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**USF TAMPA FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MINUTES
January 26, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Huntington Potter. The Minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2010, were approved as presented. Past President Laurence Branch informed President Potter that the Council on Faculty Issues needs to be convened so that a chair can be selected. President Potter asked Past President Branch to send him an e-mail to that effect so it can be addressed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

- a. Approval of Election Documents: Schedule, Apportionment, Nomination Form – Sang-Hie Lee

Secretary Lee first addressed the Apportionment explaining that instead of using the fraction of 5.00 and above to round up, 6.8 and above was used. In addition, due to some college restructuring, the number of eligible faculty and Senator allotments in several colleges have changed. The result was having either a Senate consisting of 62 Senators, or reducing a college by 2 to keep the number at 60. Senator Gail Donaldson questioned the number of eligible faculty for the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. Secretary Lee said that the Senate could not continue with the proposed election schedule without accurate faculty numbers. Senator Donaldson suggested that discussion of the election documents be tabled until this issue was cleared up. President Potter agreed to have this looked into before proceeding with the election process. Past President Laurence Branch suggested that because of the election timeline, the issue could be handled via e-mail to which Senators agreed.

- b. Report from Committee on Committees Chair – Ellis Blanton

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton reported that the COC has the responsibility of soliciting for nominations to fill vacancies on Tampa Faculty Senate Councils and University-Wide Committees and Councils. A recent solicitation was sent out advertising for nominees to fill 85 vacancies on eleven Faculty Senate Councils that are either current or will be vacant in the fall. COC Chair Blanton emphasized that nominees do not have to be Senators and asked that Senators assist in recruiting nominees within their own colleges.

COC Chair Blanton explained that the COC is comprised of one Senator from each college. If there is only one Senator for a college, that Senator is the representative. Currently, the Colleges of Education and Public Health do not have representation. Senators were asked to choose a representative and let Ms. Pipkins know who that will be.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of Second Member to USF System Faculty Advisory Council – Sang-Hie Lee

Secretary Lee explained that with the election of Senator Gregory Teague last fall as a member of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC), a second vacancy was created. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) appointed Senator Gregory McColm to serve as alternate as the runner-up of the last election and, subsequently, was appointed to fill the newly vacant position. (The SEC thinks that having an alternate person would be very helpful.) At today's meeting there was a call for nominations from the floor for FAC membership as an alternate. Senator Adriana Novoa, from the College of Arts and Sciences, self-nominated to fill this position. A motion was made and seconded that the current alternate, Senator McColm, be elected to permanent membership on the FAC and the new nominee, Senator Novoa, become the alternate. The motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for today's meeting.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft's report consisted of the following items:

- Two new members have joined the Board of Governors (BOG): Stephanie Goforth and Louis Saco. Both are USF alums. It is anticipated that Governor Scott will finalize the appointments in the near future.
- Governor Scott's budget will be released on February 7, 2011. Florida is looking at a 3.5 billion dollar deficient. The Governor is looking to the universities to foster and create new jobs, particularly research universities which could put USF in line for new funds.
- Governor Scott is looking at State contributions to retirement with the burden being picked up by the employee.
- A handout was distributed called *Public Universities Relying More on Tuition than State Money* which addresses the shift from universities looking to tuition to cover their budgets and not State appropriations.
- The March PECO list will reveal what is on the horizon for USF. A list of projects is being kept for matching funds.
- USF is number 2 in the state on research and development.

- USF is working closely with Jackson Laboratory of Bar Harbor, Maine, which is looking for a location in Florida to build a new research lab, particularly at a State university with research and medical programs compatible with theirs. USF is trying hard to connect.

REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX

Before beginning his report, Provost Wilcox welcomed everyone to a new semester and thanked them for the great job they are doing. Congratulations were extended to President Potter on being elected a Fellow of AAAS (American Association of Academic Scientists).

Provost Wilcox's reported consisted of the following:

- A big gap exists between the University of Florida and USF: USF does well in research-based federal grants, but there is a need to improve on industry-related grants.

Enrollment Update:

- Over the next three to four years it is going to be critically important for the administrative leadership to work closely with the academic leadership. In the last three years, there has been a shift in funding bases in higher education from 25 percent to 37 percent of the cost of public support in education.
- Shaping enrollment management. USF had a 1.5 percent increase in FTE; 37,000 students were enrolled on the Tampa campus in the Spring; approximately 40,000 in the Fall of which 25 percent, or 10,000, were graduate students and 75 percent, or 30,000, were undergraduates. With enrollment being on par, faculty and the Enrollment Management Team were complimented. However, there are too many students, including Ph.D. students, that are part-time. Faculty and academic advisors need to assist students to enroll in a full compliment of classes by impressing upon the students that it is in their best interest to move through at a faster rate to degree matriculation. Focus continues to be on shaping, with the hope that higher-ability students will enroll in more classes. The Tampa campus mission of limiting enrollment can be helped by regional campuses' increased enrollment. This will strengthen the system and serve communities as well.
- The BOG has initiated an annual audit of degree productivity for the State System as a way to demonstrate accountability for using resources. The driver is to explore the potential of sharing faculty and resources by offering joint degrees to deliver a higher quality degree program. This will establish a systematic annual review process.

REPORT FROM LINDA WHITEFORD, VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

Vice Provost Whiteford reviewed the newly BOG mandated process to be conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Articulation, Coordination and Coherence of Academic Delivery across the State University System (SUS) . The purpose is to: (1) ensure an optimal level of accountability

with regard to the efficient use of state and tuition-based resources in addressing the broad goals of the Florida SUS and its member institutions, (2) facilitate collaboration, articulation, and coordination across the SUS with regard to meeting access and statewide needs when considering recommendations for approval, inactive status, and/or termination of state-subsidized degree programs, and (3) develop and implement a systematic process for the annual review of the degree productivity of academic units across the SUS. The process will clean up the backlog and make the inventory of programs accurate.

Vice Provost Whiteford reiterated that there is not much flexibility in the process but more in explaining the rationale for programs. As soon as data is ready, it will be sent to faculty and deans. The process will be done each year. Provost Wilcox added that the report sent back to the BOG will be all the campuses as one. The BOG will focus on the USF System as a consolidated response as one versus the BOT focusing on individual campuses.

The Faculty Senate will be kept apprised of the process as it moves along.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT HUNTINGTON POTTER

President Potter announced that Dr. Michael Barber, Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, presented to the College of Medicine Faculty Advisory Council a proposal to create a School of Biomedical Sciences. President Potter indicated it would be helpful for the Faculty Senate to hear from Dr. Barber about this proposal and with the Senate's permission will ask him to attend a future meeting.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT SHERMAN DORN

President Dorn reported on the following:

- Florida retirement system and insurance benefits;
- status of negotiations between UFF and the administration;
- new UFF-USF Chapter President needed when he steps down on April 1;
- spring membership drive;
- supplemental summer employment; and
- salary.

ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR

1. Senator Gregory McColm encouraged all Senators to get messages out to the public about how important USF is to Tampa.

2. Past President Laurence Branch recommended that the issue regarding the number of faculty eligible from the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences to serve on the Senate be resolved via e-mail so that the timeline is not lost.
3. COC Chair Blanton assured Senators that the number of faculty represented on the council memberships based upon the apportionment figures will not make a difference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 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).
9. Parliamentarian Bird to amend language of sentence in Constitution under Article III. Jurisdiction and Process, page 6, first paragraph, line 4 pertaining to the President of the Faculty Senate service on the Board of Trustees (FS Mtg. 10-20-10).
10. Parliamentarian Bird to amend proposed Bylaws language on Article 1. E. Appointments to USF System Faculty Advisory Council to reflect decision of Senate regarding the appointment of FAC members (FS Mtg. 10-20-10).
11. Proposed language from CEPI for USF Policy 4.0108-Tuition Waivers to be forwarded to the administration for consideration (FS Mtg., 11-17-10).
12. Feedback to President Potter on two parts of the function of the Faculty Senate (FS Mtg. 11-17-10).

13. President Potter asked Past President Branch to follow-up with him via e-mail on the selection of a chair for the Council on Faculty Issues (FS Mtg. 01-26-11).
14. Faculty eligibility to serve on the Senate for the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences to be resolved via e-mail to keep timeline (FS Mtg. 01-26-11).
15. COC representatives from the Colleges of Education and Public Health need to be decided (FS Mtg. 01-26-11).
16. President Potter to invite Dr. Michael Barber, Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs in the College of Medicine, to a future Senate meeting to discuss proposal to create a School of Biomedical Sciences (FS Mtg. 01-26-11).