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Campus Board Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2019

USC Ballroom 3

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Attendees:

Chair Goforth

Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock

Board Member Susan Churuti

Board Member John Connelly

Board Member Lawrence Hamilton

Ray Arsenault, Faculty Senate President

Jadzia Duarte, SGA President

Provost Ralph Wilcox

Chair Goforth welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – Board member **John Connelly** moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by **Susan Churuti**. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Chair Goforth recognized **Provost Wilcox** to give a USF System Update on behalf of President Currall. **Dr. Wilcox** discussed the consolidation implementation plan, noting that administration is set to present the substantive change prospectus at the BOT meeting December 3. He explained that this document is a key component of the substantive change and highlighted the following:

- The role of the Campus Board, Regional Chancellor, etc. are included in the document.
- The campus board will play a significant role in budget planning, approval and implementation before final approval.
- SGA Presidents have come together and negotiated a move to a single body governance structure, as has the Faculty Senates and System Faculty Council, who approved a new set of bylaws.
- Faculty will vote on the new set of documents in the coming weeks.

Dr. Wilcox reported that we now have a path forward and expect to meet the rigors and expectations of the BOT and the SACSCOC.

Chair Goforth noted that this is the beginning, not the end, of what we will be working toward and asked the board if they had any questions.

Susan Churuti mentioned that someone approached her inquiring about the USF Center of Excellence (Marine Science). She was unable to explain centers of excellence and requested an explanation so board members can articulate to the public when asked.

Dr. Wilcox noted there are two disciplinary centers, one in St. Pete and one in Sarasota, bringing together the combined strengths of USF to create a critical mass of intellectual capital and destination for the biggest and brightest to take on some of the most pressing issues facing the region, state, nation, and the world. His expectation is that centers of excellence will be built around the national and international prestige of the College of Marine Science. During the next 90 days they will pull together faculty to begin to shape a vision and plan for the future.

Susan Churuti asked who serves as the leader of a center of excellence. **Dr. Wilcox** noted it is typically a director position. She asked who the director would report to. He noted it will depend.

Lawrence Hamilton asked if SG and Faculty Senate will provide their reaction to this latest version of the document. **Dr. Arsenault** and **Jazzy Duarte** replied in the affirmative.

Dr. Wilcox closed by reminding everyone that the PBF metrics will not go away, and it is necessary to remain focused on advancing the University of South Florida. He asked the board to continue to focus on advancing contributions to preeminence and performance based funding.

Chair Goforth called on **Regional Chancellor Tadlock** to deliver the USFSP Update.

Dr. Tadlock reiterated the focus of faculty, staff and students during the consolidation process. He then shared the following information:

- APR currently stands at 79 percent.
- FTIC 2018-2019 freshman retention rate is at 83 percent.
- More than 30% of freshmen were in top 10% of their high school class.

Dr. Tadlock also discussed the new Innovation Scholars Program, which will be highlighted later in the meeting; the new residence hall; and he congratulated **Dr. Jacob Diaz** for being recognized as **“Pillar of the Profession” by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Foundation.**

Also mentioned:

- Homecoming Week and the Cardboard Boat Race
- Feed-a-bull
- Chancellor's Breakfast
- Jill McCracken honored with an Influential Scholar Award
- COE STEM \$2.4M Grant from NSF - \$1.3M will go to USFSP and Florida A&M with the remainder going to FIU

Finally, **Dr. Tadlock** gave an update on the ORCA Bio Digester. After just two months it has diverted more than 2,140 pounds of food waste from landfills and returned 203.6 gallons of water to the environment.

Chair Goforth recognized **Ray Arsenault**, who provided an update on the USFSP Faculty Senate:

The USFSP Faculty Senate has been focused on consolidation and are working on the bylaws and constitution. He noted that the differences between the consolidation documents (1.0 and 2.0) are dramatic. President Currall listened and faculty now feel like they will have a level of autonomy and identity preserved; however, there remains concern about equitable distribution of research funds, course loads and salaries.

Provost Wilcox addressed the matter of equity. He is committed to assuring equity of assignment, support, performance expectations and compensation. This responsibility will fall to college deans and the Regional Chancellor.

Jadzia Duarte gave an update on Student Government:

- Consolidation Feedback – students are overall pleased with the latest version of the document. They are developing a fact sheet for students highlighting what it means for them.
- All three campuses developed a new constitution. Students will vote in November. Other governing documents will follow.
- Day at the Capitol – students met with legislators.
- Homecoming – crowned two kings.
- Continuing to take up collections for Bahamas hurricane relief.
- Ribbon Cutting for food pantry.
- Climate survey completed - very positive results and administration will follow up with focus groups.
- *You Belong Here* campaign to launch soon, which includes the unveiling of the peace pole.
- Sustainability – just received confirmation that USFSP is hosting a summit on leadership and zero waste.

Chair Goforth introduced **Caryn Nesmith**, who gave an overview of the Innovation Scholars Program, criteria for getting into the program, requirements to remain in the program and the intent of the program. The Innovation Scholars Career Exploration Program provides unique job shadowing opportunities for incoming high-achieving first-year students at USF St. Petersburg by partnering them with companies and professionals in and around Downtown St. Petersburg and within the St. Petersburg Innovation District. This program provides students an introduction to one or more industries or job fields as they shadow mentors and test career options to help solidify major choices and academic paths early in their university experience.

A mid-semester survey showed overwhelmingly positive feedback. Students can explore new mentorships in the spring. We are hoping to double the program in size next year. Today we have two students with us today, **Erin Hayes and Fabrizio Petrozzi**, to share their experiences so far.

Erin, who is paired with Baycare, discussed her mentor, his position with Baycare and some of his initiatives. She attended Baycare's quality sharing program with him at the Tampa Convention Center. Has been an eyeopening experience for her. The sharing program helps with collaboration and eliminating silos.

Not having any experience is what led her to apply to this program. Working with her mentor has her considering a technology path.

Fabrizio is paired with a data security company – Guardian Eagle. He is majoring in business management but that may change. He is interested in leadership and this program has provided him with that. He has met with his mentor four times so far, and has had the opportunity to meet a lot of influential people in St. Petersburg. It has been a very positive experience so far, and the program has strengthened his desire to remain in leadership.

Chair Goforth thanked Caryn and the students.

Facilities Update - Nick Setteducato gave an update on the various facilities projects that are in progress.

Minor Projects

- Relocated ROTC program to Terrace 400 building
- Terrace Patio Deck renovation underway for Military & Veterans Success Center
- Moved Infant Family Center to ONE building on campus
- Constructed Math Skills Lab in Heller Hall
- Created a Graphic Design Computer Lab in Harbor Hall utilizing Josephine S. Hall gift
- Campus Wayfinding System Phase I directional signage installed
- Renovated leased space at Port Building for Nursing program

New Residence & Dining Hall

- Building is totally erected; crane is de-mobilized
- Building will be "dried-in" near the end of November (roof and windows)
- Interior walls are being constructed
- On schedule for August 2020 occupancy

Davis Hall Renovation

- Construct an additional Chemistry lab and relocate the Physics lab in STG
- Move Psychology and Anthropology research activities to Bayboro Station (temporary)
- Relocate the GIS Mapping classroom and lab to PRW
- Relocate Davis Hall faculty out of second floor to various locations (temporary)

Jeet Singh from the Beck Group gave a brief presentation of the preliminary design of the Davis Hall renovation (See ppt attached).

Chair Goforth asked about the budget, and Nick responded \$3.1M came from the state and we matched with \$2M internal funds. She also noted that no classroom space was lost and the design is very flexible. Nick noted construction will be completed in time to open in the fall.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.