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CAMPUS BOARD MEETING  
October 19, 2017 ~ 9:30 am  
The Edge  
**Summary Minutes**

**Welcome/Call to Order**

Chair Goforth called the meeting to order and welcomed the Campus Board to The Edge.

**P3 Update and Discussion**

Joe Trubacz updated the campus board on the status of the P3 Project and negotiations with Sodexo regarding the proposed Conference Center and Dining Facility. He noted that he was meeting with Sodexo today to iron out the details. Next steps are to align project assumptions, finalize materials and terms, and schedule appropriate governance approvals.

Chair Goforth noted that approvals were given and if agreement on the Conference Center cannot be achieved, the Campus Board will reevaluate to ensure housing and dining moves forward. Bob Churuti reiterated that the most important thing is getting the student housing through as quickly as possible. Lawrence Hamilton agreed that the housing is the number one priority. Judy Mitchell noted that we are keeping the students front and center for this project. While the Conference center would be nice, we cannot delay the project because we need the beds this project would provide. John Connelly noted a public private partnership has to be good for both parties.

**System Update**

President Genshaft expressed appreciation for everyone's work toward Preeminence. She also congratulated Dr. Tadlock for the performance funding USFSP has been able to achieve is on track.

She mentioned USF Leadership is watching UF and the Free Speech issue. Six USF Police Officers are going to Gainesville to assist with law enforcement/safety.

The President noted the USF System is working with a consultant to eliminate the brand confusion that exists within the system.

She also noted that USF (System) is one of the three public institutions that were founded in the '50s in the U.S. that have achieved \$1 Billion Campaign. Finally, the President briefing touched on the three USF institutions working together on the nursing program. Finally – she announced that USF is 6-0! Go Bulls.

**Approval August 11, 2017 Campus Board Minutes**

The minutes of the August 11, 2017 Campus Board meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Debra Sinclair, USFSP Faculty Senate President gave an update on the Faculty Senate. She noted the Senate is:

- Assisting Dean Sundaram with reorganization.
- Sent a letter to administration regarding concerns about processes relative to reporting sexual harassment. Administration is working with them to resolve the issues.
- Working with Dr. Tadlock to streamline hiring practice for faculty; evaluating administrators; and updating the faculty senate document.

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

David Thompson provided an update student government activities:

- On-campus convenience store – working with Sodexo and Joe for an intermediate solution
- Extended study hours in library are up and running
- Brining athletics to campus – Dr. Helton is doing a feasibility study and involving students, faculty and staff. They are working on a resolution
- Global cultures living/learning community – working with students and faculty
- Leadership program – they are a submitting proposal to student body for review and consideration

He also mentioned that The Edge is Open and students are enjoying the space, and briefly went over some calendar items, including:

- Rally in Tally - November 7
- State-wide mental health awareness day – January 12
- Day at the Capitol is November 14
- Bulls in the Berg – November 2 from 11-2

Finally, he noted that Student Government wrote a letter to editor of Crow's Nest regarding "a campus in crisis" – and stated that students are doing well through this leadership transition.

### **Special Presentation**

Chair Goforth introduced Sudsy Tsiderer as the recipient of this year's Alumni Association Donald A. Gifford Service Award. A brief video was shown. Chair Goforth recognized Sudsy for her accomplishments and contributions. Sudsy thanked the board for its recognition of her and expressed how honored and humbled she is – USFSP and the USF System have been a joy for her.

### **Faculty Presentation**

**Dr. Elliot** presented to the Campus Board on the National Ethics Project, a groundbreaking, multi-institutional, interdisciplinary series of research projects. The focus of the project is how to best prepare students enrolled in institutions of higher education to face ethical challenges in their current and future professional, civic and personal lives.

She noted that currently, there are no measures in place to assess how Universities are doing relative to ethics. Virtually every school offers courses in ethics. Most have majors that require coursework in ethics, and a few have ethics courses as general education requirements. Through civic engagement opportunities, all three USF campuses, along with institutions across the country, encourage students to do the kind of experiential learning that has been shown to enhance students' moral development.

With partners from Harvard's and Stanford's Ethics Centers, the USFSP team began the work of figuring out how to research just what was going on in ethics education in U.S. higher education. They have also received funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to try out ideas and tools, and are looking for consistency and coherence between what departments are doing in ethics education and how the institution as a whole situates ethics.

Karlana June went over some quick facts and discussed the changes in ethics education over the past 25 years. She mentioned the invention of the intercollegiate ethics bowl – what has been found is that students have grown exponentially because of these bowls. Also looked at peer review journals. Found that prior to 1980 there were 20 journals focused on ethics – by 2015 there were 145. Degrees and Certificate opportunities have also been made available, up to about 70 being offered. The team has cultivated a database of resources and has more than 600 currently. Finally, Dr. Frechette discussed the technologies to gather the data for their analysis. Looking at hundreds of institutions and how they are communicating ethics values. The analysis and raw data will be published for future use. This will be an open source data base so researchers will have access to the research so the work can continue.

Chair Goforth asked where students who are obtaining these certificates or degrees in ethics are getting jobs. Dr. Elliott noted that many have degrees in the medical or business field.

### **USFSP Updates**

**Joe Trubacz** provided a brief update on the ongoing facilities/capital projects and progress we've made at USFSP, including The Edge. He touched on the other projects, such as the new roof for the Poynter Library; the raising of the Gulf Coast Legal building; and addressing issues with Williams House. He noted we are also working on a campus waterfront master plan – the pride and joy of this campus, as well as working on a new roof for Harbor Hall and exploring an upgrade our chill water plant. New labs in the old Greyhound bus facility are complete and we are looking at adding offices. Also looking at a learning lab on the second floor of Coquina Hall – now The Edge. Finally, second floor of Davis Hall is scheduled for renovations/upgrades.

**Dr. Tadlock** provided a general update on USFSP. Some of his highlights included:

- Rankings – maintain 24 in southern regional comprehensive institutions
- Princeton Review named USFSP one of 375 green colleges
- 12% increase in headcount this fall at 4908
- Among FTICs – 23% were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class – a 5% increase
- 40% of overall student body are persons of color
- Implemented Archivum – student success management system
- New Masters in Conservation Biology – first class full
- New degrees coming – applied mathematics and sustainability studies
- Three pre-proposals going forward this year
- CAS Dean Search is in process and Interim RVCAA
- College of Business is working on its reaccreditation
- Free Speech Forum on campus last night w/Dr. Lake
- Kathleen Gibson Dee will facilitate a dialogue series
- Cecil Howard implementing a series of discussion opportunities
- Courageous Conversations w/City of St. Petersburg
- David Jolly & Patrick Murphy will be holding a Town Hall meeting here December 5

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.