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SEC Minutes

August 30, 2000

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 30, 2000

MINUTES

Present: Jesse Binford, Samuel Bulmash, William Janssen, William Kearns, Suresh Khator, Sara Mandell, Janet Moore, Gregory Paveza, Jenifer Schneider, Melvyn Tockman, Nancy Tyson, James Vastine

President's Office: Josue Cruz

Provost's Office: David Stamps

Guest: Fredric Zerla

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of May 3, 2000 were approved as corrected.

Next, because this is a new academic year and a new Senate Executive Committee (SEC), introductions were made. Sergeant-at-Arms Barbara Loeding and Undergraduate Chair Ram Pendyala were absent. Samuel Bulmash will be attending the SEC meetings on behalf of Graduate Council Chair Alan Sear who has a scheduling conflict this semester.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Nancy Tyson)

Before giving her report, President Tyson pointed out that the charge of the SEC is not only to advise the Provost, particularly in regard to Academic Affairs and the budget, but also to advise the Faculty Senate President with regard to upcoming agenda items and other academic issues.

President Tyson's report consisted of the following:

- The next meeting scheduled for September 13, 2000 is a provisional date. If some items arise in the meantime that necessitate convening the SEC, then it will take place; otherwise, it will be canceled. SEC members will be notified via electronic mail by the end of next week whether or not that meeting will occur. The following meeting is October 4, 2000, and due to President Judy Genshaft's Annual University Address at 3:00 p.m. on that day, the SEC will meet at 4:00 p.m. for an abbreviated meeting.
- Dr. Tyson's two chief priorities as Faculty Senate President this year will be (1) to

smooth and effectuate as much as possible the new President's start at USF, and (2) to help strengthen alliance between the faculty union and the Faculty Senate.

- Mr. Gregory Sylvester has been hired and is in place as the new director of Parking Services. As soon as possible, Mr. Sylvester will be on the Faculty Senate agenda so that he can begin a productive dialogue with the faculty.
- Vice President Albert Hartley has indicated that there is going to be a proposal to put a parking garage behind the library. He may be attending a future Faculty Senate meeting to seek support for that proposal.

INTERIM PROVOST'S REPORT (David Stamps)

Provost Stamps sought, and received, clarification regarding his role with the Faculty Senate and the Senate Executive Committee. He indicated that the Board of Regents (BOR) has asked for enrollment projections over the next five years and the Provost would like to receive feedback on this from the SEC at its next meeting.

At this time, Provost Stamps distributed copies of the Academic Affairs 2000/2001 Budget Summary dated August 14, 2000 (see attachment). He then reviewed the following categories listed on Table I: total discretionary funding is nearly 6 million dollars; earmarked faculty salary increases is 1.9 million dollars; non-recurring sources for the library; earmarked funding for the I-4 corridor; tuition waivers for graduate students; enrollment growth at St. Petersburg campus; and branches/centers earmarked funding. Provost Stamps indicated that as a Research I university, the University of South Florida (USF) will receive a disproportionately large amount of graduate enhancement funds, as well as undergraduate enhancement funds. Table II lists the allocations by source funding and shows an increase of 4 million dollars over Table I. Table III represents the total budget allocation for Academic Affairs for the 2000/2001 academic year.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. Senate Vacancy (Jim Vastine)

Secretary Vastine announced that Senator James Lewis from the College of Fine Arts has resigned from the Faculty Senate thereby creating a one-year vacancy. Secretary Vastine has received a recommendation from Senator Sandra Robinson-Waldrop to appoint Professor Sang-Hie Lee to fill the College of Fine Arts vacancy. The motion was made and seconded to appoint Professor Lee to a one-year term on the Faculty Senate to replace Senator James Lewis. The motion was unanimously passed.

Secretary Vastine also announced that Senator Harry Vanden from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) will be out of the country for this academic year, which under normal circumstances, would also require replacing him. However, with the creation of the College of Marine Science (CMS) the overall senator apportionment will be affected. In past years, Marine Science faculty have been included in CAS apportionment. Now, in order for CMS to have a Faculty Senate representative the apportionment needs to be arranged so there are no more than 60 senators. In theory, since Marine Science used to be included in the apportionment for CAS a position should be taken away from that college. Secretary Vastine proposed not filling Senator Vanden's position from CAS and appointing someone from the CMS instead. He pointed out that this will solve the problem for one year and the new apportionment will be worked out automatically in the Senate for next year. This background information was given in order to set the stage for further discussion later

in the meeting of CMS as a voting unit of the Faculty Senate.

2. Other

Former Sergeant-at-Arms Fredric Zerla attended today's meeting to give an update on the faculty recognition plaques. The recognition plaques for Faculty Senate Speakers/Presidents, Distinguished Scholar Award, and Distinguished Teacher Award are completed and are ready for display. Dr. Zerla indicated that the decision has been made to display the plaques in the Campus View reception area of the fourth floor of the Marshall Center. He pointed out that the plaques should be located in portable display cases so that in the event of renovation the plaques (in their cases) could be moved. A catalog containing selected display cases along with price quotes was circulated. Dr. Zerla requested that the SEC make the final decision on the case(s) to be ordered. In addition, he recommended that if at all possible display cases that look like the selected ones should be located and viewed to ascertain if the plaques will fit in them. Discussion was held and concern was expressed about allowing room to grow with future plaques. Dr. Zerla indicated that funding for the display cases will come from the Provost's Office. Ann Pipkins was asked to contact the representative from George Levy, Inc., to find out if there are cases in the vicinity that one could look at to determine if they are what is needed.

In addition, Dr. Zerla announced that he represents his neighborhood on the University North Transportation Initiative (UNTI), as well as the Faculty Senate. Mr. Tom Locke, Manager of the University Mall, is head of the UNTI. Dr. Zerla indicated that Mr. Locke has a standing offer to USF to use the University Mall parking lots as university lots if USF will run the shuttle bus to and from the mall and USF all day long. It would benefit Mr. Locke by having people park in the lots to catch the shuttle and perhaps visit the mall to shop. It would benefit USF in that people who park in the University Mall parking lots do not have to have decals. Dr. Zerla recommended that perhaps the Faculty Senate could give a nudge to USF to find out if money could be provided to allow the shuttle buses to run to the University Mall parking lots throughout the day.

OLD BUSINESS

Faculty Senate Lines of Communication with Student Government

President Tyson indicated that during the summer she received an electronic mail from Mike Griffin who was the Vice President of last year's Student Government and Acting Student Government President for the summer. He e-mailed suggesting that they would like for the Student Government to be able to make a report at Faculty Senate meetings and extended the invitation to the Faculty Senate to do likewise at Student Government meetings. President Tyson asked the SEC members what they recommend that she do about this. Former President Jesse Binford suggested to leave the invitation open and not do anything at this time. It was pointed out that any member of the university community is already entitled to address the Faculty Senate upon written request and by approval of the Senate President. President Tyson decided to table the issue until the Faculty Senate receives an overture from the current Student Government officers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Future Agenda

At the beginning of today's meeting, President Tyson conveyed how enthusiastic USF

President Genshaft is about working with faculty. During the first informal SEC meeting with President Genshaft, she had indicated her interest in attending as many of the SEC meetings as possible. If President Genshaft does decide to attend the SEC meetings, President Tyson wanted to discuss what limitations, if any, should be put on her participation.

President Tyson pointed out that according to the *Constitution*, the Faculty Senate advises the President and the Provost, whereas the SEC advises only the Provost. Past President Binford indicated that according to the USF organizational chart, the Faculty Senate is under the auspices of the Provost. Past President Janet Moore recommended that President Tyson get as much contact as possible between President Genshaft and the SEC. Senator-at-Large Gregory Paveza indicated that if the SEC allows the President time on the agenda, then the SEC needs to look at how much time to allot both to the President and the Provost in order to ensure enough time for business. He feels that the SEC has the right to set the agenda and the time limits to that agenda. Discussion of the time limitation issue was inconclusive, and Parliamentarian Sara Mandell recommended putting this item on a SEC agenda to discuss at either the next or a future meeting.

President Tyson summarized the discussion that the issue should be taken up with the Bylaws Committee to revise the language of the governance documents if it comes to pass that the SEC feels the need to advise the President at future meetings. Faculty Assistant

Josue Cruz was asked to extend to President Genshaft the invitation to attend SEC meetings whenever she is able.

2. College of Marine Science (as a voting unit)

Secretary Vastine stated that the SEC needs to determine how to turn CMS into a voting unit without changing the apportionment. The opportunity exists to do so with the absence of Senator Vanden from the CAS. Senator-at-Large Paveza made the motion that the absentee vacancy from the College of Arts and Sciences be filled with a senator from the newly created College of Marine Science for the Academic Year 2000/2001. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

3. Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act (UCITA)

This act is the result of a nationwide effort to standardize the laws governing software dispersal and is part of the uniform commercial code. The BOR has requested the Faculty Senate, among other groups, by August 31, 2000 to send them a statement of how this act, if enacted by the Florida Legislature, would affect the day-to-day operations of faculty at USF. Vice President Khator indicated that the issue was discussed by the Academic Computing Committee and there were two points made by this committee: (1) that under this act the software could not be owned, and (2) reverse engineering could not be done. However, President Tyson asked how the act would affect faculty in particular. Discussion was held. It was agreed that the censorship issue would affect faculty, as well as creating for all universities massive expenditures on a regular basis to have to upgrade software, not only for faculty but for students as well. President Tyson will put together the comments from the SEC members and send them to the BOR. She will also report on this issue at the Faculty Senate meeting on September 20, 2000.

4. Agenda for September 20, 2000 Faculty Senate Meeting

President Tyson indicated that if any SEC members had items for the September 20, 2000 Faculty Senate meeting that they should be forwarded to her by Friday, September 8, 2000.

OTHER

1. Committee on Committees

Chair Jenifer Schneider asked for clarification regarding who is eligible to be placed on university committees and councils. The three categories discussed were: (1) visiting professors, (2) advisors on faculty lines, and (3) administrators on faculty lines. The consensus was that visiting professors and administrators are not eligible to serve on university committees and councils. However, if an advisor on a faculty line is assigned to a general faculty rank then he/she is eligible.

2. September 13, 2000 SEC Meeting

President Tyson stated that the September 13, 2000 meeting was tentative. She will notify the SEC members by the end of the week whether or not this meeting will be held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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