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**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

December 7, 2016

3:00 – 5:00 p.m., **Marshall Student Center 3700**

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda (5 minutes)
2. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2016 Meeting (2 minutes) (action item)
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (10 minutes)
4. Old Business
5. New Business (20 minutes)
 - a. CMS Senator Alternate – Scott Rimbey, Drew Smith
 - b. Allied Health Proposal
 - c. Suggestions for Invitees for Spring
6. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (30 minutes)
7. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Jim Garey (10 minutes)
8. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)
9. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: January 11, 2017

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**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

December 7, 2016

Present: Kyna Betancourt, Tim Boaz, Annette Christy, Nancy Cunningham, Jim Garey, Barbara Hansen, Kim Lersch, Barbara Lewis, Jill Roberts, Oma Singh, Drew Smith, Michael Teng, Rick Will

Provost's
Office: Dwayne Smith, Ralph Wilcox

Guests: Eric Eisenberg, Claudia Cooperman

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the Minutes, as presented, from the meeting of November 9, 2016.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Research Council Nominee – Rick Will

COC Chair Will read an e-mail he received from Dr. Rebecca Puig, Senior Associate Vice President of Research & Innovation, informing him that the Research Council is at capacity and has let Dr. James McHale (USFSP) know that his nomination will be held in the event the council's status should change. Discussion was held as to whether or not there is a USFSP representative on the council. Rick will contact Dr. Puig and report back to the SEC.

Rick announced that the solicitation for nominations to fill council vacancies effective with the Fall Semester 2017 will begin on January 17, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

a. CMS Senator Alternate – Drew Smith

Dr. David Naar has agreed to replace CMS (College of Marine Science) Senator Eugene Domack who is currently on a leave of absence. According to the Bylaws, a Senator is expected to resign his/her seat in advance of a leave or sabbatical of more than two months' duration. The seat will remain vacant until someone is appointed or elected. It was not known how long Senator Domack will be on leave. Mike will verify this and report back to the SEC.

b. USF System Consortium Concept Agreement for Health Related Programs - Mike Teng

Mike explained that the document distributed to the SEC came to him from Provost Wilcox. The purpose of the agreement is to increase the number of graduates to fill health related jobs by offering new health programs; the process would be overseen by a dean coordinator. The document was initiated by USFSP which has the greatest stake in the agreement, along with Dr. Ed Funai, USF Health Vice President and Dean Donna Petersen, USF Health. Mike pointed out that the rest of the campus was not included in the conversation. It was brought before the SEC to determine how much review the Faculty Senate has on this type of proposed agreement since it is not a reorganization but bringing people together and hiring a coordinator. Mike pointed out that although this is an agreement among deans, the Faculty Senate should look at how it will affect faculty and how USF delivers health programs. The floor was opened for discussion and the following concerns/comments were made:

- the lack of consultation with affected colleges, particularly CAS and BCS, as well as faculty; a broader conversation needs to take place with the CAS and BCS deans about what the goals are;
- duplication of programs and how they will be coordinated; what is the reasoning behind hiring a dean coordinator; what will that dean actually control;
- lack of clarity on how programs will be coordinated;
- what will be the repercussions under the RCM model;
- dual programs would create competition for interns and confusion for students;
- identify what the programs will be and then determine how it would fit; there needs to be coordination of programs between USF and USFSP;
- endorse and set up a planning group; and,
- bring in other deans to look at the scope of the proposal and narrow it down to what is really being sought.

Provost Wilcox stated for the record that he feels it is absolutely essential to move this agreement forward. He is concerned about the process more than the product, but there will be a need to revisit the process. The key is to focus on collaboration and coordination and good faith collegiality in moving the document forward.

In summary, the overall consensus was that the deans of CAS and BCS (and any other appropriate groups) should be given the opportunity to respond and be part of the conversation; clarification of the responsibilities of the dean coordinator are needed; determination of how this agreement will affect existing and new programs is required; and clarification of the proposed programs is needed. Mike will provide Dr. Funai the substance of the issues raised by the SEC and have them addressed in the document before it is presented to the Faculty Senate at its January meeting.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

The Provost's report consisted of the following items, several of which will be forthcoming for the spring semester:

- A new football coach will be hired to replace Willie Taggart who has resigned to take a coaching position at Oregon.
- With the election of the new U.S. administration, students are having anxiety about the future. Faculty and staff are asked to strive for calm during these trying times.
- The SEC will be asked to approve an amended policy for reviewing course and curriculum proposals.
- There are 3 high priority programs in which faculty have been consulted: (1) a new faculty information system, (2) a more adaptable travel management system, and (3) graduate admissions.
- Three dean searches are in progress, with a fourth on the horizon: (1) College of Nursing, (2) Undergraduate Studies, (3) Patel College, and (4) College of Education.
- In the area of performance-based funding and student success: 90 percent retention rate has been attained; 70 percent graduation rate is anticipated. USF is looking to decrease costs for students. How this is tied to performance-based funding will be a future discussion topic.
- SEC members were encouraged to attend Commencement.
- The Provost commented that the work of the Undergraduate Council is putting a burden on non-tenured faculty and expressed the need for senior, seasoned faculty to balance the council.
- Students are now able to obtain degrees in Peru and London through on-line academic degree delivery programs. It is anticipated that other countries will be added to allow students to complete their degree if, under the new U.S. administration, they are deported.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike asked SEC members to let him know if they have particular issues on campus they would like to discuss during the spring semester.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.