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**UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH FLORIDA  
ST. PETERSBURG**

## Campus Board Meeting

**Thursday, August 1, 2019**

USC Ballroom 3

9:30 am – 11:30 am

### **Attendees:**

Chair Goforth

President Steven Currall

Regional Chancellor Martin Tadlock

Board Member Susan Churuti

Board Member John Connelly

Board Member Lawrence Hamilton

Board Member Judy Mitchell (phone)

Deanna Michael, System Faculty Senate

President

Sarah Ortner, SGA Chief of Staff

**Chair Goforth** welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She recognized **President Steven Currall** to give a USF System Update. **Dr. Currall** thanked everyone briefly discussed the listening tour that is underway. He is working on balancing long-term tasks (strategic renewal process) and short-term tasks (unified LBR).

He also discussed consolidation, noting the outcome will result in St. Petersburg becoming even stronger. He noted that **Dr. Tadlock** has provided him with input and ideas and they are having a vigorous exploration of what's to come. Including the exploration of areas in which USF can continue to invest more resources in St. Petersburg.

**President Currall** also reminded everyone of the principals of consolidation:

- Strengthen USF's stature as a Preeminent Research University with national and global prominence;
- Embrace a model of "One University Geographically Distributed" while preserving campus
- identity – guided by a transparent and collaborative process;
- Commit to "Students First", through expanding access and raising educational attainment while continuing USF's national best practice of student success and diversity;
- Establish a clear, simple and unified leadership structure by aligning accountability with authority and valuing shared governance through engaging students, faculty and staff on all campuses;

- Assure consistency of high impact research across the university through establishing centers and programs of academic excellence on each campus;
- Enhance regional economic development while avoiding unwarranted duplication of academic programs, and
- Maximize performance, service quality and operational efficiencies through optimizing the utilization of faculty talent and technology across the University.

Board member **Susan Churuti** mentioned the September 11, 2019 listening session regarding consolidation and pointed out two main issues:

Branch Campus Issue

College of Marine Sciences

She noted that it is important to provide assurances to the community that these are two issues are being addressed.

She also pointed to the FSU branch campus model and asked if it was being considered.

**Dr. Currall** noted that he has not looked at this model. He asked Provost Wilcox, who was in the audience, if he had looked at the FSU model. **Dr. Wilcox** explained that, yes, they have looked at this model, and it is a little different than what is envisioned for USF. However, he has had conversations with FSU.

**Susan Churuti** asked if there are any other branch campus situations in Florida. **Provost Wilcox** explained that, as defined by SACSCOC, there are no other branch campus scenarios in Florida, adding that SACSCOC may not even consider FSU Panama City as a branch campus. He further explained that the Panama City campus has only one college, but delivers programs that are housed on the main campus to serve the needs of the community.

**Dr. Currall** explained that Huron did look at different models across the state and the country.

Regarding the College of Marine Science, **Dr. Currall** noted that he has observed that marine life sciences seems fragmented and we are not sufficiently integrated and USF should be globally visible in marine life science. The question he posed back to the community is how do we better increase visibility and the footprint of the broader theme of marine and life sciences?

Board member **Lawrence Hamilton** welcomed the president and noted that he and other campus board members continue to receive calls at home from the community asking about the structure of one USF.

**President Currall** reaffirmed his commitment to St. Pete as he views this campus as an integral part of the equation.

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

**Dr. Tadlock** welcomed **President Currall** and expressed his appreciation for the conversations and communications they have had thus far.

**Dr. Tadlock** provided the following update on the great things happening at USFSP:

- Commencement is on Sunday
- Dr. Brenda Walker is our new Interim Associate Dean of the College of Education
- Student Success efforts continue to climb. This success is due to some of the programs we have initiated:
  - Windward and Start Strong – 74 students participating
  - Innovation Scholars – 32 students/26 companies participating
  - Pinellas Access to Higher Education (PATHe) up and running
- Faculty Accomplishments:
  - **Dr. Kathy Arthur** – Awarded \$270K by National Science Foundation to investigate the relationship between human conflict and the preservation of natural resources.
  - **Dr. Thomas Hallock** – traveling to Mexico as a Fulbright Scholar.
  - **Dr. Heather Judkins** – Cephalopod Research – identified giant squid during a NOAA Ocean Exploration research cruise.
- USFSP has reached a new research record 6.2 million as of June 30.
- Fundraising last year - \$4.68M – 155.8% of goal
- Youth in Government Program was hosted earlier this summer – over 100 top students from around the state of Florida spent a week on campus in the program.
- Fishing camp for neuroblastoma – student led fundraiser
- STEM Camps on campus for local students
- STEM Boot Camps of Pinellas county teachers
- SMART Leadership Camp
- Alum **John Boyd** raised \$3K to throw birthday parties for ten foster kids. He is an example of the kind of students we have here. They engage in the community, they care about other people, they are about the common good.

**Chair Goforth** thanked **Dr. Levine** for her work organizing the Youth in Government experience. She also noted the increase in the numbers is of high focus. This is incredible movement and it does not happen without the work of this group and she thanked everyone.

**President Currall** agreed and thanked the **Regional Chancellor** and his team for these improvements. We want to focus our resources on ensuring a transformational experience and getting through to graduation.

**Deanna Michael**, filling in for **Ray Arsenault**, provided an update on the USFSP Faculty Senate. USFSP Senate has not met this summer but did make plans on how to work on issues moving forward with consolidation. A new constitution will be the focus in the fall – all three campuses will be involved. The process in the changes in the structure will be with all three senates. USFSP will look carefully at the changes in the colleges. She thanked **President Currall** and the **Regional Chancellor** for investing in St. Petersburg. She also thanked **Dr. Tadlock** for his strong focus on student success.

Finally, **Dr. Michael** discussed the need for technology upgrades, which will allow us to address student needs and faculty resources. The status of each geographic location needs to be addressed. We are looking forward to sharing services, but also addressing our research needs.

**President Currall** thanked **Dr. Michael** for her positivity.

**Chair Goforth** introduced a quick video welcome from the new SGA President, **Jadzia Duarte**, followed by the introduction of **Sarah Ortner**, SGA Chief of Staff, who provided an update on Student Government.

Sara outlined the following activities of the USFSP Student Government:

- Welcomed summer students onto campus
- Held 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbeque
- Is active with all three campuses
- Announced the annual island party coming up

**Chair Goforth** gave a quick update of the BOT meeting June 6. Minutes for the BOT meetings, along with BOT Committee summaries are included in the briefing books and are posted on the web site. The BOT meets in three weeks.

**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.

**2019-202 Budget** - **Nick Setteducato** and **David Everingham** presented the [2019-2020 budget overview](#), including:

- Campus resources available are sufficient for both operations and strategic investments
- Anticipated reduction of approximately \$400,000 in tuition revenue due to decrease in freshman enrollment
- Base budget reduction of \$494,945
- Performance Based Funding reduction of \$133,021
- Base appropriation of \$3,500,000

**Chair Goforth** asked the board if there are any questions regarding the planned reductions. With no questions, David reviewed E&G Carry Forward funds. Finally, Nick reviewed the fixed capital outlay and what is on the horizon.

**Board member Lawrence Hamilton** moved approval. The motion was seconded by **Susan Churuti**. The motion to approve was unanimous.

**Board member Susan Churuti** noted that the Campus Board should be adopting the budget by July 1, though she understands that our timeline is dictated by when we receive the information.

She also discussed system related costs to each campus and suggested conversations take place. **Chair Goforth** noted that there is a lot of ongoing discussion about system related costs.

**Chair Goforth** mentioned the carry-forward funds, noting that the information must be certified and the spending of these funds is scrutinized.

**Chair Goforth** then introduced **Dr. Michelle Madden** to update the board on Diversity and Inclusion. She reviewed the 6 strategic goals and noted that each goal has a champion and each champion is a member of leadership.

**Dr. Madden** reviewed USFSP diversity trends on graduate and undergraduate enrollment, tenured and tenure track and non-tenure track faculty, administration and management and staff. She noted diversity expenditures and projected investments.

Accomplishments to date:

- Student Climate Survey
- Emerging Scholars & mentors
- Safe Zone Training
- Unconscious Bias and microaggression training
- CAS recognized as national model of excellence for diversity and inclusion
- KTCOB Women in Leadership Mentorship Program
- COE STEM Robotics Summer Camp won the 2019 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from Insight
- International Student Club established
- Study Abroad (China)
- Recreation & Wellness has installed ADA Kayak Docks
- Wednesday's at the O – Mental Health Awareness
- Supplier Diversity Awarded to Purchasing staff member

Finally, she reviewed the priorities for the upcoming year.

**Chair Goforth** thanked **Dr. Madden** and reiterated the importance of these initiatives. She asked **Dr. Madden** to, at some point in the future, report out on how USFSP enrollment diversity compares to our community.

**Susan Churuti** also expressed a desire to have that information. **Lawrence Hamilton** noted

that there are some concerns with some of the numbers, but that the initiatives that have been put in place will help improve the profile. He is working closely with **Dr. Madden**, and they are looking for ways to be accessible to students who don't meet the academic profile.

**President Currall** commented on the recruitment of students of color, emphasizing that we must make a deeper commitment to financial aid. Students of color who are high performing have lots of options, so we need to compete. Merit-based financial aid needs to be a bigger part of the equation.

**Chair Goforth** commented that there should be no scholarship dollars left untouched.

**Board member John Connelly** asked about the number of Emerging Scholars vs. Mentors.

**Dr. Madden** confirmed it is four each. **Lawrence Hamilton** noted his fraternity is sponsoring one of the students.

**Chair Goforth** introduced **Dr. Heather Judkins** to discuss her recent expedition.

See presentation.

**Dr. Heather Judkins** presented the details of her research and findings -*Journey into Midnight Expedition: Giant Findings*. [See attached PowerPoint presentation](#).

**President Currall** mentioned the idea of research impact, taking note that this kind of research is not only from an academic and scientific standpoint, but a broader research impact that garnered all of this national/global visibility. This is exactly what we want more of at USF. He offered one closing thought – he asked that when we think about the future of USF and consolidation, we keep in mind our identity, student success, research, engagement, and societal impact. This is one example of a project that has shown excellence in research impact.

With no further items or questions, the meeting was adjourned noon.