

2-8-2017

AY 2016/2017 SEC meeting minutes: 08 Feb 17

Faculty Senate

Follow this and additional works at: http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/fs_pubs

Scholar Commons Citation

Faculty Senate, "AY 2016/2017 SEC meeting minutes: 08 Feb 17" (2017). *Faculty Senate Archives*. 403.
http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/fs_pubs/403

This Agenda/Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Senate at Scholar Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Faculty Senate Archives by an authorized administrator of Scholar Commons. For more information, please contact scholarcommons@usf.edu.



**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

February 8, 2017

3:00 – 5:00 p.m., **Marshall Student Center 4200**

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda (5 minutes)
2. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2017 Meeting (2 minutes) (action item)
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (15 minutes)
 - a. Approval of Faculty Awards – Barbara Hansen (action item)
4. Old Business
 - a. Student Evaluations – Kevin Yee (30 minutes)
5. New Business
 - a. Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) – Michael Bowen (20 minutes)
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: March 8, 2017

Tampa Faculty Senate Office

University of South Florida • 4202 East Fowler Avenue, FAO 226 • Tampa, FL 33620-6100
(813) 974-2889 • FAX (813) 974-5914 • fsenate@usf.edu

**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

February 8, 2017

Present: Kyna Betancourt, Tim Boaz, Nancy Cunningham, Jim Garey, Barbara Hansen, Matt Knight, Barbara Lewis, Jill Roberts, Oma Singh, Scott Rimbey, Michael Teng, Amy Thompson, Rick Will

Provost's Office: Terry Chisolm, Dwayne Smith, Ralph Wilcox

Guests: Kevin Yee

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the Minutes, as amended, from the meeting of January 11, 2017.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Approval of Faculty Awards – Barbara Hansen

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair Hansen presented the following faculty award recommendations for review:

Honorary Degree

- RoseAnne Bowers – Doctor of Education
 - Phillip Furman – Doctor of Science
 - Patricia Flatley Brennan – Doctor of Engineering and Nursing
- Chair Hansen explained the HAC voted that the ideal degree for Dr. Brennan would be an honorary degree both in engineering and nursing. Therefore, the HAC recommended the dual degree contingent upon agreement of the two deans.

This slate of recommendations came to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) from the HAC with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion passed with 1 abstention who was the nominator for one of the candidates.

Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award

Only one nomination was received for this award: Dr. Kathleen Armstrong of the Department of Pediatrics, Morsani College of Medicine. A recommendation to approve came to the SEC from the HAC. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed.

Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award

The HAC received two nominations for this award. Dr. Kenneth Christensen from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, was recommended to the SEC by the HAC. No discussion was held, and the motion unanimously passed.

All recommendations will be presented to the full Senate at its February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Student Evaluations – Kevin Yee

In 2015, a committee on on-line course assessment was convened and chaired by then Faculty Senate President Philip Levy. A draft report outlining the history and a few of the findings, along with a current question regime was generated, dated September 25, 2015. However, the committee recommendations were never acted upon and were the topic of today's discussion lead by Dr. Kevin Yee, Director of the Academy of Teaching and Learning Excellence. The two main issues focused on by the committee were the delivery mechanism of the student evaluations and to decide whether or not the assessment questions were the right ones to gather the appropriate information. The first recommendation from the committee proposed new policy language addressing the issue of faculty evaluations not being the only basis for determining tenure and promotion. Recommendation 2 addressed the question regime for on-line teaching assessment, which the committee proposed be reinvented. The report contained two versions of possible questions referred to as Long Version and Short Version. Dr. Yee pointed out that they were not prioritized by the committee. President Teng added that the purpose of this committee was to look at the question regime and process and make recommendations.

At this time President Teng opened the floor for discussion of how to proceed with the report. SEC members offered the following suggestions: add to the assessment a question about how much they (the students) thought they learned in the class, as well as having some items to compare experiences with other classes. Dr. Yee will share these suggestions with the committee. He also commented that the committee wanted to move toward a more holistic, formal improvement of the questions by putting in more objectives.

A motion was made and seconded to present the report to the Faculty Senate for discussion after which it will go back to committee to prepare a clearer proposal. The motion unanimously passed.

b. Update on USF System Health-Related Concept Paper – Michael Teng

Discussions surrounding the concept paper are taking place, and it is anticipated that a revised version will be presented at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) – Michael Bowen

As chair of COIA, Dr. Bowen attended today's meeting to provide the SEC with the background of its creation, of USF becoming a member, an update on the activities of the organization, and to ask for its vote to appoint him as a proxy to COIA. Dr. Bowen

added that COIA represents Faculty Senates across the country in athletic conversations to protect an institution's reputation, student athletics, and academic integrity. COIA's bylaws revisions were finalized on January 15, 2017 with a final vote expected on February 17 at the COIA conference. The objective of the extensive amendments was to improve the functioning of the group. SEC members were asked to send any comments and/or changes to the bylaws to Dr. Bowen.

At this time, the floor was opened for discussion. It was agreed that more discussion between COIA, the faculty athletics representative (FAR) and the Faculty Senate needs to take place to get more of a connection. It was suggested that there be presentations made to the Faculty Senate on a regular basis from COIA and FAR. This brought up the issue of the Faculty Senate participating in the process of faculty appointments to the Athletics Council which is a presidential council. President Teng commented that this could be a future discussion topic. There being no further comments, a motion was made and seconded to appoint Dr. Michael Bowen as proxy to COIA on behalf of the SEC and Faculty Senate. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Vice Provost Terry Chisolm is putting together an informal group to look at student learning outcomes. She would like someone from the Faculty Senate to join the group to work on suggestions for improvement. Interested members should contact her.

Provost Wilcox affirmed that the USF administration is keeping up on student athletics, academic integrity, and its reputation, areas mentioned by Dr. Bowen during his report. He suggested, in addition to the FAR, that the director of athletics also be invited to Faculty Senate meetings.

At this time, the provost reported the following items:

- The Legislative Session begins on March 7. Some of the developments that are being watched are potential shifts in performance-based funding and pre-eminence, and modeling of block tuition plans
- SEC members were invited to attend a student success faculty luncheon on General Education Reform with guest speaker Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. It will be held on March 3, 2017, 12:00-1:30 p.m., in Gibbons Hall.
- A five-member team from Phi Beta Kappa will visit USF March 2-3, 2017. USF is well positioned to be successful this year.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

President Garey reported the following SFC activities:

- January meeting items: Banner and student success, System Health Consortium, resolving an issue with an appointment to the USF System Research Council, update from Dr. Terry Osborn, USFSP.
- Dr. Donna Petersen, Dean of the College of Public Health, will attend the March meeting to talk about the consortium paper.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

a. Regional Institution Representation on Councils – Michael Teng

President Teng will work with COC Chair Will to revise the COC charge to state that regional institutions will vet their nominees for the USF System Research Council and forward their selected candidate to the USF COC for transmittal to the SVP of Research and Innovation. Members of the USF System Research Council will then be officially appointed by the SVP. The USF Faculty Senate would only serve as a pass-through for efficient transmission of names. A revised COC charge will be vetted through the normal review process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.