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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 18, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Report from Paul Sanberg, Vice President, Research and Innovation (1 hour)
3. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2015 Meeting (action item)
4. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (10 minutes)
 - a. Proposed Changes to Library Council Charge – Jenifer Schneider (action item)
5. Old Business
 - a. CAS 10-055 Follow-up (10 minutes) (action item)
6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (10 minutes)
7. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (10 minutes)
8. Recognition of President Phil Levy – President Genshaft and Provost Wilcox (10 minutes)
9. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Greg Teague (5 minutes)
10. Report from USF United Faculty of Florida President Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)
11. Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – January 27, 2016

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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2015

Faculty Senate President Phil Levy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. To accommodate Vice President Paul Sanberg's schedule, Senate business was postponed until after his presentation.

REPORT FROM PAUL SANBERG, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR USF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sanberg's presentation focused on the Huron report . He pointed out that faculty will be affected as the budgetary model changes. Topics covered included: • F&A Redistribution • Huron Model • Strategic Investment Plan • Research Advisory Committee • Transition Plan Workgroup • Research Strategic Plan Committee. The floor was then turned over to Sudeep Sarkar, Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation and Co-Chair of the Research Strategic Plan Committee who reviewed the following topics: • The SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results) Process • The 5-I Approach • Steps and Timeline • What is convergence? The presentations will be provided to President Levy for inclusion on the Senate web site. Faculty can stay up-to-date on the process by visiting: <http://www.usf.edu/research-innovation/researchers/huron-report.aspx>.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2015 MEETING

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

- a. Proposed Changes to Library Council Charge – Ellis Blanton, Jenifer Schneider

On behalf of the Library Council, Senator Blanton, Chair of the Committee on Committees, presented an updated charge with clarifying language regarding its function. The charge came to the Senate with a motion to approve. The motion unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. CAS 10-055 Follow-Up – Phil Levy, Eric Eisenberg

President Levy reported that he and Dr. Eisenberg, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, met to discuss the discrepancy between the rules of the college and the governance documents of the schools. The college is now in the process of incorporating the premise of 10-055 into its governance documents. There will be principles, and faculty will be involved at each stage. The mechanics of who will report to whom will be

included in the language. Dean Eisenberg commented that moving schools within a college is a college issue, so there will be specific language at the college level.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft's report consisted of the following items:

- The public/private partnership with Capstone-Harrison, LLC to build a student village was approved by the Board of Governors (BOG) earlier this month. Approval of the construction of the grocery store (Publix) will be sought at the January BOG meeting.
- A decorative fence will be erected surrounding the campus to help curb thefts. No entrances or exits will be effected. The first part of the fence to be erected will be at Bruce B. Downs and Fletcher and will end where the new residence halls will be built.
- Topics discussed at a recent meeting of the Association of Land Grant Universities included campus climate, campus racism, safety on campus, body cameras for university police and the responses to what has been occurring on campuses. It was reiterated that USF needs to be an open, welcoming campus for all people.
- There will be a site dedication for the Morsani Heart Health Institute downtown on December 8, 2015.
- Faculty training on gun safety in classrooms is being discussed. The training would be paid out of the administration's budget. Feedback is welcomed.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox reported the following items:

- According to the national research rankings from the National Science Foundation, USF now ranks 25th in research spending by a public university, 41st in overall ranking of both public and private institutions, and is in second place in the state of Florida.
- The six year graduate rate has climbed to 69 percent. The completion gap has been eliminated between African-American, Hispanic and White students. Pell grant recipients also graduate at the same rate as non-Pell students. Male students are lagging behind women at a 9 percent completion rate. USF is second in the state for the number of international students enrolled at over four thousand.
- The Study Abroad Program will continue as planned in spite of the political climate.
- There will be no tuition increases.
- It is important to find ways to continue to generate revenues to invest in USF. Faculty were encouraged to convince their colleagues that it is time to move forward in a creative, entrepreneurial fashion.

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT PHIL LEVY

At this time, President Genshaft and Provost Wilcox presented a plaque to President Levy in recognition of his contributions and service during the 2014-2015 academic year. He will be working as a Fellow at Mt. Vernon during the spring and summer of 2016.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG TEAGUE

On behalf of the SFC, President Teague reported the following items:

- The SFC voted in favor of major restructuring on the USF Sarasota/Manatee campus.
- A concrete plan is being developed to get more information out about the RCM process so that college-level governing structures can be well informed.
- As part of a program to engage with colleagues at the University of Exeter, Dr. Michael Depledge will be visiting USF in December. He is interested in the environmental impact on physical health and the engagement of people in the environment. Dr. Depledge will be giving a lecture at the COPH on December 4th. Anyone interested in being involved with his visit should contact Dr. Teague.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA SECRETARY GREG MCCOLM

Secretary McColm reported that the union is now in the bargaining process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.