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USF TAMPA FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2010

Faculty Senate President Laurence Branch called the first meeting of the 2010-2011 academic year to order at 3:05 p.m. Before moving to the first item of business, President Branch asked all Senators to introduce themselves. He then asked for a moment of silence to remember colleagues who had passed away during the past year: Dr. David Carr, USF St. Petersburg Campus, November 13, 2009 and Dr. George Thomas Rich, Behavioral and Community Sciences, April 13, 2010.

The Minutes from the April 28, 2010 meeting were approved as presented with one abstention. President Branch pointed out that there would be a new system of keeping track of attendance by including with each set of Minutes the attendance roll showing Senators who were present for each meeting.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Committee on Committees Report – Ellis Blanton

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton announced that the Faculty Senate is currently soliciting nominations to fill approximately eighty vacancies on its Standing Committees and Councils. Included in today's meeting materials was a list of those vacancies and a nomination form. The original deadline of September 17 for receipt of nominations will be extended a few days. COC Chair Blanton pointed out that each vacancy that is not filled is a voice that does not get heard on those committees and councils. He encouraged everyone to review the list of vacancies and nominate either themselves or a colleague.

The next item from COC Chair Blanton was a call for membership on the COC. One Senator from each college is needed to serve on the COC. For those colleges that have only one Senator, that Senator is automatically on the COC. A membership form was included in today's materials. Interested Senators were asked to fill out the form and leave it with Ms. Pipkins after the meeting.

b. Revisions to Award Guidelines and Checklists – Sang-Hie Lee

As Chair of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Secretary Lee presented revisions to the award guidelines and checklists for the Theodore and Venette Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar, Distinguished Scholar, and Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher. The purpose of the revisions is to clarify the required documentation and to streamline the process. The revisions came to the Faculty Senate from the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) with a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for today's meeting.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft welcomed everyone to the start of the 2010-2011 academic year. She hoped that everyone will have an opportunity to attend her Fall Address scheduled for October 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Marshall Student Center Oval Theatre. It will also be streamed on the web.

Her report consisted of the following items:

- Fall semester began with 47,500 students enrolled. She pointed out that USF is looking to get better and better, not bigger and bigger.
- FTIC students living on campus have made a difference in the student experience. Events are being planned to make the campus more vibrant on the weekends, not only for students but for faculty and staff as well.
- A global ranking methodology from the University of Western Australia calculates the RPI (research performance impact) of faculty and ranks the top 500 universities world-wide. Rankings for Florida universities were as follows: University of Florida-50; USF-110; University of Miami-113; Florida State University-150; UCF-299; FIU-433, and FAU-485. Faculty were complimented for the excellent rankings that are given through their writing and research. It also gives USF more grounding in its emerging status as a global research university.
- Three hundred and seventy new students have enrolled in the INTO public/private partnership. Most of these were at the graduate level.
- She expressed the importance of nominating people for the Honorary Degree who will honor USF through the awarding of this recognition.
- Between June 30, 2009 and July 1, 2010, USF received approximately 400 million dollars in grants, research, and contracts.
- Key issues on the Board of Governor's agenda for its meeting the following day included: fees and flexible tuition, New Florida legislative budget request of 150 million dollars; student health insurance; academic program efficiencies; distance learning, education sites, and state-wide and regional access.
- One of the key issues in the upcoming election that will affect USF is voter approval of light rail which would mean better bus service and better roads. The first leg of the light rail will go from downtown Tampa to USF. There will be campaigns to make everyone aware of how this will affect USF and send the message to get out and vote.

REPORT FROM ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT LINDA WHITEFORD ON BEHALF OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST RALPH WILCOX

Dr. Whiteford was asked to report on behalf of Dr. Wilcox who was attending the Board of Governor's meeting in Jacksonville. Before commencing with her report, she introduced Dr. Paul Dosal, Director of the Office of Student Success, who reviewed enrollment highlights for the fall semester. One of the focuses for this office in the coming year will be investing in the recruitment of students keeping with USF's strategic objectives. Senator Shekhar Bhansali suggested that another important statistic to have would be the development of a way to track students after graduation. This could be used as a recruitment tool.

Dr. Whiteford's report consisted of the following items:

- Dr. Jacqueline Dixon has accepted the position of Dean of the College of Marine Science and will begin in January, 2011. Dr. William Hogarth will continue as Director of the Florida Institute of Oceanography.
- An oil spill conference will be held in St. Petersburg February 9-11, 2011. The focus will be on the natural and social science analysis of the consequences of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. More information will be forthcoming.
- Fifteen proposals have been submitted for funding through New Florida.

At this time, President Branch took this opportunity to thank Provost Wilcox for continuing the tradition of hosting the reception held after the first fall meeting of the Faculty Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed Bylaws and Constitution – Elizabeth Bird

As Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian Bird announced that all the constituent campuses of the new system have their own Faculty Senates, and this Senate is now the USF Tampa Faculty Senate. Each campus will also have its own set of Bylaws and Constitution. Parliamentarian Senator Bird presented the revised Bylaws and Constitution for the USF Tampa campus. Both are based upon the old documents. The documents are now ready for this body to review with a vote to be taken at the October meeting on whether or not to accept them. Parliamentarian Bird requested that any changes or edits be sent to her at ebird@usf.edu by October 1. She will compile the recommendations and take them to the SEC at its October meeting. President Branch highlighted several particular changes: (1) ex-officio members are now included in the denominator of the quorum, (2) the Senate's move toward the development of position statements on various matters that affect the academic environment of USF Tampa, and (3) the Senate's role as either an advisory function, consent requirement, or legislative requirement.

b. Proposal on Memorandum of Understanding – Huntington Potter

On February 4, 2009, Faculty Senate President Laurence Branch and Provost Ralph Wilcox signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Concerning Principles, Guidelines, and Procedures for Major Organizational Restructuring of Academic Units at the University of South Florida. Vice President Potter explained that the purpose of this MOU was to bring a formal way for the Faculty Senate to weigh-in on major academic restructuring at the university. It was instigated because many of these changes occurred, faculty felt, without sufficient faculty input. He added that Provost Wilcox did not renew the MOU because he felt that it would put the USF Tampa Academic Affairs at a competitive disadvantage. President Branch added that when the MOU was first signed, he prepared a parallel one for the Vice President for USF Health, who declined to sign it. President Branch was sorry that there was no support from the University President to have USF Health to commit itself to an orderly, uniform process when there are major changes in the academic structure.

The intention of the following motion from Vice President Potter was to include the USF System Faculty Advisory Council in the decision-making of the academic units. That the SEC request of the USF Tampa Faculty Senate that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated February 4, 2009, be brought to the USF System Faculty Advisory Council as an example of the type of MOU that the Faculty Senate would like that council to affect with the USF System administration. Discussion was held and the general consensus was that this should be a University System issue and not a Faculty Senate issue.

c. Proposal on Clarification from SACS – Laurence Branch

In conjunction with Vice President Potter's proposal, President Branch proposed the following: That the USF Tampa Faculty Senate request guidance from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) concerning the establishments of colleges, schools, and departments within the accredited USF Tampa campus. Currently USF has no policy or procedure for establishing new academic units, and that new colleges, schools, and departments have been or are being considered without any input from the duly elected Faculty Senate, and some, according to what the Provost reported to the SEC on September 1, 2010, do not have any input from the chief academic officer of the USF Tampa campus. Furthermore, the USF Tampa Faculty Senate would like to ask SACS to provide the Senate with a judgment of how such things are suppose to occur at an institution that has a single SACS accreditation like USF Tampa. President Branch added that he will be proposing that the Tampa Faculty Senate develop position papers on various issues and specifically direct them to the Florida Board of Governors and SACS for input. They will go through the SEC for fine tuning and then presented to the full Senate for discussion with any voting to occur at a subsequent meeting giving everyone ample opportunity to discuss with constituents and have input into revisions.

Senator William Hayden asked if Roberts Rules of Order provide any guidance as to how documents, when flowing from one committee to another, can be tracked in terms of input. Parliamentarian Bird responded that she will investigate this inquiry.

Dr. Kathleen Moore, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs clarified that the committee which she chairs and of which President Branch is a member is the workgroup that is developing the governance response to SACS for the fifth year interim report. That committee does not have any say in any outcome having to do with the organization. The charge of the committee is to write the report that reflects the decisions of the administration about how the system will be structured and how it will function. It is the recording committee, with no specific role in decision or policy making.

d. Report on USF System Faculty Advisory Council – Elizabeth Bird

As Vice President of the USF System Faculty Advisory Council, Parliamentarian Bird reported that this council was created after significant consultation with the system-wide Faculty Senate presidents. The purpose of the council is to bring together representation from all the Faculty Senates to give advice, counsel, and recommendations to the USF System President on academic issues and issues that affect faculty. Currently, the council structure only exists in draft. According to the apportionment that was created, the council consists of 18 representatives: 8 from Tampa (Elizabeth Bird, Huntington Potter, Laurence Branch, Arthur Shapiro, James Garey, Kathy Armstrong, Gregory Teague, Ellis Blanton), 3 from Polytechnic, 3 from Sarasota/Manatee, and 4 from St. Petersburg. The end result is the number of faculty represented by each campus which could be a problem, but this should not become an issue. There are two components: (1) to find some way each campus of the system has some level of autonomy and ability to make its own academic decisions, and (2) to have a system of quality control across all the campuses. Senator Bird pointed out that although USF has a system in name, it does not function. She feels this is where the MOU belongs, and it should be a system policy. The first council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, on the Tampa campus.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT LAURENCE BRANCH

Due to the lack of time, no report was given by President Branch.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA SECRETARY GREGORY MCCOLM ON BEHALF OF USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT SHERMAN DORN

UFF Secretary McColm reported the following:

- The bargaining session that began last spring is continuing.
- An impasse was declared on June 1, 2010. Two issues of contention are (1) disagreement between the UFF and BOT on the instructional and promotion raises; and (2) article on layoffs and recalls. Sabbaticals and faculty awards is a separate issue.

- There will be a report in the next UFF Biweekly on the special magistrate hearing.
- Everyone was invited to a reception at the Embassy Suites on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

**REPORT FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
CHRISTOPHER RANDALL**

Mr. Randall reported that Student Government was holding mid-term elections. In conjunction with CNN, Student Government has scheduled a senatorial debate for October 24, 2010. They are also working with CNN to schedule a gubernatorial debate. Everyone was invited to participate in “Rays Night Out” on Friday, September 17th. Tickets are \$10 with Bull Runner Shuttle service to and from the game. Faculty input is welcome on the new print lab to be set up in the Marshall Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

ADDENDUM
Follow-Up Items
Faculty Senate

1. Provost Wilcox asked to provide FTE for the 2001 and 2008 benchmarks, as well as dollar support for people listed on the Institutional Growth, AY 2000/01 through AY 2008/9-Selected Measures handout (FS Mtg. 10-15-08).
2. Provost's Office to look into whether a policy exists on what constitutes a dean search committee (FS Mtg. 02-18-09).
3. The CEOs of the USF Polytechnic and the Sarasota-Manatee campuses will be invited to attend a meeting of either the Senate Executive Committee or Faculty Senate to discuss organizational structures and issues that influence their campuses (FS Mtg. 02-18-09).
4. SEC comments on the system introduction and narrative to be forwarded to President Genshaft (FS Mtg. 11-18-09).
5. Suggestion from Provost Wilcox of a conversation among the Senators on the meaningful difference between a baccalaureate degree from a community college turned four-year institution and one from USF (FS Mtg. 11-18-09).
6. Invitation to Mr. Skip Holtz to attend Senate Executive Committee to which Senators would be invited (FS Mtg. 03-31-10).
7. Convening COM and FS leadership to seek clarification and explore process of awarding honorary M.D. degrees (FS Mtg. 04-28-10).
8. Report of findings from Parliamentarian Bird on whether or not Roberts Rules of Order provides guidance as to how to track documents in terms of input (FS Mtg. 09-15-10).