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**USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**April 17, 2013**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of March 20, 2013 Minutes
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs
  - a. Elections: Sergeant-at-Arms and System Faculty Council Member Nominations/Elections - Gail Donaldson (15 minutes; action item)
  - b. Standing Council Recommendations – Ellis Blanton (5 minutes; action item)
  - c. Honors and Awards Council Faculty Award Recommendations – Marzenna Wiranowska (5 minutes; action item)
  - d. Proposed Revisions to Research Council Charge – Lisa Brown (5 minutes; action item)
  - e. Online Student Assessment Committee – Wendy Nembhard (5 minutes)
  - f. T&P Policy Committee – Gregory Teague, et. al. (5 minutes)
  - g. Other Committees and Initiatives – Gregory Teague, et al. (5 minutes)
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - a. Proposed CAS Structural Change – Eric Eisenberg, John Cochran (15 minutes)
  - b. Update on University College – Michael Pearce (15 minutes)
  - c. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2013-2014
6. Report from Mr. Scott Sandoval, Student Body Vice President Elect (5 minutes)
7. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (15 minutes)
8. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (15 minutes)
9. Report from USF Faculty Senate President and USF System Faculty Council Vice President Gregory Teague (5 minutes)
10. Other Business from the Floor
11. Adjourn

## USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

### April 17, 2013

Faculty Senate President Gregory Teague called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The agenda was revised to reflect that the report from the Online Student Assessment Committee and the Proposed CAS Structural Change were action items. The Minutes from the March 20, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

#### REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Elections: Sergeant-at-Arms and System Faculty Council Member Nominations/Elections – Gail Donaldson

There were no nominations received for Sergeant-at-Arms for next year. Therefore, Senator Arthur Shapiro will continue to serve in that capacity through the September meeting. At that time, a second call for nominations will take place. New Senators are eligible to be considered for this position.

The Tampa campus has 7 seats on the USF System Faculty Council, some of which are filled by the officers. One member is needed to replace Senator Steve Permeth. Nominations were taken from the floor – Senators Cynthia Patterson and Claudia Dold. A paper ballot vote resulted in Senator Patterson as the elected representative with Senator Dold as the alternate.

b. Standing Council Recommendations – Ellis Blanton

On behalf of the Committee on Committees (COC), Chair Blanton presented a slate of twenty-six nominees to fill council vacancies effective with the Fall 2013 Semester. The nominees were approved by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and came to the Faculty Senate with a seconded motion to approve. There was no discussion. The motion unanimously passed.

c. Honors and Awards Council Faculty Award Recommendations – Marzenna Wiranowska

Honors and Awards Council (HAC) Chair Wiranowska presented faculty award recommendations on behalf of the HAC. All nominations were approved by the SEC and came to the Faculty Senate with a seconded motion to approve.

*Theodore & Venette Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award* - Professor Peter Stiling, Integrative Biology, College of Arts and Sciences. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

*Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award* - Professor Srinivas Katkoori, Computer Science, College of Engineering. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

*Distinguished Service Award* – Professor Kenneth Cissna, Department of Communications, College of Arts and Sciences - There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

The nominations will be forwarded to Provost Wilcox for review and consideration.

d. Proposed Revisions to Research Council Charge – Lisa Brown

As chair of the USF System Research Council, Dr. Brown presented proposed changes to the council's standard operating procedures. The language was changed to state that award applications will be processed confidentially, and recommendations will be made to the Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation. These proposed changes were approved by the USF System Faculty Council and the SEC and came from the Research Council with a motion to approve. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Online Student Assessment Committee – Wendy Nembhard

Chair Nembhard reported:

- Part I of the Instructor Course Evaluation has been completed.
- Student privacy will be protected; information will not be given to faculty members.
- She distributed crafted language to address faculty concerns about the impact on the T&P process in a document called "Proposed statement on changes likely to impact Instructor Course Evaluations beginning Spring 2013."
- The committee will be looking at the items and variation in patterns.
- Senator Cynthia Patterson will be the new chair.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed statement. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Update on Committees and Initiatives – Gregory Teague

1. T&P Committee

- Discussion and draft documents will be presented to the Senate in the Fall.
- Discussions within college units by committee members are underway.
- Open meetings will be scheduled before the end of this Spring Semester.

2. Budget Redesign Process

- No change in the long-term target.
- Alternate subcommittees will be developed.

3. Travel

- Not enough large organizations have applied and a new ITN will be issued.

- The plan is to have one vendor to provide travel services.

g. Service Recognition

At this time, President Teague recognized the out-going Senators by presenting each with a Certificate of Appreciation. As a token of appreciation for service to their colleagues, Secretary Gail Donaldson and Senator-at-Large Steve Permuth were each presented with a plaque. President Teague also recognized the chairs of the Faculty Senate Standing Councils for their work this past academic year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Proposed CAS Structural Change – Eric Eisenberg

Dean Eisenberg attended today's meeting to present a proposal from CAS to bring two departments together (Geology and Geography, Environment and Planning) to create a single, more robust unit to be named the School of Geology, Geography and Environment. He explained that this change is occurring because employers want geographers to know more about physical science than they are getting currently. Combining these two disciplines will give students a more well-rounded scientific foundation. The impetus is also coming from NSF which has indicated to geologists that, if they are going to get grants in the future, they will need to examine the social, cultural, and human impact of the geological phenomena they are studying.

At this time, President Teague read the following motion:

Whereas, concerning the proposal for a new School of Geology, Geography and Environment, the Faculty Senate finds that the process of development of the proposal has included sufficient consultation for what is proposed at this stage, and that it appears likely that proceeding as proposed would yield the benefits described for the University of South Florida. Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends to the administration that the proposed steps be taken, with consideration of issues identified in debate and reflected in the report. The motion was seconded and the floor opened for discussion.

Dean Eisenberg clarified that all faculty in the affected colleges and academic groups were involved, or have been given the opportunity to be involved, in the proposed merger process from the beginning. In addition, departments have been found for faculty members who have chosen not to participate. Students have been given an absolute guarantee that this will not slow down their education. A retreat will be held to address any further questions or concerns. Dean Eisenberg reiterated that this is the creation of a new unit to focus on the social, cultural aspects of earth sciences.

The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

b. Update on University College – Michael Pearce

Before beginning his presentation, Mr. Pearce introduced Ms. Elizabeth Garland, as the new Chief Business Officer for University College.

Mr. Michael A. Pearce, CEO Innovative Education and System Vice President Information Technology, CIO, gave a presentation about University College (UC) and organizational and budget-model changes that are underway in the UC. The presentation generated many questions from the Faculty Senate audience concerning the functions of UC, the different models for offering distance education (courses, certificates and degrees), what services are provided by UC, and how revenue is shared between the UC and the sponsoring department in the respective models. Many Senators were not familiar with the role of the UC and asked Mr. Pearce to provide a broader context regarding its role in the University. In response to this request, Provost Wilcox provided additional clarification. Several Senators expressed an opinion that the name “University College” does not clearly reflect the roles of the organization. Mr. Pearce indicated that a name change is planned in the near future. Additional questions may be sent to Mr. Pearce ([mpearce@usf.edu](mailto:mpearce@usf.edu)).

c. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2013-2014

Senators were asked to review the proposed meeting dates for 2013-14 and to let President Teague know if there were any concerns about them.

**REPORT FROM MR. SCOTT SANDOVAL, STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT ELECT**

Mr. Sandoval introduced Mr. Adam Aldridge as the Senate President Pro Tempore and Student Government Liaison for next year. Student Government was in a transition mode, and a report on student activities will be provided in the fall.

**REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT**

President Genshaft’s report consisted of the following items:

- She thanked Mr. Sandoval, Student Government Liaison to the Faculty Senate, for having the opportunity to speak to the Student Government group recently.
- A new program for Honor law students has been created through a partnership between USF and Stetson University’s College of Law. The “3 + 3” program will allow students to begin their coursework for law school after three years of undergraduate education at USF. The first year of law school will be accepted by USF as the fourth year of undergraduate education. After 6 years these students will have earned both a JD and a bachelor’s degree from Stetson and USF respectively. Scholarships will also be offered.
- Commencement ceremonies will be held on May 3-4 with approximately 6,500 students graduating. Based upon the recommendations from the Faculty Senate HAC, there will be 2 Honorary Degrees granted: Dr. Jerry Atwood, Honorary Doctor of Science and Ms. Rhea Law, Esq., Honorary Degree of Medicine, at the College of Medicine ceremony.

Ms. Hillary Clinton's Honorary Degree recognition will occur at a later ceremony. President Genshaft thanked everyone for their hard work in forwarding these names.

- The report from Tallahassee was that conferencing will be taking place on proposed items. Although there are big issues being considered, none of them relate to higher education.

President Genshaft thanked the Senators, its council chairs, and its leadership for their hard work this past year.

### **REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX**

Before giving his report, Provost Wilcox extended his appreciation for the selflessness faculty have shown throughout the past year. His report consisted of the following:

- The work of the Senate will be continuing: the T&P Ad Hoc Committee; Distinguished University Professors guidelines will be presented to the Senate for consideration early in the fall semester and work will begin in the fall on a document to bring clarity to the reclassification of faculty at USF.
- A system-wide degree productivity audit is underway. Deans and academic leadership will be asked to propose how they will handle programs that are below the threshold of offering less than a targeted number of degrees per year. The list of programs will be posted on the ACE BOT web site.
- Starting July 1, first year graduates and graduates 5 years out will be asked to fill out a survey asking for employment data and earnings.

### **REPORT FROM USF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT AND USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT GREGORY TEAGUE**

President Teague reported the following:

- An invitation was extended to all Senators to attend SEC meetings over the summer if they wish to participate in further discussions.
- He announced a web-cast symposium to be held at the University of Florida called "Bricks and Mortar in a Digital Age" which will take place on Thursday, April 18. There may be issues covered that USF faculty should be aware of. Interested persons should contact him for the link.
- The NCAA is facing educational policy issues. President Teague would like to invite Professor Mike Bowen, who works with this group on campus, to a meeting in the fall to report on this situation.

Before adjourning, President Teague was thanked for his leadership this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.