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SEC Minutes

18 September 1998 (Special Meeting)

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

September 18, 1998

MINUTES

Present Janet Moore, Andrew Cannons, James Carey, Julian Dwornik,
Michael Knox, Gene Ness, Christy Ponticelli, John Robison,
Cheryl Rodriguez, James Vastine
Provost's Office Tennyson Wright

1. The meeting was called to order by President Moore at 12:05 [noon]. She explained that there were three timely matters that required this emergency Senate executive meeting to be called today, and thanked the members for their prompt responses and attendance.
2. **Administrative Assistant Support**

President Moore related that the Senate Administrative Assistant, Ann Pipkins, was requesting Senate monies to pay the fees for her attendance in a continuing education course on business matters. The course, *Effective Business Writing*, was scheduled to begin the following Monday, Sept. 21, and Ms. Pipkins wanted to take the course with the Senate's support. President Moore expressed her personal satisfaction with the excellent work that Ms. Pipkins has been doing for the Senate, and described how this course would add to Ms. Pipkins' skills and expertise in areas important to Senate business. A motion was made, seconded, and passed by the Executive Committee to approve the expenditure of Senate monies for this course fee on behalf of Ms. Pipkins.

3. **Vote of confidence**

President Moore explained that she was asking for a vote of confidence today from the Executive Committee to support her continuation as President. She had been asked by the new Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Dean Ronald Jones, to become an Associate Dean for the college. President Moore wanted to consult the Executive Committee in a timely fashion before final decisions were made concerning this new appointment. Dean Jones and President Moore are presently negotiating on details of this assignment with the Provost's office. President Moore said she planned to accept the offer in the near future when the negotiations were completed. She related that she would be continuing some of her teaching assignment while assuming new

administrative duties, but was confident that she would be able to continue as Faculty Senate President. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty were referred to in the discussion, with attention to Article V, Section D.2. "Functions" of the Executive Committee.

Vice President Julian Dwornik spoke in support of President Moore, citing her prior performance of duties as President as verification that she should get the Executive Committee's full support. He made the motion that the SEC give President Moore a vote of confidence and that she should continue to serve as President of the Faculty Senate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the members present.

President Moore thanked the Executive Committee and agreed to notify the rest of the Faculty Senate at or before the October 21, 1998, meeting by the terms stated in the Bylaws.

4. **Graduate Council Website (Chair Andrew Cannons)**

The Graduate Council is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 21, 1998, and on their agenda is the inclusion of discussion for the development of a website. Since the Graduate Council comes under the Faculty Senate, the council thought this group should be addressed first before going ahead. The other concern is that the council feels that the website should be maintained by the Graduate School rather than the Faculty Senate. Items appearing on the website for the Graduate Council are more closely linked to the Graduate School rather than the Faculty Senate; thereby, the issues that are addressed are more pertinent to the Graduate School. Links with the Faculty Senate web page would also be set up. Chair Cannons indicated that the Graduate Council would become more accessible to the faculty and the University of South Florida. Some of the items that would be included on their web page are agendas for upcoming meetings, approved minutes, information on sub-committees under the council, course proposal forms, etc. The motion was made that the Graduate Council web page be maintained by the Graduate School instead of the Faculty Senate Office. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

5. **Other**

Undergraduate Council (Chair John Robison)

Chair Robison made the recommendation that traditional meeting times of standing committees and councils be made available when nominations are requested so that faculty will know if their schedules will allow them to attend on a regular basis. This recommendation will be incorporated into the request for nominations.

Senate Vacancy (Secretary James Vastine)

Secretary Vastine announced that Dr. Tamara Sonn, from Religious Studies, is willing to serve a one-year term as a representative from the College of Arts and Sciences on the Faculty Senate. The motion was made and seconded to accept this nomination. The motion was unanimously passed.

Distinguished University Professor Guidelines (Past President Michael Knox)

Past President Knox indicated that although these guidelines (with attachments) have been distributed at the last two SEC meetings incorporating the policy into the guidelines, it is still not clear what the final policy is. No where within the guidelines

or attachments does it say what the Provost's final decision was about all the issues. The only issue that was clear was that any recurrent Distinguished Research or Service Professor could decide to use the title. However, the issue pertaining to salary and the use of the position code for the Distinguished University Professor (DUP) still need to be put together into the final guidelines. Vice Provost Wright indicated that the \$5,000 amount would be added to the base salary and the DUP position code (9002) will continue to be used for this designation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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