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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
January 18, 2017
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 16, 2016 Meeting
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (5 minutes)
 - a. Election Documents – Matthew Knight (action item)
4. Old Business
5. New Business (60 minutes)
 - a. Concept Paper – USF System Consortium for Health-Related Programs – Ed Funai
 - b. Update on USF’s General Education Program – William Cummings
6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (20 minutes)
7. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (20 minutes)
8. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Jim Garey (5 minutes)
9. Report from USF United Faculty of Florida President Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)
10. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – February 22, 2017

USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2017

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes as presented from the meeting of November 16, 2016. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Election Documents – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight presented the following 2017/2018 election documents for review and approval: Election Schedule, Voting Units and Apportionment, and the nomination form. The solicitation for nominations will begin on January 20th with a deadline of February 17th. The documents came to the Senate from the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) with a motion to approve. No discussion was held and the motion unanimously passed. President Teng added that he will attend a Council of Deans meeting at which time he will ask them to disseminate the election information within their colleges. In addition, he asked the Senators to recruit within their own colleges for both the Senate and standing councils.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Update on USF's General Education Program – William Cummings, Michael Decker

Dr. Cummings is spearheading the effort to enhance USF's general education program by working through the General Education Council (GEC). The purpose of attending today's meeting was to present an overview and update of the process, present the key elements proposed, the reasons for revision, and to seek advice on how to share this process with faculty for input. To aid in this presentation, Dr. Cummings distributed a handout called "Discovering Your Life's Work," a General Education framework for USF Tampa. He pointed out that this process, approved by the GEC to pursue, is for the USF Tampa campus only. The biggest change is a shift from a complicated to a more streamlined set of requirements, as well as raising the bar on the courses' difficulty. Different models from across the country were reviewed resulting in three suggested core areas: critical problem-solving, creative problem-solving, collaborative problem-solving.

Drs. Cummings and Decker are willing to meet with departments to determine how their course offerings fit within this process. In addition, town hall meetings are planned, along with a web site. They are also interested in hearing from the Senators about ways to share this with faculty in order for them to provide feedback on the process as well as

on the mechanics, which will be the first task tackled by the GEC. It is anticipated that all documents will be on the web site by the first week of February. At this time, the floor was opened for discussion with the following suggestions/comments:

- Include specific university models from peers and aspirants (up to 10) when the GEC meets with departments.
- Explain what is meant by life's work versus life's meaning? How did it get boiled down to work?
- Courses should also include analysis and communication in addition to problem-solving.
- Provide terms to be used, and what they mean to the GEC; provide more detailed information.

Senators were invited to attend GEC meetings, as well as to send feedback to Dr. Cummings.

b. Concept Paper – USF System Consortium for Health-Related Programs – Ed Funai, Chief Operating Officer, USF Health

The intent of the concept paper is to outline the specifics of developing a System-wide consortium by leveraging the existing academic structures of the USF System. It is a collaborative effort among leaders of USF St. Petersburg, USF Sarasota-Manatee, USF Health, and USF Tampa-Academic Affairs. It will be an opportunity for the entities to work together to eliminate duplication of programs and control quality. Although the consortium will operate virtually across the Systems, it is proposed that any administrative staff will be physically located on the USF St. Petersburg campus which is in need of more health professionals. Provost Wilcox added that: (1) It makes good sense to adopt a more coordinated program to meet the needs of the USF community across the board. (2) It is important to have quality assurance in protecting the USF and USF Health brand. (3) It is all about better preparing students for employment in the work force, graduate or professional school with appropriate, quality training. In addition, it is important to ensure that all the appropriate voices are at the table.

At this time, no vote was taken on the concept paper. It is anticipated that an updated version will be presented to the Senate in the future.

c. Office of the General Counsel – Michael Teng

President Teng announced that Mr. Gerard Solis will attend the February Senate meeting to talk about legal issues.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

After welcoming everyone back for the spring semester, President Genshaft provided the following updates:

- Good public relations has come to USF as a result of the Bulls winning their bowl game. Charlie Strong has been hired as the new football coach.
- The 2017 Legislative Session begins on March 7 and will last until May 3. Some of the items on the radar are:
 - Revenue is up, but expenditures are also up.
 - Fees will not be increased; however, the House is looking at a reduction of 25 percent in fees for graduate assistants.
 - An increase in financial aid for Bright Futures to cover summer classes.
 - Elimination and/or cutting of taxes on textbooks.
 - A new emphasis on 4-year graduate rate.
 - Bills to be proposed: (1) to reduce pre-eminence money to 5 million dollars, and (2) to look at the effect of block grant tuition.
 - Although the open carry gun issue is not on the agenda, it is still an issue.
- The USF St. Petersburg Tiedemann College of Business opened this semester.
- An Office of Corporate Partnership of Research and Economic Development is being set up. This will be a future topic for discussion.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox's report consisted of the following items:

Enrollment

- Head count is flat across the System. There is some concern that declining SCH equals declining revenues; however, there has been an 11 percent increase in international students who are paying full fees. An increase in out-of-state and international students will offset declining revenues from domestic students. This, along with the increase in the number of part-time students and graduate students, are areas to be watched.
- Enrollment and net tuition revenue will continue to cover salaries and provide new revenues to invest in colleges and area units.

Trends Impacting Higher Education:

- the importance of changing demographics of college age students as it pertains to recruitment,
- affordable access by keeping the price of higher education as low as possible with off-set revenues from the state,
- the value of higher education continues to be questioned,
- focus on careers and jobs,
- decline in state support, and
- campus climate issues

The Provost emphasized that these trends give some sense that Florida is not out there on the edge.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

President Garey reported that at the December meeting SFC members compared student service systems at the different campuses. A report will be forthcoming. The next meeting of the SFC will be Thursday, January 26th.

REPORT FROM UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA SECRETARY GREG MCCOLM

Secretary McColm announced the following:

- Now is the time to influence what happens in the Legislative Session.
- Senators were asked to pay attention to what happens on the commission that revises the Florida State Constitution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.