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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
February 22, 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 January 18, 2017 Meeting
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (15 minutes)
 - a. Faculty Award Recommendations – Debra Friedrich (action item)
 - b. Senate Nominations – Matthew Knight (action item)
4. Old Business
5. New Business (45 minutes)
 - a. Free Speech on Campus – Gerard Solis, General Counsel
 - b. Student Mental Health at USF – Rita DeBate, Assistant Vice President, Health & Wellness
 - c. Proposed Legislation for 2017 Florida Legislative Session – Michael Teng, Amy Thompson
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 – March 22, 2017

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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2017

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2017 as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Faculty Award Recommendations – Debra Friedrich

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair-elect Debra Friedrich presented the following recommendations for the honorary degree and Kosove faculty awards:

Honorary Degree: RoseAnne Bowers for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Education, Patricia Flatley Brennan for a dual Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering and Nursing, and Phillip Furman for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

The slate of recommendations came to the Faculty Senate from the HAC with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed. They will be forwarded to President Judy Genshaft for her review and consideration.

Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award

The HAC recommended Dr. Kathleen Armstrong from the Morsani College of Medicine for this career award. No discussion was held. The motion from the HAC to approve this recommendation was unanimously passed.

Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award

Dr. Kenneth Christensen from the College of Arts and Sciences was recommended by the HAC for this prestigious award. It was pointed out by Sergeant-at-Arms Scott Rimbey that Dr. Christensen is also a Senator. No discussion was held. The motion from the HAC to approve Dr. Christensen for this award unanimously passed.

Both recommendations will be forwarded to Provost Ralph Wilcox for review and consideration.

b. Senate Nominations – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight presented the following slate of nominations received for the 2017-2018 academic year:

College of Arts and Sciences (10 three-year terms)

Kamal Alsharif
Robin Ersing (second term)
Peter Funke
John Lennon
Gregory McColm (second term)
Inna Ponomareva

College of Behavioral & Community Sciences (2 three-year terms)

Kimberly Crosland
Raymond Miltenberger

Morsani College of Medicine (6 three-year terms; 1 one-year term)

Adrienne Lawton Hery
Athanasios Tsalatsanis

These nominees will be appointed for 3 year terms effective from the beginning of Fall Semester 2017 until the beginning of the Fall Semester 2020. The slate of nominees came to the Senate with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed.

College of Nursing (2 three-year terms) – election will be held via Survey Monkey

Teresa Gore
Ming Ji
Cheryl Burkey Wilson

No nominations were received for:

Muma College of Business (2 three-year terms)
College of Education (2 three-year terms)
College of Engineering (4 three-year terms)
College of Marine Science (1 three-year term)
College of Public Health (1 three-year term)

Senators from these colleges were encouraged to nominate fellow colleagues. Secretary Knight pointed out that late nominations would be considered for a one-year appointment with the option to apply for a 3-year term in Spring 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Free Speech on Campus – Gerard Solis, General Counsel

Mr. Solis presented a brief overview of the First Amendment and campus protests. He indicated that he would be willing to return for future discussions.

b. Student Mental Health at USF – Rita DeBate, Assistant Vice President of Health and Wellness

President Teng prefaced Dr. DeBate’s presentation by stating that the USF State System has asked for 14 and one-half million dollars in recurring funding for mental health services. Dr. DeBate was invited to today’s Senate meeting to present findings from a recent survey of how mental health is connected with academic success in the form of discontinuance and mental well-being. She pointed out that the research study focused on males in the areas of literacy, stigma, norms, and intentions. The data from the study can be used to determine the targets and where to focus future efforts.

c. Proposed Legislation for 2017 Florida Legislative Session – Michael Teng, Amy Thompson

Dr. Thompson, Chair of the Graduate Council, brought to the Senate’s attention SB104 which proposes to replace the foreign language requirement with computer coding for K-12. Her purpose for bringing up the SB was to find out if there was interest on the part of the Senate in proposing a resolution to oppose it. President Teng clarified that a resolution would have to be posted 1 week before the Senate Executive Committee meets on March 8 and 1 week before the March 22 meeting of the Faculty Senate. Interested Senators should contact Dr. Thompson. President Teng added that he will contact other Faculty Senates to find out if they are addressing the issue.

d. Campus Carry Issue – Michael Teng

President Teng announced that he is working on a resolution and asked for co-sponsors. Senator Richard Manning volunteered. It is anticipated that the proposed resolution will be posted by March 1.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft reminded everyone that the Legislative Session begins March 7, 2017. She had nothing new or different to add in that area from what was reported last month. However, she did have a few positive items to report:

- USF is #1 as a veteran friendly campus, as well as in Fulbright Scholars this year.
- USF is the second ranked university in Florida with the most specialty license plates, which is an important part of its branding.
- Phi Beta Kappa evaluation team will be on the Tampa campus March 1-3, 2017. She added that getting an evaluation is an honor.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

The Provost provided the following updates:

- The USF System Academic Leadership Council has reached a consensus on a five-year master plan for new degrees. Six System-wide degree programs have been approved: 2 for USF, 3 for USFSP, and 1 for USFSM. Programs will be reviewed every 5 years.

- Due to a decline in enrollment for the College of Education (COEDU), a broad-based committee was given the task of reviewing the current status of the college to make recommendations regarding moving forward under new leadership. A preliminary report has been distributed to faculty/staff/students and meetings will be held to consider the recommendations. A small implementation committee will be appointed. COEDU Senators who served on the work groups were thanked. The COEDU will be revisiting the Faculty Senate with a restructuring proposal. The preliminary report will be shared with President Teng for dissemination to Senators. Any comments are to be directed to the COEDU faculty council.

At this time, Senator Richard Manning asked the Provost about a petition called “Protect Undocumented, Muslim, and All Vulnerable Students at the University of South Florida” that was submitted to him and President Genshaft and whether there are plans to release a statement to address any of the requests. Provost Wilcox responded that the two faculty who initiated the petition will be asked to communicate a response.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL JIM GAREY

The SFC will be meeting on February 23rd and will be addressing issues surrounding the health consortium and Banner. Senators were invited to attend SFC meetings.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA SECRETARY GREG MCCOLM

Secretary McColm urged Senators to encourage their colleagues to get involved in the Senate for more effectiveness. Senators were also encouraged to run for membership in UFF. Union members were encouraged to run. March 3, 2017 is the deadline to apply.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Jennifer Collins shared her campus experience pertaining to the renewal of her Visa. She felt the campus support was not what it should be and wondered how students might be treated who are in the same situation. Both President Genshaft and Provost Wilcox commented that they would see what could be done and appreciated the feedback.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.