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SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2005

Present: Michael Barber, Larry Branch, Elizabeth Bird, Susan Greenbaum, Steve Permuth, Philip Reeder, Steve Tauber, Greg Teague, Kim Vaz, John Ward, David Williams

Provost's
Office: Renu Khator, Kofi Glover, Dwayne Smith

Faculty Senate President Susan Greenbaum called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT SUSAN GREENBAUM

There was a motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Senate Executive Committee of September 7, 2005 which was approved unanimously.

President Greenbaum stated that she would like to minimize the reports of various committees in order to expand time to discuss shared governance, strategies for implementation and presentation to the full Senate.

Janet Moore, a member of a committee developing a statement on academic integrity to be distributed to students, contacted Dr. Greenbaum to request Faculty Senate input. There is Senate representation on the committee.

President Greenbaum introduced Steve Tauber as the new parliamentarian.

President Greenbaum has been in discussion with Manny Donchin who is revitalizing the Structure Committee with Skip Pierce and some new members and some old members. There is a need to look at the structure of representation and manner in which business is done. Senator Donchin will report at the next Senate meeting.

President Greenbaum stated that there have been no volunteers to establish a newsletter. An alternative to the newsletter would be to require Senators to report Senate activities to their colleagues and bring back feedback to the Senate. There is concern that there is a connection lacking between colleagues and the Senate. The Faculty Senate should have an important role with which the faculty agrees and participates.

President Greenbaum is the Co-Chair of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee and is organizing two events. The events celebrating the anniversary begin in January. There will be an event that focuses on the Johns Committee and the role that the Johns Committee played in some unfortunate directions that the University experienced in its early years and to connect that to that to current problems with academic freedom. There will be another activity for retired faculty. She encouraged SEC members to think about events, have more faculty representation in these events.

The Board of Trustees workgroups have been reconfigured and meetings are scheduled to begin shortly. They need four nominees for the Financial workgroup. John Ward stated he would check with Carnot Nelson who was the former chair of that group.

The Community Engagement Committee met and would like to expand faculty representation.

REPORT FROM PROVOST KHATOR

Provost Khator reported on the status of the current searches. President Genshaft asked Provost Khator to head the search committee for the Vice President of Advancement. This person will be part of the capital campaign. There is a search for the Executive Director of the Patel Center and there probably will be an announcement of this early November. The search for the Dean of the College of Business is ongoing. There are applications coming in for the search for the Dean of the Graduate School. It is hoped that the position for the Dean of International Affairs will be filled by April 2006.

At the last full Faculty Senate meeting, Senator Donchin brought up the Moffitt agreement. Provost Khator has sent copies of the agreement to the two Deans as well as the two Chairs who have shared faculty with Moffitt. She agreed that Senator Donchin had a point about the faculty. Bob Chang will investigate. There are two issues: one is grants – where will they count? The second is intellectual property.

Provost Khator then reported on the Academic Affairs Council. There are vice presidents from all campuses on the Council. Someone from Health Sciences has been invited to ensure that all campuses are represented. There has been one meeting of the Council.

Provost Khator stated that it would be good to have an academic focus on the Fiftieth Anniversary and have fifty lectures to show that the university is interested in academics.

The university submitted a ten-year plan to the Board of Governors which binds the university through the 2006-2007 academic year. However, for the year

2007-2008 and beyond, it is possible to make changes and asked for advice on changing the enrollment plan. Most of the undergraduate growth will come from the other campuses. The graduate growth will be in Tampa. After 9-11, enrollment from international students has not grown substantially and masters level enrollment has suffered.

Also, the university is changing the profile of the students. There will be three more years of poor graduation rates; however, the university no longer is taking students from the bottom of their classes because they cannot keep up and drop out. There is no pressure on faculty to graduate these students.

The university has done outreach projects to minority candidates. For instance, when it became apparent who the Latino candidates were, faculty called every one of them to welcome them to the university.

New money for USF comes from new enrollment. There is no money from graduate students as they are subsidized. Masters level brings some money, but the majority of new money comes from new enrollment of undergraduate students. She asked for any advice on revisiting the enrollment plan.

A question regarding tracking students was raised. Dr. Khator responded that USF is tracking students and found that the majority are full-time students and are staying. Dr. Ward reported that two years ago, USF did a study on why students left and found that most were local admissions.

UCF's SAT scores are 80 points higher than USF's. USF will not lower standards and is working to recruit better students through improved marketing and branding. Currently identifying students in the 10th grade and not waiting until their senior year. Dr. Khator stated that USF enrolled 1,600 honors students and it will take two to three years to improve the level of students.

USF has a problem attracting out-of-state students and is working to improve that. It may be that tuition is too high; however, USF did not raise tuition this year and is eighth lowest in the United States.

The problem at the last football game was raised. There have been no statements from anyone regarding the picture in the paper of the USF alumnus being held down by four policemen for trying to go on the field after the game. Dr. Khator responded that she was at the game with a Trustee who was quite concerned. The problem is compounded due to the fact that it was Parents Weekend. The Provost and President have received many complaints; however, they are not getting positive responses from Raymond James Stadium. They are aware that this is very damaging to USF's image and needs to be addressed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

Committee on Committees (John Ward)

Dr. Ward presented the slate of nominees to fill committee vacancies. We are in the process of getting updated lists of committees and councils and will start another campaign to get committee members. Current campaign was done by email and campus mail and had higher level of participation. Committee was successful in getting participation from other campuses this way as well.

On motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously, the slate of committee members was adopted.

System Document (Steve Permeth)

Some people want the Athletic Council to rotate around campuses.

David Bell from the University of Houston will come back to meet with the committee, then it is likely that the Senate President from UH will visit. Houston has a handbook which had Faculty Senate input from the beginning. USF is developing a handbook which is going through Dr. Glover, then Dr. Smith. After Dr. Smith sees it, do not know where it goes. The Faculty Senate needs a role in developing handbook before it gets printed.

Shared Governance (Greg McColm)

The Shared Governance report was presented to the Senate Executive Committee. Dr. McColm stated that the report is description, not prescriptive; however, the report does make recommendations. The report is based on material readily collected. The Provost's office encouraged departments to submit their documents and information. Some of the documents were dated in the 1990's, so will need to be updated.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to send the Shared Governance report to the Faculty Senate.

After discussion, it was further decided that:

Procedures should be written down. The more prestigious universities have formalized procedures. Since USF wants to be #1 research university, it is time to have written documents.

On documentation: Departments should have documents. Questions on how developed, adopted and followed. Also, who approved, promulgates?

USF should have Constitution rather than addressing issues piecemeal
(use UF model?)

What is role of counsel?

It was recommended that the Shared Governance report be sent to the Faculty Senate with statement. Senators Steve Permeth and Greg McColm will work on recommendation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was duly adjourned at 5:10 pm.