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**USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**January 27, 2016**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Chamber Room 4200 Marshall Student Center**

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2015 Meeting (action item)
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (30 minutes)
  - a. Approval of Election Documents – Matthew Knight (action item)
  - b. Call for Committee on Committees Representatives – Ellis Blanton
  - c. Call for Vice President Nominations – Matthew Knight (action item)
4. Old Business
  - a. Proposed Policy 10-506 Captioning and Access of Media (5 minutes)
5. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (20 minutes)
6. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (30 minutes)
7. Report from USF United Faculty of Florida President Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)
8. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Greg Teague (5 minutes)
9. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)
10. Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – February 24, 2016

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## **USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

January 27, 2016

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. after which he introduced himself as the new Faculty Senate President until former President Levy's term is up in August. President Teng announced that Nick Setteducato, Associate Vice President of Resource Management and Analysis, and Nick Trivunovich, Senior Vice President of Business and Finance, have been invited to speak to the Senate about RCM in March. It will be an open meeting if guests wish to attend. Dr. Paul Sanberg, Vice President of Research and Innovation, has been invited to attend the April meeting to address concerns of the research and innovation portion of the Huron Report.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the Minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting.

### **REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS**

a. Review and Approval of Election Documents – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight presented the 2016/2017 Senate election documents which consisted of the schedule, voting units and apportionment, and nomination form. A motion was made and seconded to accept the documents. The floor was opened for discussion. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed.

b. Update on FCSA – Ellis Blanton

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton announced that the FCSA (Faculty Council on Student Admissions) is being reconstituted, and nominations are being solicited to fill vacancies on the council. He anticipates scheduling the first meeting of the newly reconstituted council the week after Spring Break at which time a chair will be elected.

Chair Blanton also noted that the COC requires one member from each college. He explained that if there is only one Senator representing a college, that individual is automatically a member of the COC. Interested Senators should contact him soon as the review process for fall nominations will begin in March.

c. Election of Faculty Senate Vice President – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight announced that there was only one nomination received for Vice President, and that was Senator James Garey. The floor was opened to self-nominations. As none were forthcoming, a vote was held, and Dr. Garey was unanimously elected as Vice President. He will immediately assume his duties.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Captioning Access for Media – Michael Teng**

President Teng reported that the new requirements for the captioning of audio/visual materials will affect many faculty members wanting to fully comply with the ADA. However, the document is still in promulgation. There is a form for comments on the website that is open until February 1, 2016. Departments will need to comply and be ready for these accommodations when the policy is finalized.

### **b. Student Government Vote – Michael Teng**

President Teng announced that Student Government passed a resolution for divestment, but he had not yet received the documentation. System Faculty Council President Greg Teague noted that Student Leadership had vetoed that resolution.

## **REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT**

Before giving her report, President Genshaft welcomed incoming Senate President Michael Teng. Her report consisted of the following items:

- The BOG has five Board of Trustees members up for reelection. Two have been reappointed from the BOG. The Governor will appoint the other three.
- Approval has been received for the ground lease for the Publix on campus. This is the first known example of a grocery store on a university campus in the United States.
- The public/private partnership of the USF Village passed.
- It appears that the Campus Carry motion will be quashed in the Florida Senate.
- Regarding the Legislature, USF is hopeful for more funding for the downtown Morsani College of Medicine and Heart institute.
- The *Bellows*, USF's coastal research vessel, is 47 years old and desperately needs funding from the Legislature. It was vetoed last year, but 3 million dollars have been raised this year, so hopefully the remainder will be funded.
- All USF System campuses are up in enrollment. USF Tampa housing is up 107 percent of full capacity.

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

Provost Wilcox reported the following items:

- Enrollment numbers are positive and heading in the right direction. The Spring enrollment figures are nearly equal to the Fall numbers.
- Attrition rates are very low; USF has a 97 percent retention rate.
- State appropriations based on performance are needed. USF is doing well so far and can expect another 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish among universities this year. However, the stronger an institution's performance, the less money received for 'improvements.' There is the need to focus on the areas USF can best improve upon to achieve "emerging

- preeminence” status. Doing so will get USF 50 percent of the funding received by the two “preeminent” institutions, University of Florida and Florida State University.
- Excess hours are a concern. USF needs to graduate students without excess hours. Taxpayers should only subsidize hours required for graduation, per Florida Statute. USF also gets penalized and needs to do better. An 8 semester path to graduation is needed. Advising needs to be careful to address these concerns, as performance-based funding takes excess hours into account, and USF was a large offender over the last two years.
- Governor Scott looked at the graduation rates of the two largest majors—Psychology and Criminology—and wants to see employment rates for these graduates reach 100 percent. They are currently at 74 percent and 75 percent, respectively. The Governor is concerned about jobs and graduating students quickly. Internships are not considered ‘work’ by the Governor.

#### **REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA SECRETARY GREG MCCOLM**

Secretary McColm reported that the union is still in the bargaining process. Both sides have presented offers, but need to see what the Legislature resolves before any decisions can be made.

#### **REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL (SFC) PRESIDENT GREG TEAGUE**

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

- The Chancellor of the State System spoke with the SFC and talked about performance measures. He is willing to visit the university and address the Senate after the current session.
- The Canvas web platform was deemed the best of the learning management systems.
- The SFC discussed faculty-authored materials and what students should pay for these materials. The Council on Educational Policy and Issues and the Senate Executive Committee are looking at the language and an approved version will come to the Senate.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Senator Elizabeth Bird noted that the online evaluation system is not functioning very well. President Teng will discuss this issue with former President Phil Levy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.