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CAMPUS BOARD MEETING
Summary Minutes
March 11, 2020 ~ 8:30 am
BAY 220

Attendees:

Stephanie Goforth, Board Chair (via phone)
Susan Churuti, Board Member
Melissa Seixas, Board Member (via phone)
John Connelly, Board Member (via phone)
Martin Tadlock, Regional Chancellor

Other Attendees:

Nick Trivunovich (via phone)
David Lechner (via phone)
Fell Stubbs (via phone)
Gerard Solis (via phone)
Nick Setteducato
Patti Helton (via phone)
Anna Hernandez (via phone)

Chair Goforth called the meeting to order at 8:30.

The purpose of the meeting is for informational purposes only to update the Campus Board on a proposed change to the USFSP food service provider. This change does not require Board approval. USFSP is proposing that Aramark, the same vendor Tampa uses take over as the food service provider for the Campus.

Advantages of the change include:

- Better serves the students in a consolidated university Can take advantages of dedicated managers on site at all times
- Will provide a consistent level of service
- Staff coverage/supplies will be seamless
- Aramark has indicated to making the same financial commitment as Sodexo

The Chair then opened up the meeting for discussion.

Dr. Tadlock noted the local service by Sodexo has been outstanding and pointed out this change is not related to a performance issue.

Nick Setteducato discussed Sodexo's limited ability to provide options and the company's concern about their own financial position here. Sodexo has asked USFSP to reopen the contract and limit their services on campus.

Gerard emphasized that in the current Sodexo contract there is a “not for cause” out. The closer we get to the Fall, our ability to negotiate goes down.

Susan Churuti asked if USFSP is reaching the end of the term of our contract. Nick reiterated the “not for cause” provision in the current contract.

David Lechner noted that nothing has been shared with Aramark; however, they have reviewed the publicly available documents and have expressed their ability to make this work without impacting the students.

Nick Trivunovich mentioned that because USF already has a contract with Aramark there is no need to go out to bid.

Melissa Seixas asked for an explanation of the process moving forward.

Gerard noted we would need to give Sodexo 90 Days written notice. This is a management process and does not require any action by the Campus board.

John Connelly agreed with the decision to make the change.

Chair Goforth reiterated this meeting was for informational purposes only. USF Management will move forward with the plan.

Gerard explained it is important to note that there will be no interruption in their service.

With no further questions or comments, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 .