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SEC Minutes

May 3, 2000

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 3, 2000

MINUTES

Present: Jesse Binford, Julian Dwornik, Mary Evans, William Janssen, Ona Riggan, Ed Silbert, Pamela Tucker, Nancy Tyson, Jim Vastine, Fredric Zerla

President's Office: Jose Porterio

Provost's Office: Thomas Tighe, Phil Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of April 5, 2000 were approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Jesse Binford)

President Binford's report consisted of the following announcements:

The resolution from the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) which was sent to Governor Bush requesting his veto of the Governance Bill to abolish the Board of Regents (BOR) has been supported by Florida International University, the University of Central Florida and Florida A & M University (which has sent an independent resolution). It is anticipated that the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates will also send a resolution asking the Governor to veto the bill as it now stands.

The new student government President Tyvi Small and Vice President Tara Klimek have expressed an interest in developing closer ties with the Faculty Senate.

The SEC met with President-elect Judy Genshaft on April 26, 2000. Dr. Genshaft indicated that she would like to have regular meetings with the SEC starting with her arrival on campus in July or August.

The Dean of the College of Business was contacted regarding the lack of Senators from that college. Dr. James Pappas, Chair of the College of Business

Faculty Council, will follow up on this issue.

The Advisory Council of Faculty Senates will be meeting on Friday, June 2, 2000, in Tallahassee. President Binford, Vice President Khator and President-elect Tyson will be attending this meeting.

PROVOST'S REPORT (Thomas Tighe)

Provost Tighe's report consisted of the following updates on the Legislative session:

There is money in the Appropriations Act to start the implementation of two new law schools, one at Florida International University and one for Florida A&M University.

USF has received 1 million dollars to match a 6.5 million dollar grant from the federal government to start a Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS) program facility at the St. Petersburg campus. The MEMS project will be connected with the Center for Ocean Engineering and Technology. This is the first of a five year allocation of 6.5 million dollars each year to create a major MEMS facility. This is largely due to the support and action of Congressman Bill Young. The 1 million dollars from the State would be used to hire the necessary technical support staff to operate the equipment. Although this project will also be in collaboration with the College of Engineering on the Tampa campus, it will be housed on the St. Petersburg campus. The next step of this project will be the creation of sensing devices to be implanted in premature babies which will be in collaboration with the Pediatric Research Center.

The Department of Marine Science at the Bayboro Campus shall be converted to a College of Marine Science, the Dean of which reports directly to the Provost at the University of South Florida (USF).

Branch/campus funding will be restricted to enrollment growth on the regional campuses and centers. In order to promote enrollment growth, the St. Petersburg campus will receive 2.2 million dollars, the Lakeland campus will receive \$600,000, and the Sarasota/Manatee/New College complex will receive 1.2 million dollars. Another provision is that USF will receive approximately 5 million dollars in order to address the enrollment (FTE) over plan at the lower level. However, from its share USF shall allocate no less than 2 million dollars to the St. Petersburg-Bayboro campus.

Senator Donald Sullivan's latest strategy regarding his bill to create two additional universities was to attach an amendment to promote mathematics and science education. In addition, Senator Sullivan proposed that he would withdraw his House action and change that action to call for a study to examine the creation of two new universities providing that the President of USF and the Chancellor would agree to abide by the outcome of that study to be completed by January 2001. Interim President Peck indicated that he would agree to this, but it is not known whether or not the Chancellor or President-elect Judy Genshaft would. The study would be done by Pepsi-Co who suggested some time ago that it be conducted.

There will be no enhancement money this year, but USF will receive its share of the mandated tuition increase.

Salary increases for faculty and staff will be 2.5 percent across the board.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Senate Vacancies (Jim Vastine)

Secretary Vastine presented the following individuals who have agreed to be appointed to a one-year term of office for next year:

Florida Mental Health Institute:	Holly Hillis
College of Public Health:	Kelli McCormack Brown
College of Medicine:	Domenico Coppola Keith Pennypacker Christopher Phelps Bernd Sokolowski Gene Ness

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Drs. Coppola, Pennypacker and Ness from the College of Medicine for a one-year term of office for the 2000/2001 Academic Year. Discussion was held. The motion was unanimously passed. Further discussion was held regarding a representative from the College of Public Health. Due to the fact that Dr. McCormack Brown is currently finishing her term, it was agreed that another faculty member should be appointed to fill the vacancy for the College of Public Health. SEC members were asked to submit names of possible appointees to Secretary Vastine.

OLD BUSINESS

Sergeant-at-Arms Fredric Zerla presented a report (see attachment) on the status of the faculty recognition plaques located in the USF Room of the Library (LIB 439). A motion was made and seconded to accept his report. Discussion was held. President Binford indicated that Past President Janet Moore had brought up the issue of a location for the plaques with President-elect Genshaft during her informal meeting with the SEC. Therefore, Dr. Moore will be asked to further discuss the issue with President-elect Genshaft. Undergraduate Council Chair Ed Silbert asked who should be responsible to make sure that the plaques are kept up to date on a yearly basis. Dr. Zerla felt that it should be the responsibility of the faculty. It was agreed that Dr. Zerla will work on having the plaques updated this year, and that Dr. Moore will be asked to work on a location for the plaques. The motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parking for Emeritus/Retired Faculty

Parking Services Interim Director Terry Gordon did not attend today's meeting to discuss the proposal to eliminate free parking privileges for Emeritus and retired faculty.

2. Marshall Center Board of Advisors (Jesse Binford)

President Binford announced that the Marshall Center is looking for a faculty representative for their Board of Associates/Advisory Board. Dr. Zerla volunteered to be that representative.

OTHER

1. SEC Relationship with New President (Nancy Tyson)

Parliamentarian Tyson indicated that during their SEC meeting together Dr. Genshaft was very forthcoming about working directly with the SEC and establishing a real liaison with faculty. Dr. Genshaft has volunteered to attend the SEC and Faculty Senate meetings as much as possible. As Faculty Senate President-elect for next year, Dr. Tyson wanted to know how the SEC members felt about this and if any restrictions should be established. In addition, another meeting between the SEC members and Dr. Genshaft will be called this summer. President Binford indicated that both the outgoing and new SEC members will be invited.

2. Faculty Assistant to the University President (Jose Porteiro)

Dr. Jose Porteiro, Faculty Assistant to the President, announced that this is his last meeting with the SEC. He added that in the near future, the President's Office will be asking for candidates for next year's Faculty Assistant. Dr. Porteiro was thanked for his dedication to the Faculty Senate this past academic year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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