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**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

March 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 February 8, 2017 Meeting (2 minutes) (action item)
3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs (15 minutes)
 - a. Faculty Senate Officer Nominations
4. Old Business
5. New Business (15 minutes)
 - a. Campus Carry Resolution – Michael Teng
 - b. Computer Coding Update – Michael Teng, Amy Thompson
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: April 5, 2017

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USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 8, 2017

Present: Kyna Betancourt, Tim Boaz, Nancy Cunningham, Jim Garey, Matt Knight, Kim Lersch, Jill Roberts, Oma Singh, Drew Smith, Scott Rimbey, Michael Teng, Amy Thompson, Rick Will

Provost's
Office: Dwayne Smith, Ralph Wilcox

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 February 2, 2017.

Before proceeding with the meeting, President Teng introduced Mr. Aladdin Hiba, Student Government Senate President, and Mr. Saeed Sinan, Senate Relations Chair. Student Government has reached out to the Faculty Senate in an effort to improve the relationship between the two groups and plans to have a representative attend future meetings.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Faculty Senate Officer Nominations – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight reported that an announcement had been disseminated to all Senators soliciting officer nominations for the 2017-2018 AY. Nominations will be accepted until Monday, March 20th.

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 be stepping down after Commencement in May. Vice President Jim Garey offered to be interim president.

b. Undergraduate Council – Jill Roberts

The council is now back up to speed with a new support person.

c. General Education Council – Kyna Betancourt

Chair Betancourt reported that the council officially created the General Education Revision Subcommittee. In addition, more time will be spent in the full GEC meetings working on the General Education revision, so if anyone is interested in contributing to the process, they should start attending the GEC meetings. Lastly, the council finished its two planned town hall meetings and will start doing longer workshops where faculty can actually work on the revision (as opposed to just expressing concerns or ideas).

d. Graduate Council – Amy Thompson

The council is working on a new document that will be of assistance with new course proposals. It is anticipated that it will be ready by the end of the semester.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Campus Carry Resolution – Michael Teng

A draft resolution opposing proposed legislation which would allow permit holders to carry concealed weapons on campus was introduced. The floor was opened for discussion with the following comments: Remove the "T" after USF. President Teng will contact Faculty Senate Presidents Fawn Ngo (USFSM) and Deanna Michael (USFSP) for their thoughts on having those institutions included in the resolution.

A motion was made and seconded to introduce the resolution at the March Faculty Senate meeting with debate and voting to take place at the April meeting. Discussion was held. It was pointed out that Senate approval in April would occur after the end of the Legislative Session. Provost Wilcox suggested to System Faculty Council President (SFC) Jim Garey that if given the opportunity at the BOT meeting the next day, he could present the resolution. SFC President Garey added that the resolution could also be taken to the collective Faculty Senates, in addition to the BOG meeting at the end of the month. Referring to Article V., Ad Hoc Resolutions, of the Bylaws, Parliamentarian Smith clarified that a resolution could be determined an emergency by no less than two-thirds vote and debated at the March meeting. Therefore, it was agreed that this would be the course of action for the resolution so it can move forward. There being no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

b. Computer Coding Resolution – Michael Teng, Amy Thompson

President Teng and Graduate Council Chair Thompson presented a draft resolution for review and consideration by the SEC. During discussion of the resolution, Dr. Thompson commented that the president of Florida International University (FIU) has expressed an interest in a joint resolution. USFSP Faculty Senate has a resolution on its next agenda. President Teng would like to expedite the resolution at the March USF Faculty Senate meeting. At this time, wordsmithing of the resolution took place. President Teng will forward it to the Faculty Senate presidents of USFSP and USFSM for feedback. It was recommended that people familiar with the resolution be available when the resolution is discussed at the Senate meeting. There being no further discussion or revisions, a motion was made and seconded to forward the resolution to the Faculty Senate for its March meeting. The motion passed with 1 nay.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Before giving his report, Provost Wilcox reminded the SEC members that the 2017 Legislative Session began on Tuesday, March 7.

Provost Wilcox's report consisted of the following items:

- USF is #1 in the nation for Fulbright Scholars with twelve this year. The second-rated institution has ten.
- USF is #1 in the nation as a veteran friendly university as stated in "Military Times."
- USF is #1 in the state, sixth in the nation, for Black student success.
- At the March 9 BOT meeting, an accountability report will be presented which will show significant gains in performance-based funding this year for USF. In addition, USF is on track to meet 10 of the 12 pre-eminence metrics this year with a goal to meet the 11th metric in 2018 and be determined a pre-eminent university.
- 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. The report will be shared with deans. Deferred programs were invited to apply next year. Health deferred programs were referred to APAC.
- USF Commencement will be held on May 5-6. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JIM GAREY

President Garey reported that at the council's February meeting further discussions were held about Banner issues. Ms. Cynthia Brown Hernandez, Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, attended the meeting to participate in the discussion to create a SFC committee to handle unresolved issues. The committee would be in effect until a new system to replace Banner is operational. Dean Donna Petersen will attend the March meeting to present an update of the consortium paper. SFC meeting agendas will be shared with SEC members.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

President Teng reported that he has been involved in testing the new program to replace FAIR. Anyone interested in participating should contact him. Vice Provost Terry Chisolm and Vice President Sidney Fernandes will attend the March Faculty Senate meeting to present an update on the new program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.