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April 25, 2019
Campus Board Meeting
USC Ballroom 3

Attendees:

Stephanie Goforth, Chair
President Judy Genshaft
Judy Mitchell, Campus Board
Susan Churuti, Campus Board
Kaeden Kelso, USFSP SGA President

John Connelly, Campus Board
Lawrence Hamilton, Campus Board
Martin Tadlock, Regional Chancellor
Ray Arsenault, USFSP Faculty Senate President

Chair Goforth called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the recognition of Emeritus Awards for **Tina Neville** and **Cynthia Leung**.

Dean Catherine Cardwell noted **Tina Neville's** accomplishments and **Chair Goforth** presented her with a framed certificate.

Cynthia Leung, who was not present, was represented by Dr. Watson who gave remarks on **Dr. Leung's** accomplishments.

President Genshaft then gave the **USF System Update** noting the recent ACE Award for increasing student retention and graduation rates. This is the only annual award given by the American Council on Education, the largest organization in the U.S. recognizing higher education. She also mentioned that USF recently held the induction ceremony for the inaugural class of 67 USF PBK members.

Finally, she mentioned the President-elect, who will begin July 1, and who will lead us into the next era. She noted her pride in USFSP and the transformation the campus has undergone during her 19 years as president.

Ray Arsenault gave a Faculty Senate Update – The Faculty Senate has been preoccupied with consolidation. They are working closely with colleagues across the system. They have been working on tenure and promotion and believe they have worked out a compromise.

USFSP Update: Dr. Tadlock acknowledged and thanked **President Genshaft** noting the incredible changes that have taken place over the years and how she was responsible for the transformation of USFSP.

He gave an update on steps USFSP is taking to improve student success:

- Opening our new **math skills lab**, which will provide much-needed remedial training for some of our students.
- Launching a new program called **Project Momentum**, which is an expansion of our Windward Summer Experience that connects students and grounds them at USFSP for the semester.
- Creating a **TRIO/Student Support Services (SSS)**-like program beginning this summer with a cohort of 25-30 students invited to participate.

Other USFSP Highlights include:

- Search for a new **Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs** – candidates have been narrowed down to 10 and we'll begin online interviews next week. We have three internal candidates for the **Interim Associate Dean of the College of Education** and those interviews will happen tomorrow and next week.
- **USF Giving Day** was a success. We exceeded our fundraising goals for all of the initiatives we were supporting on this campus, including:
 - Our new student food pantry, **Feed-A-Bull**, which is now up and running. I even had the opportunity to contribute some food earlier this month.
 - The **Stay Afloat** fund, which provides emergency scholarships to students who encounter unexpected financial difficulties.
 - The **Textbook Affordability project**, which has saved students more than \$450,000 on course materials and counting.
- USFSP has entered into a lease agreement with the city for the **Port Terminal Building** at 250 8th Ave. S, which will be used for classroom, office and laboratory space.
- The Board of Governors has approved a new **Sustainability Studies** program, and the **Environmental Chemistry** degree proposal was approved by the APAC committee of the USF System.
- The College of Education recently won a grant to start exploring the feasibility of a new Master's degree in **Culturally Responsive STEM Instruction**. The new program will focus on preparing teachers for teaching STEM concepts to students who are racially, culturally and ethnically diverse.
- The new **PATHe program** – Pinellas Access to Higher Education – is up and running! We have four new **PATHe Counselors**, two from USFSP and two from SPC – and they have already met with local principals to promote their mission: providing equitable, flexible, and attainable pathways to promote access to higher education for all students in Pinellas County.
- The City of St. Petersburg is planning **improvements for the streets around our campus to make it more pedestrian and bike-friendly**. **Sixth Avenue S** will be a part of the city's Bikeways initiative, and they will also be making some adjustments to the intersection

of 6th Ave. S and 3rd Street S to make it easier and safer for students to cross. They'll be changing the timing of the light there, as well as adding some diagonal crosswalks.

- May 15 USFSP will rename the College of Education building in honor of **Bill Heller**, who has made so many meaningful contributions to our campus and our region. The building will be known as H. William Heller Hall.

Finally, **Dr. Tadlock** reminded everyone about the groundbreaking ceremony for the new **Residence Hall and Dining Facility**, which will take place after the Campus Board meeting.

Chair Goforth then presented **Kaeden Kelso**, outgoing Student Government Association (SGA) President, with a Diploma Frame and thanked him for his service as SGA President.

Kaeden Kelso – Student Government Update

Kaeden introduced **Jazzy Duarte**, the incoming SGA President. He then highlighted the following SGA Activities:

- Good vibes concert – over 1500 people came – in partnership with St. Petersburg College
- SG partnering with USFSP Leadership to install a Peace Pole
- Food Pantry in place
- Captain Marvel Premiere
- PB&J Event to give to local charities
- USFSP Week
- Earth Week
- Rocky's Banquet
- CIRC/Pledge of sustainability

Finally, today, all three SGA bodies are meeting to elect the new student trustee. He then thanked **Dwayne Isaacs**, **Bob Herron** and **Patti Helton** for all of their support and advice during his tenure as SGA President.

BOT Updates

Chair Goforth noted that the Board of Trustees has had a number of meetings since the last Campus Board meeting, with consolidation and the presidential search demanding a lot of attention.

The BOT approved the Consolidation Implementation Plan and Timeline, which was subsequently approved by the Board of Governors;

They also approved a naming resolution to rename Coquina Hall to H. William Heller Hall, and Accountability Plans for all three campuses were reviewed, discussed and approved.

She also noted that **BOT Chair Brian Lamb** was appointed to the Board of Governors, and the BOT elected a new Chair – **Jordan Zimmerman**, and Vice-Chair – **Les Muma**. Finally, the BOT approved the appointment of **Dr. Steven Currall** as the new USF President, which has been confirmed by the Board of Governors. He'll begin his tenure July 1.

For the other BOT Committees, those summary notes are included in the board books, as well as posted online for public viewing.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of minutes - Minutes from the January 24, 2019 Campus Board meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of the Continuation Budget – **Nick Setteducato**, Interim Regional Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance presented the Continuation Operating Budget, which allows USFSP to operate under the current budget as we move into the next fiscal year and we have a new budget in place. Nothing has changed.

The Campus Board unanimously approved the Continuation Operating Budget as presented.

Approval of CIP – Nick then presented the CIP – which included three projects. One is PICO eligible, the other two from the CIP Trust Fund.

The board unanimously approved the CIP as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

USFSP Chancellor's Leadership Council Presentation

Martin introduced several students who are part of the Chancellor's Leadership Council (CLC) and noted that the CLC is made up of 21 high-achieving students.

The students from the CLC introduced themselves and gave a presentation about the program and the qualifying criteria. These students are part of the first cohort of the program. They discussed some of the projects they have been working on and what the program has meant to them thus far, including where they sought support and first year impressions.

President Genshaft thanked the CLC students and congratulated them on their student success to date. She also congratulated everyone at USFSP for making student success a priority.

Before the meeting adjourned, **Chair Goforth** announced a brief video preview of the new Residence Hall.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.