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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Friday February 22, 2008**

Library Conference Room – POY 319

Present: Jerry Notaro, David Carr, Margaret Hewitt, Larry Johnson, Ray Arsenault, Gary Patterson, Tom Carter

Guests: Karen White, Chris D'Elia, and Geralyn Franklin

Chair Margaret Hewitt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **Announcements**

Margaret: The October minutes reflect the Senate did look at the Path to Mission Differentiation. The changes the Senate requested were ultimately made in the final document going to the USF Board of Trustees on March 30, 2008. Margaret is having lunch with Helen Levine, Assistant to President Genshaft, to further discuss the document.

### **New Business**

Geralyn Franklin, Chair of the RVCAA Search Committee explained to the Senate the process of choosing the four finalists and sending the strengths and weakness to Karen White. There are no fixed or stated procedures with administrative searches. She explained Chancellor White wanted the committee to submit lists of strengths and weaknesses for each candidate with no rankings or recommendations. Gary, a member of the search committee, thought there was confusion as to whether names could be withheld from consideration. Margaret has asked that Guidelines for the Recruitment and Selection of Administrative positions be established and posted.

Ray – Strategic Planning Committee: The facilitator is doing an excellent job and the committee is off to a good start. Ray stated the committee needs to address specifics right off and not begin the process from scratch. He also expressed concern for the stated timetable. The entire process may not be able to be completed by July.

The minutes of the January 25, 2008 and February 1, 2008 meetings were approved as distributed.

Chris – New Undergraduate Enrollment policy: Major goals for the Fall are to fill up the Residence Halls and increase the number of full time enrolled students. There is great concern about achieving these goals with uncertain funding for fiscal year 2008. Another goal is to increase the number of students in under-enrolled classes. The target number for enrollment is in continual negotiation. Decisions in enrollment planning need to be made soon, despite unknown funding.

## **Old Business**

Chris – Update on General Education and Assessment Committee: Chris visited with Tampa's General Education members and leadership. He explained to them the differences in the campuses' Gen Ed Committees and the Path to Mission Differentiation document. The compromises made in the document give many advantages to our campus, one being are separate USFSP IPEDS.

Update on SACS: The newly formed committees are attempting to inventory existing data needed for further assessment. The Faculty has been most cooperative with the committee chairs. Math data has been particularly difficult to collect and assess. David inquired about exit courses and their data. Exit classes are within the sphere of General Education requirements, but not essential elements. Data from exit courses could be important to assessment. The committees both need as much longitudinal data as possible.

Topic for next meeting: The effects of the Budget Guidelines on faculty.

Margaret – Moved that the Faculty Senate recognize the contributions of the Physical Plant staff and that a plaque be given saying such to be hung in the Physical Plant Staff Lounge. Seconded and passed.

Jerry gave a short report on the Budget Council meeting. Guiding Principles for Budgeting and Budget Implementation are being devised.

David Carr brought up the review of administrators in which faculty used to participate. Two years ago we reviewed our administrators but were told those results could not be shared or made public. However the Faculty Senate may conduct their own review of administrators. Dave will talk with the Psychology faculty to compose reviews of The Regional Chancellor, RVCAA, and Academic Deans.

## **Council Reports**

College of Arts and Sciences – No report

College of Business – Gary Patterson – The College is focusing on budget talks and budget reductions. The COB College Council is working on clarifying governing documents.

College of Education – Larry Johnson – The College is proceeding with reaccreditation duties and collecting information for upcoming budget decisions.

Library Faculty Council – Jerry Notaro – The LFC will meet again on March 4th. They are working on revising Promotion Guidelines. Jerry wanted faculty to understand that individual electronic serial and periodical titles are mostly group purchased with other

libraries. With cutbacks already initiated and future cuts coming there may well be individual titles that will disappear. These will not be the fault of decisions made specifically on this campus on specific titles.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting is set for Friday, March 28, 10 a.m., POY 319.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary