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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2011
9:00 A.M.

- I. **Recognition of Members and Alternates:** Chris Davis (President), Susan Allen, Cynthia Leung, Kaya van Beynen, Malcolm Butler (Members)
Absent with Apologies: Rick Smith, Mark Walters

- II. **Recognition of Guests:** no guests

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimously approved

- IV. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Deferred approval of minutes due to minutes not available

- V. **Administrative Reports:**
 - Regional Chancellors' Report: Deferred
 - Regional Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report: Deferred

- VI. **Action Items:**
 - A. Network Security & Website Filtering
Mark Walters will work on network security and website filtering.
 - The filtering software takes a while to authenticate so the default setting says it has been blocked.
 - There is still no transparency as to the policy or process of website filtering.
 - Faculty get different messages from different people at different times.
 - The library network acts differently from the main network.
 - Mark will request clarification of the policy.

- VII. **Business Items for Discussion:**
 - A. T & P Process Initiation
No reply yet from Vice-Chancellor Noonan
 - B. Charter, By-laws and website updates: Tabled
 - C. System Faculty Council
 - Steve Richarde highlighted the new course approval process
 - Conversation extended to the broader operation of the USF system and discussion of where the system is headed
 - The USF System is viewed in 2 ways: as a single university by the Florida Board of Governors and as 4 separate universities from a SACS perspective: this produces a Board of Governors vs SACS 'schism'
 - USF System support for 'business' processes is inconsistent
 - 1606 State Bill had been amended but did not pass into law.
 - Senate bill to take fee cap off for University of Florida and Florida State University is still a significant concern to the whole USF System

- USF Tampa can meet 15 expectations and would ‘want’ to have fee cap off
- Passage of the bill attractive to USF Tampa in their efforts to ‘differentiate’ themselves from the ‘regional campuses’.
- What are the benefits of being in a system? Sarasota wants the USF brand and likes the emerging status they have.

D. Leadership Progression

- Susan Allen introduced a letter from Chris Meindl about a dialogue in Arts CAS about the leadership process
- Faculty Senate has not started a search and we have not stopped talking about possibilities
- Chancellor’s contract ends June 2013 – Can it extend beyond that?
- Faculty Senate has a huge advisory role: how do we move forward from here?
- Conversation about the need for a search – so much has changed with legislative sessions: if there is a search it should be initiated at least by early August – continue progress towards that decision point
- How do we best communicate with faculty?
- External mediation guided by the Senate – get consensus on the process
- Clarify Dr. Genshaft’s responsibility – What are her plans for leadership beyond June 2013?
- Consider a campus-wide meeting facilitated by external facilitator: Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Genshaft invited to address structural issues related to the USF System and telling us where they see USFSP in the future
- The Senate should aim to write a ‘person specification’; lay out the ambiguity of USFSP’s ‘situation’ within the USF and SUS ‘systems’; lay out facts (contract) and elaborate the desired qualities of future leader.
- Very brief history of USFSP executive succession
- Motion – move to call a general faculty meeting in April to discuss leadership of USFSP beyond June 2013
- Kaya moved, Malcolm seconded. Motion unanimously approved

E. Outstanding Graduate

- Candidate applications circulated: process for nomination via e-mail agreed.

Meeting adjourned 10:40am