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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 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 February 22, 2017 Meeting
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (10 minutes)
 - a. College of Nursing Election Results – Matthew Knight (action item)
 - b. Call for Officer Nominations – Matthew Knight (action item)
4. Old Business (20 minutes)
 - a. Computer Coding Resolution – Amy Thompson
 - b. Campus Carry Resolution – Michael Teng
5. New Business (40 minutes)
 - a. Update on Faculty Information System – Terry Chisolm, Sidney Fernandes
 - b. Report from NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative – Julie Serovich
6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (15 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 (5 minutes)
10. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – April 19, 2017

USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2017

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Before proceeding with the agenda, new Senators were welcomed and Dr. Fawn Ngo, USFSM Faculty Senate President, was introduced. Moving forward, the Minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2017 were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes, as amended. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. College of Nursing Election Results – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight announced that Drs. Cheryl Wilson and Teresa Gore were elected by their colleagues to represent the College of Nursing on the Faculty Senate for the next three years.

b. Call for Officer Nominations – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight announced that only 1 nomination for Sergeant-at-Arms had been received. Nominations are needed for Vice President, Secretary, and Senator-at-Large. Senators were encouraged to consider either self-nominating or nominating a fellow Senator.

In addition to a call for officer nominations, Secretary Knight solicited a call for Senators to serve on the Committee on Committees (COC). He explained that if there is only 1 Senator for a college, that individual is automatically a COC member. Someone from the other colleges with multiple seats will need to be selected to be a COC member. COC terms are one year.

System Faculty Council (SFC) members will be selected at the April meeting. USF membership on the SFC includes all members of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), plus 2 members-at-large. Except for the SFC president position, all other positions are one year terms. Nominations will be taken at next month's meeting.

At this time, President Teng announced that he has been asked to be Associate Dean of Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programs at USF Health and, therefore, will not be able to continue as president or as a member of the Senate. Vice President Jim Garey will be president during the summer. Senators were encouraged to consider running for president.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Computer Coding Resolution – Amy Thompson, Michael Teng

Due to the fact that Dr. Thompson (the main sponsor) was not present at the beginning of the discussion, several Senators were concerned about addressing the resolution without her. As co-sponsor of the resolution, President Teng asked for questions of a clarifying nature only. He then prefaced the discussion by explaining that the idea behind SB104 would allow 2 credits of computer coding to substitute for the foreign language requirement. Although it is directed toward K-12, the legislation could affect higher education as well. In addition, there is also a timeline factor. If the Senate waits until the April 19th meeting to vote on the resolution, it will be after the Legislative Session is over and would be a moot point. President Teng also pointed out that the SEC cannot act on behalf of the Faculty Senate on this issue and justified emergency conditions for voting on the resolution at today's meeting. At this time, there was a call for a vote, via a show of hands, on the emergency conditions. The vote unanimously passed and the floor was opened for discussion.

The Senators discussed what they saw as 2 issues with the resolution: 1) Computer coding substituted for a language requirement is a high school requirement. (2) Are universities required to accept these 2 credits for admission? The question, then, was should the Senators, as faculty, only address the potential effects on admission to colleges and universities in the resolution? It was discussed that the university should address only issues that pertain to college admission. So that the proposed language could be rewritten by Dr. Thompson (who arrived late), the issue was tabled.

b. Campus Carry Resolution – Michael Teng

The proposed resolution was written by President Teng, Senators Greg McColm, Richard Manning, and Robin Ersing. It is in response to SB622, allowing concealed weapons to be carried by permit holders on university campuses. The floor was opened for discussion. One amendment was made. There being no further discussion, a paper vote was taken and the amended resolution unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Update on Faculty Information System (FIS) – Terry Chisolm, Sidney Fernandes, Travis Thompson

Before turning the floor over to Dr. Thompson, Mr. Fernandes recognized other members of the FIS team: Patrick Gall, Alice Wei, Erik Tandberg, Jennifer Tang, Kenneth Chen, and Bryan Graney. Vice Provost Chisolm then explained the motivation behind the development of the new FIS, which uses Appian software, before turning the presentation over to Dr. Thompson. He went through a work flow demonstration on building a T&P package, explaining that benefits of the new system include portability and assistance to faculty across the System in the development of a portfolio that offers a broader representation of their work. It was pointed out that the new system replaces the primary binder in the T&P process, but not supplemental materials at this time. Senator Jennifer Collins recommended the following: the ability to have external letters added directly to the portfolio, and add an impact factor for citations. This information will be shared with the committee. Vice Provost Chisolm added that annual review and assignments will be addressed later, as well as those faculty on teaching pathways. Future sprints of the new system are in process.

b. Report from NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative – Julie Serovich

As NCAA faculty athletic representative and chair of the Athletics Council (AC), Dean Serovich attended today's meeting to provide background information on the role of the AC, as well as the council's duties and responsibilities to athletes. Dean Serovich pointed out that although the AC is a presidential advisory council, she is interested in working with the Faculty Senate to add it to its call for nominations.

c. Return to Computer Coding Resolution

At this time, Dr. Thompson provided proposed language revisions for the resolution. A paper ballot was distributed, and the resolution passed with 34 yeases and one nay.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft began her report with the following good news about USF:

- The *Chronicle of Higher Education* ran a full page ad about USF's status as #1 in the country for Fulbright Scholars.
- USF is #3 in the number of Peace Corps volunteers.
- USF is #1 in diversity in study abroad which shows the global nature of the university.
- Mr. Brian Gregory has been hired as the new basketball coach.

The House and Senate are still very much divided on the budget. One prominent issue is whether Florida institutions should offer block tuition. President Genshaft commented that USF would be in good shape if it happens.

President Genshaft read a list published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* of the ten most prominent higher education trends which provides a perspective on what is happening at other universities across the nation. One particular trend that is being watched closely at the D.C. level is how grants are written.

There are six weeks left in the semester, and there will be nine Commencement ceremonies.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox's report consisted of the following items:

- The Education Trust Report on Black Student Success has identified USF as the #1 institution in the State of Florida, #6 in the country, for eliminating the gap between white students and African-American students. A follow-up study is anticipated on the gap between white and Hispanic students.
- It is anticipated that USF will do very well in performance-based funding this year.
- A charge laid at the feet of the Faculty Senate at the beginning of the year was to look at the general education courses at USF and to evaluate and make recommendations for addressing the scope and rigor of the program. The General Education Council (GEC) has been working diligently on this challenge. It is time to focus on the core principles, to develop a more robust and rigorous core curriculum, and bring some sense of simplicity and coherence throughout the curriculum. It is expected that by the end of this semester the GEC will be forwarding recommendations to the Provost and President. He hopes that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate take this opportunity to weigh in on the recommendations to collectively explore better ways to enhance student success.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

President Garey announced that the next meeting of the SFC is scheduled for March 23rd. Dean Donna Peterson will present the revised USF Consortium proposal.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA

Secretary Greg McColm reported that all UFF chapters are holding elections and ballots are due next week. In addition, state-wide elections are also being held. He encouraged everyone to do their part.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.