vivian Fueyo was recognized for her work as interim RVC; she will continue as Special Assistant to the Regional Chancellor for several months. Chitra Iyer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration, joins us August 18; she will help lead the strategic planning implementation and direct Human Resources with focus on developing new workplace planning, performance models and processes for organizational effectiveness. Gary Patterson is now Interim Dean for the College of Business. Steve Bettner, working in Financial Services, will oversee contract relationships and new ways to generate revenue. New faculty will join USFSP for the new academic year as well. Dr. Chris Davis

was recognized for his work serving on the USF Board of Trustees, as well as Dr. Deni Elliott, who has been awarded a coveted appointment on the Fulbright Specialist Roster.

Summer abroad trips included: Dr. Wisniewska's study abroad trip to the German Graduate School of Management to Heilbronn with Dr. Hemant Merchant; Dr. Julie Wong's trip to China on the "Silk Road to the Future" program; Dr. Heather Judkins' trip to Puerto Rico for Biology studies. Several students engaged in service-learning through internships serving the St. Petersburg community.

### **USF St. Petersburg Faculty Senate Update**

Dr. Steve Lang reported on the good work of the Faculty Senate, which has worked hard in the past year to coordinate efforts in areas such as student support, admissions, retention and graduate programming. Faculty involvement in system governance has been at the greatest level he has seen in his 22 years here. Collective bargaining had representation from USFSP on both sides of the table, work on general education initiatives, distance learning, and it's made an impact on external funding. This is part of USFSP's contribution to the System that makes us all stronger. Faculty very pleased about USFSP's growth, the new COB, the new hires that will benefit our students. ESPN featured USFSP in a special on college sailing. The co-ed team placed 12<sup>th</sup> nationally and the women's team placed 17<sup>th</sup> nationally.

### **USF St. Petersburg Student Government Update**

President Cody Boyer updated on bike share program. Students can check out a bike for 24 hours to use around campus. USFSP SGA is teaming up with Tampa SGA to duplicate free printing program for our students here. SGA is also working with Tampa SGA on procuring new commencement regalia for both campuses. Mid-term student elections will include a representation of students from all disciplines. Working on new school year events to welcome/engage new students.

### **Action item 7.1- Approval of the April 17, 2014 meeting minutes**

Upon motion by Board Member Judy Mitchel and seconded by Bob Connelly, the USFSP Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the April 17, 2014 minutes.

### **Action Item 7.2 - Approval of Legislative Operating Budget Request for 2015-16**

Upon motion by Bob Churuti and seconded by John Connelly, the USFSP Campus board voted unanimously to approve the Legislative Operating Budget Request for 2015-16.

### **Information Item - 8.1 Master's of Accountancy program**

Dr. Vivian Fueyo reported on the MA of Accountancy with emphasis on forensics and taxation was developed in response to undergraduate students in accounting interested in public positions in accounting and demand from local employers from public accounting firms and financial industry. It will be on the September 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees agenda for approval.

### **Information Item - 8.2 USFSP Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan Update**

Regional Chancellor Dr. Sophia Wisniewska gave a comprehensive update on the

USFSP 20/20 Strategic Plan. It will be on the September 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees agenda for approval. A USFSP Campus Board telephone conference meeting will be scheduled to adopt the strategic plan prior to the September 4 Board of Trustees meeting.

Adjournment at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVED