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SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 1, 1997

MINUTES

Present: Janet Moore, Lou Bowers, Ken Buckle, Ann Cranston-Gingras, Marc Defant, James D'Emilio, Julian Dwornik, Lois Gonzalez, Larry Hall, Tom Kemp, Michael Knox, Sara Mandell, Christy Ponticelli, Trevor Purcell, Joe Simon

President's Office: President Castor, Navita James

Provost Office: Provost Tighe, Phil Smith

Government Relations: Kathy Betancourt

President Moore called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. The minutes from the meeting of September 3, 1997, were approved.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (J. Moore)

President Moore announced that she had attended a Student Affairs retreat on September 22, 1997. The main topic of discussion was the long term process for a student enrollment plan.

There was a Faculty Forum on September 26, 1997. The main topic of discussion was university concerns and conditions of faculty employment from the past. Vice President Sara Mandell has been asked to serve as faculty liaison to this forum to keep the SEC informed of pertinent issues that are discussed at their meetings.

President Moore announced that Professor Marc Defant will continue as one of the faculty representatives of the Leadership Council. Three additional nominees have been submitted to President Castor for consideration.

President Moore announced that she had talked with Luis Visot, Director of Student Affairs, regarding the upkeep of the faculty awards mounted in the Silver Room located in the Marshall Center. Mr. Visot indicated that the student group that was originally in charge of the room no longer exists. He will pursue whether or not there are any student groups interested in updating the faculty awards presented to faculty who have served 25 years at USF. President Moore also recommended to Mr. Visot that he contact Professor Silbert, Chair of the Honors and Awards Council, to see if the council can provide any guidance. Professor Kemp, Chair of the Library Council, will contact Mr. Visot to inform him that the library can electronically store the information on the web site.

President Moore announced that a new Faculty Senate budget is being submitted to Academic Affairs which includes funds for a new computer in the Senate office. A copy of the budget will be available in the Faculty Senate office.

President Moore reported that the Publications Council will be meeting this month to discuss proposed changes. She

distributed a recent memo from the Provost stating he has approved the recommended changes by the Publications Council and the SEC. Publications Council Chair Margaret Doherty also agreed to submit a report by December 1, 1997, as requested by the SEC.

PRESIDENT CASTOR

President Castor indicated it is time to start thinking about the next 5 year strategic plan for USF. One area that is moving forward is resident life. The proposal calls for the addition of two new residence halls. She indicated that if anyone had any suggestions and/or ideas to pass them along to her or the Provost.

President Castor announced that Tampa General Hospital is now transformed into a private status institution. She indicated that the immediate challenge is for USF to purchase the psychiatry center from TGH.

President Castor distributed information from the most recent Board of Regents meeting. Several legislators and their staff will be visiting USF and will meet with the Faculty Senate on October 15, 1997, to conduct a roundtable discussion. Discussion was held regarding the surcharge for excess hours. USF has been successful in getting an exception for courses that have already been earned at the high school level. Provost Tighe added that the categories do afford some flexibility to take unusual circumstances into account.

President Castor pointed out a new supplemental item labeled as the new funding model. In last year's appropriations bill there was proviso language that the Board of Regents was to adopt a new funding model. At future Board of Regents' meetings each university president will be presenting awards for service. The legislature has taken the lead to require educators and other state agencies involved in education to come up with performance based program budgeting. One popular performance measure is using the graduation rate. President Castor indicated that this year's funds are still debatable as are the performance measures. Discussion was held about faculty and parents writing to the legislators informing them of the realities that exist at USF.

PROVOST TIGHE

Provost Tighe pointed out that in order to obtain performance based measures, each institution should be rated based upon its own characteristics, not as it compares to other universities in areas that are not relevant.

Provost Tighe indicated that his office will pursue a careful and deliberate discussion as broadly as possible regarding the promotion and tenure changes in order to obtain as much feedback as possible. Following this, he will bring the findings back to the Faculty Senate.

Provost Tighe indicated that the new assignment guidelines were distributed to all departments this past spring. The deans were asked to work with their departments to develop liberal arts guidelines. The process is still in the working stages. The Provost will give a progress report to the SEC at its next meeting.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Graduate Council

Professor Buckle reported that at the last meeting of the Graduate Council the topic of graduate credentialing was discussed. He indicated that the Graduate School is no longer going to be involved in the graduate credentialing process. Due to problems within a few departments, an interim policy exists. Dean Johnson is working on a policy which will be presented to the Graduate Council at its October meeting. Discussion was held regarding who would be required to fill out credentialing forms.

Undergraduate Council

Senator Gonzalez gave an update on the issue of the relationship of the General Education Council to the Undergraduate Council. The Undergraduate Council has met with Dean Sullins and the consensus was to have a joint meeting of the Undergraduate Council and the General Education Council. President Moore indicated that the two

issues to look at include (1) should the General Education Council continue and, (2) if so, should the members continue to be appointed using the same process as in the past?

Research Council

Professor Hall reported that there will be some difficulties in start up funds for new faculty, because there is not as much funding available from grant overhead. Discussion was held regarding the future of start up funds for new faculty.

Professor Hall reported that the Council is putting together a research insert for *Inside USF*.

In addition, Professor Hall reported that the Strategic Planning for Research Committee will meet on Monday, October 6, 1997. Past President Knox recommended that the Research Council should be involved with issues of the Strategic Planning for Research Committee. Professor Hall will report committee proceedings to the SEC.

Library Council

Chair Kemp announced that the Library has released its figures on departmental budget allocations. The Library budget is the same as last year's with the \$500,000 increase being absorbed by the multi-campus virtual library agenda. A copy of the Library budget will be available in the Faculty Senate office.

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT KATHY BETANCOURT, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Ms. Betancourt pointed out that one item that needs to be addressed at the faculty roundtable is faculty salaries. She indicated that a face needs to be put on the issue of faculty salaries. Ms. Betancourt distributed a chart showing the average faculty salary for 1995/96 at UF, FSU, USF, UCF and FIU. Two other charts were distributed which show how USF gets its money and how it is spent. She indicated that this is something for the Governmental Relations Committee to work on.

Discussion was held regarding topics for the roundtable discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting on October 15, 1997. One question Ms. Betancourt recommended be asked of the legislators was "What are you doing for your constituents?" She emphasized that the faculty needs to decide what its strengths are and what the legislators can do to help the USF faculty become even stronger. When legislators leave an urban institution, they need to have a better idea of its unique qualities and what it does for the community. One of the issues that the legislators indicated they want to talk about is performance based budgeting or the manner in which resources are allocated.

Ms. Betancourt indicated other areas that need to be dealt with are public service and research. Additional areas to bring up during the roundtable would be equipment replacement, distance education, and the library. Ms. Betancourt emphasized the importance of letting the legislators see what a vibrant and exciting place USF is and the commitment of the faculty to this institution. She further emphasized that the quality of education, research and public service are the major components that should be discussed at the roundtable.

Discussion was held regarding the strategies to employ at the roundtable. It was agreed that a special meeting would be held for further planning. A separate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, 3:00- 5:00 p.m. President Moore will also invite the Government Relations Committee to attend this special meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.





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