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**University of South Florida St. Petersburg**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26, 2011**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Poynter Library Dean's Conference Room**

- I. **Recognition of Members and Alternates:** Chris Davis (President), Susan Allen, Malcolm Butler, Cynthia Leung, Rick Smith, Kaya van Beynen (Members)  
**Absent with Apologies:** Mark Walters
- II. **Recognition of Guests:** Margaret Sullivan (Chancellor) and Norine Noonan (Vice Chancellor)
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimously approved  
**Additions:**
- IV. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Deferred until Sept. meeting
- V. **Action Items:**
  - A. Election of Vice President for 2011-12
    - Deferred until Sept. meeting; President will seek candidates
  - B. Election of Secretary for 2011-12
    - Senator Smith elected
  - C. GE Committee: Membership and Charge
    - Committee needs to be populated; Senator Smith will investigate membership
    - Will need a charge. President shared a suggested charge developed by the Chancellor, VC of Academic Affairs, and Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness
    - Discussion of the pros and cons of the annual Assessment Day
  - D. Awards Committee: Criteria
    - Deferred discussion until future meeting
  - E. Dissemination of T&P Guidelines
    - Decided that there is no need for action. President advised senators to monitor T&P activity in their units

## **VI. Business Items for Discussion:**

### **A. Administration Reports:**

#### **1. Chancellor (C)**

##### **a. GE Assessment**

- C: Suggested need to reduce number of GE courses. In response to President's question about the appropriate number of courses, C gave no number but indicated courses should be broad based
- C: Process should have GE Committee discuss and make recommendations about outcomes and philosophy
- C: Assessment outcomes need to be submitted during current semester, particularly important for upcoming AACSB reaffirmation
- Senator Allen announced CAS is conducting review of GE. C. indicates that although most GE courses are in CAS, GE not strictly under the purview of CAS
- C: Need for more visible link between GE objectives in syllabi and GE student learning outcomes (SLOs)

##### **b. Construction**

- Faculty move to Harbor Hall week of 8/29
- CAC renovations begin after Festival of Reading (October)
- Increased political support for COB building, reflected by registering Helen Levine as lobbyist and naming Rick Baker as chief lobbyist
- Current request of \$7 million in recurring funds

##### **c. Enrollment**

- Residential enrollment could fill all existing and future housing
- Retaining students is still an issue; thus the importance of new programs
- Tuition increases important. In response to question from Senator Smith about an often-mentioned rationale for increases (statewide), C indicates 37% of USFSP students are Bright Futures compared to practically 100% at institutions such as UF. Pell Grant recipients represent about 40% of USFSP students (per VC)

#### **2. Vice Chancellor (VC) of Academic Affairs**

##### **a. New Degree Programs**

- Work plan for BOG includes degree in Global Business; MS in Middle Grade Education STEM at ACE work group; MS Psychology will be advanced to BOT in spring
- Process now requires proposals be inserted into work plan to get BOT approval; Oct. 1 is the deadline for pre-proposals

##### **b. Action Item Update: Journalism Dept. and Internet**

- VC has conveyed to, and still awaiting a response from, USF General Counsel on questions from Journalism Dept. regarding the

warning messages on USF computers when accessing certain Web sites

**B. President's Report:** None

**C. Committee Reports:** None

**D. Ad-hoc Committee Reports**

1. **Technology Task Force:** None

**E. College Reports**

1. CAS: None

2. COB: None

3. COE: Senator Butler, representative to System Faculty Council (formerly Faculty Advisory Council), will seek view of his college council on whether there is a need for him to remain on SFC, in light of other need to accommodate FS President's automatic membership on the SFC and the election of Senator Smith as SFC Vice President, both of whom are from COB.

4. Library: None

**F. Other Business**

**VIII. Announcements:**

**Meeting Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn (Senator Leung), seconded (Senator Butler)
- Meeting adjourned, 10:45 a.m.

**Summary**

Motions	Approval Status
	___ made the motion.
	___ seconded the motion.

Actions (Follow-up)	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline (if any)