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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 19, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Marshall Student Center Chamber Room 4200

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2014
3. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (40 minutes)
 - a. New Senators/Call for Officer Nominations – Barbara Lewis
 - b. Constitution & Bylaws revisions - Drew Smith (action item)
 - c. Leadership assessment - Steve Permuth, Barbara Lewis
 - d. T&P guidelines - Gregory Teague
 - e. Reports from other Councils/Chairs and Initiatives
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a. Update from Athletics Council – John Belohlavek, Chair (25 minutes)
6. Report from Senior Vice Provost & Dean Dwayne Smith (25 minutes)
7. Report from USF Health Interim Senior Vice President Donna Petersen (10 minutes)
8. Report from the United Faculty of Florida (USF) - Arthur Shapiro (5 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 (5 minutes)

Adjourn - Next Scheduled Meeting – April 16, 2014

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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2014

Faculty Senate President Gregory Teague called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2014 meeting as corrected.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. New Senators/Call for Officer Nominations – Barbara Lewis

Secretary Lewis announced that there were still open seats in CAS, BCS, COB, CMS, COM, and NUR. Nominations received after today will be vetted by the Senate Executive Committee and one year appointments will be made until all vacant seats are filled. Officer nominations have been received for Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Member-at-Large. No nominations have been submitted for President or Vice President. The deadline for receipt of nominations for all positions is April 11th. Elections, if needed, will be conducted on April 16th.

At this time, the following new Senators who attended today's meeting were recognized: Jennifer Collins (CAS), Robin Ersing (CAS), Cecil Greek (CAS), Gregory McColm (CAS), Graham Tobin (CAS), Elizabeth Shaunessy-Dedrick (EDU), and Keith Pennypacker (COM).

b. Constitution and Bylaws Revision – Andrew Smith

As chair of the Constitution and Bylaws ad hoc revisions committee, Mr. Smith presented proposed revisions to the documents. He explained that the Bylaws are presented at a Senate meeting and voted upon at the next meeting. If two-thirds majority vote in favor, the Bylaws are accepted immediately. On the other hand, the Constitution is presented to the Senate and voted upon at the same meeting. If two-thirds majority are in favor, it goes to the general faculty where a majority vote is needed. The final revisions would then go to President Judy Genshaft.

Changes made to both documents at this time included: correction of typographical errors, subdivision of articles, standardization of language, correction of title for the leadership of USF Health, insertion of *Faculty* Senate, removal of references to Tampa, changes to reflect actual university or Senate practices, explicit definition of the USF Tampa Library as an academic unit, removal of references to the other institutions, removal of redundancies, and more flexibility given to the Faculty Senate President in appointing a Parliamentarian.

Discussion was held regarding the use of academic "climate" in the Constitution under Article II. Faculty Senate, section A. Function. It was suggested the committee consider using the word policy, culture, concerns, or issues. President Teague pointed out that

“climate” permits the Senate to have a broader look at the overall academic climate of the university.

Some future items for the revisions committee to address are: formalizing the role of past president, considering a process to have a president-elect, and distribution of Senators to facilitate larger colleges.

Mr. Smith will take the issue of the word “climate” as a separate item to vote on by Senators at the April meeting. All other recommendations will be considered by the committee with a final version to be presented to the Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate for a vote. Senators should send their suggestions and recommendations to Mr. Smith at dsmith@usf.edu.

c. Leadership Assessment – Steve Permuth, Barbara Lewis

Senator Permuth, chair of the Council of Faculty Issues, and Secretary Lewis reported that within the next few weeks the faculty assessment of the President and Provost, along with a campus climate survey, will be going to all faculty. Due to the time constraint this year, assessments of the other senior leadership will be done next year. Secretary Lewis pointed out that there was very little change to the previous assessment except that the questions relate to USF and not the System. She added that the campus climate survey is an attempt to gather back-up information on faculty morale. Questions are geared toward faculty perceptions related to administration at the department/college/university levels, campus resources, working environment, and overall satisfaction.

Feedback to faculty will be provided in full reference and text with the Faculty Senate preparing a report after the results are received. The Faculty Senate Canvas site will be the communication medium.

d. Tenure & Promotion Guidelines – Gregory Teague

President Teague reported that the Tenure and Promotion Guidelines Revision Committee provided a revised document to Provost Wilcox based upon his suggestions. Overall, there was very little change from the December document. The guidelines have been presented to the deans where it was received with general approval and acceptance to proceed with the implementation. A web site will be created for purposes of communicating criteria and direction on how to write college/department level guidelines. More people are needed on the committee to transform the application into digital form. Interested Senators should contact President Teague at teague@usf.edu.

f. Council on Faculty Issues – Steve Permuth

Senator Permuth announced that he and several members of the council will be meeting with the Office of General Counsel to discuss the issue of lecture capture. The target is to finish this year with a report by the end of the year.

g. Council on Technology for Instruction and Research – Andrew Smith

Chair Smith reported: • The transition to Canvas is done. • There was nothing new to report about how the technology fees will be awarded. • ATLE is looking at updating clicker technology. Vendors have been invited to campus and a recommendation will be made to CTIR. • The issue of Canvas accessibility by disabled students will be discussed. • A pilot project is underway to evaluate technology options for proctoring students who are remotely located. • CTIR will discuss if there should be a formal evaluation of Canvas.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Update from Athletics Council – John Belohlavek, Chair

Dr. Belohlavek, as chair of the Athletics Council, also serves as the faculty athletics representative to the NCAA. He is appointed by President Judy Genshaft under whose auspices the council operates. Dr. Belohlavek explained that the council's responsibility is to monitor the academics and physical well-being of USF athletes, as well as issues that relate to their mental health and behavior. He encouraged Senators to contact him with issues or questions about athletics and invited everyone to consider taking a tour of the Selman Center. President Teague commented it would be helpful for the Faculty Senate to have an annual update from the Athletics Council.

REPORT FROM SENIOR VICE PROVOST & DEAN DWAYNE SMITH

With President Genshaft and Provost Wilcox attending the Board of Governors' meeting in Tallahassee, Dr. Smith reported on the priority funding goals for next year. He added that although a bill that would allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition passed in the House, it did not yet get approval in the Senate. It is anticipated that there will be no increase in tuition but possibly in fees. Next year's budget will be known after the Legislative Session ends in April.

REPORT FROM USF HEALTH INTERIM SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DONNA PETERSEN

Dr. Petersen reported the following items:

- Dr. Charles Lockwood will be here in May as the new Senior Vice President for USF Health.
- USF Health issues are being considered during this Legislative Session, particularly nursing education and the scope of nurse practitioners.
- A Ph.D. in Rehabilitative Science will be considered by the BOG at its June meeting.
- The college is working on how to accommodate dual degree seeking students.
- The School of Pharmacy will hold its first graduation in May of 2015. Discussion is underway if there should be something different for USF Health graduates in terms of graduation.

REPORT FROM THE UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA (USF)

As chief negotiator for UFF, Senator Robert Welker reported:

- Former President Paul Terry is progressing well. Senator Arthur Shapiro will be president next year.
- A bargaining session is scheduled for Friday, March 21st.

Senator Welker added that 2015 will be the year to watch.

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

President Teague reminded everyone to consider either self-nominating or nominating a fellow Senator for one of the officer positions. Nominations will be taken at next month's meeting for people to serve on the USF System Faculty Council in 2014-15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.