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SEC Minutes

November 7, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 7, 2001

MINUTES

Present: Jacob Cafilisch, Jana Futch, Mary Kimble, Liz Larkin,
Sarah Mandell, Cheryl McCoy, Gary Mitchum,
Gregory Paveza, Sandra Reynolds, John Richmond,
Nancy Jane Tyson

President's Office: Josue Cruz

Provost's Office: Elizabeth Bird, Phil Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Gregory Paveza)

President Paveza has requested of Provost Stamps that faculty be actively involved in the discussions about the issues around budget cuts. This will be further addressed by the Provost during his report later at today's meeting.

For the past several days, President Paveza served as a member of the Task Force on Values, Vision, Mission and Goals. He felt that faculty were well represented with eight members being faculty on a committee of thirty. The primary issue of the Task Force was to produce a set of draft statements related to values, vision, mission and goals, a copy of which was distributed to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) members at today's meeting, as well as being appended to today's Minutes. President Paveza indicated that this document will be one of the primary agenda items for the full Faculty Senate meeting and will be included in the Senators' packets for their review before the meeting. There will also be five town hall meetings with one each at each of the regional campuses to discuss this document. In addition, President Paveza intends to spend at least forty-five minutes to one hour of the Faculty Senate meeting for the discussion of this document at which time he will take any additions, corrections, suggested additions to the final meeting of the Values, Vision, Mission, and Goals Task Force. From there, this task force will produce a final document which will go to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for its approval, and then it will be forwarded to the Florida Board of Education as per statute.

President Paveza asked the SEC members to consider the following ideas as part of their principles when reviewing the document: Do these four documents mobilize a decentralized organization? Do they bring an appropriate and helpful focus to its activities? Do they serve as criteria for priority setting and for the allocation of all resources for the institution? Do these statements provide a competitive advantage in what is an increasingly difficult situation in terms of attracting and retaining students at any university?

Past President Nancy Jane Tyson voiced her opinion that the Faculty Senate does not need to spend any more time on these statements than is absolutely necessary when the Senate could be doing more useful things. Provost Stamps replied that the only reason why the Senate would want to discuss this in detail is because there should not be anything representing the university that does not have the full faculty support and input. In addition, although this may not be the most important thing, a precedent should not be set in such a way where people feel that the faculty will allow some other group other than faculty to put something together that represents the university as a whole.

USF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN RICHARD BEARD

Chairman Beard could not attend today's meeting due to pressing business after spending the past two days conducting Task Force work.

PROVOST DAVID STAMPS

Provost Stamps announced that for the position of Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equal Opportunity three strong candidates were interviewed. He will be meeting with the search committee to receive its reflections and report on each of the three candidates. Although the search committee members were not at today's meeting, Provost Stamps announced publicly that it was a very good group which worked hard and are to be commended.

The search for a Dean of the College of Education has been launched, as well as the search for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It is anticipated that recommendations for both positions should be forthcoming by the end of the Spring Semester 2002.

Provost Stamps announced that the College of Professional Studies will not be established due to impending budget cuts. Therefore, the idea has been dropped and is a closed issue. The professional colleges will remain in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Provost reported that the Honors Program will be renamed the Honors College. This can be done with very little resources. As a Research I university, USF needs an Honors College to fit in with that profile. More full-time students will be recruited, as well as students with higher SAT scores. There will not be a search for a dean at this time.

Since the 9/11 incident, there has been an impact on the number of in-coming international students to USF due to new stipulations and additional initiatives being imposed (by the INS). However, one advantage being currently looked into is an increased emphasis on the Latin American and Caribbean student.

Provost Stamps did not have anything new to report on the budget. The Governor will call the Legislature back into session. The intangible tax will be delayed for eighteen months, but the Provost has heard that education will be hit harder than it was during the original budget cut. He indicated that at this time, USF is planning on a 5 percent budget cut. If USF is able to get between 5 and 6 million dollars from tuition over-collection, it will be used in Academic Affairs to be able to defray some of the budget cuts.

After the fall budget cuts, the Provost set up three committees. One committee deals with space, another deals with assignments and a third committee that deals with the budget. Provost Stamps has asked Dean David Shern, who chairs the budget committee, to set up a meeting with the SEC to outline broad guidelines which will help drive the way the budget is cut.

Provost Stamps announced that the university is looking at utilizing the movie theaters at the University Mall to hold classes during the spring semester. The mall has offered to provide shuttle service from the university to the mall. The use of these theaters will allow departments to offer larger classes.

The Provost stated that he would like to further discuss with the SEC at a later date the establishment of a University College. This college would be designed for part-time and other students throughout the city which would fulfill some of the expectations of the community, particularly place-bound students. This would then allow the university to place more emphasis on full-time students and research.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

1. Library Council (Mary Kimble)

Chair Kimble presented the following report on behalf of the Library Council:

Report from first Library Council Meeting for the 2001-2002 year.

Interim Dean Derrie Perez provided an update on issues that affect all of the USF Libraries.

1. Dean search was closed without an offer being made due to procedural problems. Dr. Perez will continue as Interim Dean.
2. There is a search on for a permanent director for the Tampa campus main library; Jim Gray is serving as the acting director.
3. Application to join the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is progressing and it appears that USF will be considered for membership in the Spring 2002.
4. Agreements being worked out with the New College/Sarasota Manatee and the St. Pete libraries as those campuses become more independent.
5. To ease crowding in the bound periodicals section of the library, those issues of journals that are available through electronic databases are being moved into remote storage. However if someone needs to access the printed version, they can request the volume and should be able to get it within 24 hrs.
6. Dean Perez plans to begin seeking feedback from faculty, grad students, postdocs, etc. on what services the library could provide that would better support research. Also suggestions for changing how the

materials are organized in the library that could make them more accessible to those doing research. Probably will involve organizing focus groups from various colleges and departments to come up with suggestions that are specific to their disciplines.

Present goal is for the Main library to come up with a plan to present to the Library Council at our first meeting in the spring, and hopefully begin implementing the plan soon thereafter. In reality we're probably looking at beginning implementation in the summer.

Some SEC members expressed concern regarding item 5 pertaining to journals that are available through electronic databases are being moved into remote storage. Graduate Council Chair John Richmond asked that Library Council Chair Kimble take back the message to the Council, concurrent with this item, that the library request on-line text version in PDF or in a comparable format. Senator-at-Large Sara Mandell pointed out that if journals are not available for browsing this could, in the long run, harm academics, especially those young faculty who cannot afford to subscribe to a number of journals. President Paveza added that although faculty should be computer savvy, some still like having access to the hard copies. To force or require faculty to only be able to access journals in a particular way is a concern. He thinks that the library should be cognizant of the fact that the university has not reached the point where all of the faculty are equally computer savvy. Senator-at-Large Mandell recommended that when the Provost and President are lobbying for a new building, that first consideration go to a new library or to an extension on the library to reduce a housing problem. President Paveza replied that he will bring up Senator Mandell's recommendation during his meeting with the Provost and President later in the week.

2. Research Council (Gary Mitchum)

Chair Mitchum gave an update on the activities of the subcommittee of the Research Council which reviews proposals and distributes funds for research and creative scholarship grants, faculty international travel, conference and faculty awards. In recent years there has been \$500,000 for these awards, but this year the Council will receive only one-third of this amount or \$177,500. Due to the decrease in funding, the Council decided to cancel the fall cycle for proposal reviews because the success rate would be so low that the Council felt it would be better to turn everything out in the spring. The immediate reason for the budget cut for these research related awards was due to the large shortfall in graduate student tuition waivers and the Executive Budget Committee made the decision to make the cut this way. Chair Mitchum indicated that in principle this is a one-time cut, but in reality the money will have to be justified in the future because there have been some misgivings whether these programs are actually enhancing the research productivity at USF and enhancing the research profile. To address these issues, an internal awards subcommittee has been formed to revamp and redo these programs between now and the spring semester. President Genshaft has asked that the Research Council try to increase the amount of the awards. Both the President and the Research Council feels that it should be emphasizing young faculty with the idea of getting them jump started on research. The second issue under discussion by the Council is what they refer to as Abridge funding@ which

would be used to assist a more senior faculty member with funding who is changing areas of research. The idea is that this eventually will result in a research proposal. These issues are all intended to enhance productivity.

Chair Mitchum reported that the Research Council is also looking into justification for the international travel and conference awards. The justification on paper is that these awards enhance the profile for USF, so criteria need to be established. These monies are generated out of indirect costs which last year came to approximately 14 million dollars. The Research Council is trying to put together a proposal that will generate more indirect costs.

In terms of what will occur in the spring, Chair Mitchum indicated that things are very transient. He would like to do business as usual for a short period of time and start a new program in the fall, but the majority of his subcommittee feels that transition should start as soon as possible with implementation of some of these changes in the spring cycle.

3. Graduate Council (John Richmond)

Chair Richmond reported that the subcommittee on policy will be coming forward with a proposal to the Graduate Council at its next meeting making a recommendation concerning submission electronically of theses and dissertations. From there, the recommendation will be presented to the SEC before it is presented to the Faculty Senate.

4. Undergraduate Council (Sandra Reynolds)

The last three items of Chair Reynolds's report presented at the September SEC meeting have been deferred a couple of times due to more pressing issues, but she asked the SEC members to review the items and to send any comments to her.

Chair Reynolds reported that the College of Nursing's request to go to two exit requirements instead of three was approved.

Respectfully, the Undergraduate Council decided not to follow the Faculty Senate President Paveza's request not to post its meeting minutes on the web site prior to their being approved at the following meeting. Chair Reynolds explained the reason for this decision was that the web site was the best way for the Undergraduate Council members to get copies of the minutes before the meeting. The minutes will be placed on the web but marked as "draft."

Chair Reynolds reported that Graduate Chair John Richmond attended a meeting of the Undergraduate Council to talk about the historical perspectives of the creation and demise of the General Education Council, and what impact it would have on the charge to the Undergraduate Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. USF Values, Vision, Mission and Goals Statement

The SEC members did not wish to further discuss this issue.

2. Budget Discussion

The SEC will be contacted by Dean David Shern to schedule a meeting of the SEC with the Budget Committee.

3. Agenda for November Faculty Senate Meeting

President Paveza noted that President Genshaft, Chairman Beard, and Provost Stamps will be at this meeting. There will also be a discussion of the Values, Vision, Mission, and Goals Statement.

OTHER

Past President Nancy Jane Tyson distributed an article from the *Tampa Tribune* to point out the injudicious statement that the Chair of the BOT made when he stated that "if the decision was his, he would want to evict Professor Al-Arian from the university." She also pointed out that the President serves at the pleasure of the BOT, so Past President Tyson felt that it was impolitic for the Chair of the BOT to have made that remark given that connection with the President of the university.

In addition, Past President Tyson announced that she had three petitions if anyone would like to sign them after today's meeting. One petition, issued by the Government and International Affairs Department, is urging the reinstatement of Professor Al-Arian as soon as possible. A second one that was recently issued from the History Department urges that the Administration support academic freedom, not only in word but also in action. The third petition is for the constitutionally protected Board of Regents to appear as a referendum issue on the next ballot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.



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