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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Friday October 26, 2007, 2007**

Library Conference Room – POY 319

Present: Jerry Notaro, David Carr, Margaret Hewitt, Bonnie Braun (for Larry Johnson), Tom Carter, Ray Arsenault, Gary Patterson

Guests: Chris D'Elia, Karen White, Dinh Xuan Khoa, Le Cong Thin

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

**Announcements**

Chair's Report from Council of Deans and from Leadership Councils – Margaret:

Frank Hohengarten, Dean of Enrollment Services, reported that the Residence Hall had requested a lecture series there. Hugh LaFollette will coordinate the series. Faculty Senators are encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting on the system-wide Health Sciences Degree.

Gary reported on the Voluntary System on Accountability. It is a way in which institutions report their successes. President Genshaft has endorsed participating. Karen and Chris have discussed which data might possibly be released. Some of the relevant data is already available online, but might better be offered in report format. Some faculty have expressed concern about what testing elements would be included in the effort.

The Times Festival of Reading will take place on our campus on Saturday, October 27. Between 13,000 and 15,000 are expected to attend.

Tom Carter was voted Chair of the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees.

Karen asked that a member of the General Education Committee attend a national Assessment Conference in February. Her office will fund the trip. One of Karen's goals is faculty involvement in assessment.

The Faculty and Staff Lounge on the second floor of Davis Hall is going to be restored. Julia Jakway, Director of Budget, has requested a faculty representative to be involved.

**New Business**

The minutes of the September 28 meeting were approved as distributed.

Gary reported on the Pre Strategic Planning for the Strategic Planning Initiative that will commence in January. Peer institutions for the Planning are being identified. Some

possibilities are SUNY Geneseo, Salisbury University, Rollins, Western Washington, and UNC Wilmington.

Tom Carter – Membership on Standing Committees. Margaret will meet with all committees, especially to determine service years of all members. Each committee determines its student membership. Bonnie Braun will call the Enrollment Management and Financial Aid Committee to its first yearly meeting to elect a chair.

The Senate discussed the Paths to Mission Differentiation document. The Senate would like clarification and clearer language distinguishing the unique status and separate SACS accreditation of USFSP. The faculty have expressed a desire for separate Graduate Programs. The USF System would like USFSP to receive its own IPEDS reporting number. Each Senator gave their individual comments on the document, which, overall, were positive and forward moving.

Domestic Partnership Initiative – Jerry. The UFF bargaining team put domestic partner health insurance on the table last year, and the administration put the study team into their counter-proposal. That study became part of the agreement. Jerry represents the faculty on the Collaborative team addressing issues such as defining a domestic partner, identifying other institutions, looking at UF and FIU plans, and determining legal methods of compensation. The team, which has been meeting regularly in Tampa since the summer, will write and present a report to the UFF and the USF Administration.

Margaret distributed rough copies of an Annual Report form for Councils and Standing Committees. Through the Annual Reports, the Faculty Senate will be able to have written records that contain summaries of accomplishments, unfinished projects, membership, minutes, and meeting dates. Jerry will polish the form and give back to Margaret.

Ray moved that past records of the Faculty Senate be given to the Poynter Library Special Collections for archival purposes. Seconded and passed.

Following discussion about the General Education Committee, David Carr moved that the General Education Committee become a Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate and that an ex officio member of the Undergraduate Council be a member of the UG Committee. Seconded and passed.

### **Library and College Council Reports**

Ray: The College of Arts and Sciences is still restructuring. It has been suggested that there be fewer divisions than originally proposed. Some disagree about the type of structure (units, divisions, clusters, etc.) and how many. The CAS Faculty Council voted the Dean and Administration move on the original structure proposal.

Gary: The College of Business Faculty Council is reducing the number of Council Committees and memberships. The Dean has asked the Faculty Council to be involved

in establishing COB Annual Review evaluation standards. The Accreditation Review is completed, including the team visit, and the College is awaiting a formal announcement.

Bonnie (member of the College of Education Faculty Council): The College of Education is preparing for NK accreditation. The COE Council passed a resolution requesting the Faculty Senate express concern with all of the emergency meetings needed for last minute policy decisions. Faculty need time to respond to proposed changes. David suggested a communication to the President's Office. Margaret will compose something and bring to the Senate for review.

Jerry: The Library is in the middle of a search for a Catalog Librarian.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.

The next meeting is set for Friday, November 16, 10 a.m., POY 319.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary