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**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
April 16, 2008

Faculty Senate President Michael Barber called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The Minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

a. Recognition of Outgoing Senators and Officers (Michael Barber)

President Barber presented certificates of appreciation to the following Senators whose terms end this year:

Arts and Sciences

Daniel Belgrad  
Carolyn Eichner  
Sondra Fogel  
Vicki Gregory  
Gregory McColm  
Manuel Sosa-Ramirez

Engineering

Stephen Sadow

FMHI

Tom Massey

Marine Science

Robert Weisberg

Medicine

Alonso Mesa  
Philip Shenefelt  
Larry Solomonson

The following outgoing officers were presented plaques in recognition for their work on the Senate:

Secretary Dale Johnson, Secretary, 2006-2008  
Senator Gene Ness, Sergeant-at-Arms, 2007-2008  
Senator Sang Hie Lee, Senator-at-Large, 2007-2008  
Senator Philip Shenefelt, Committee on Committees Chair, 2007-2008  
Senator Larry Branch, Vice President, 2007-2008  
Senator Graham Tobin, Parliamentarian, 2006-2008

b. Officer Election Results (Dale Johnson)

The results of the Faculty Senate Officer Election for 2008/2009 were as follows:

- President – Laurence Branch

- Vice President – Steve Permut
- Secretary – Michael Barnett
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Arthur Shapiro
- Senator-at-Large to Executive Committee – Elizabeth Bird

Except for the President who serves a two-year term, these officers will serve a one-year term.

c. Recommendations from Committee on Committees (Philip Shenefelt)

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Philip Shenefelt reported that the following nominees for University-Wide Committees and Councils had been approved by the SEC and the COC and were hereby presented to the Faculty Senate for its approval:

**Faculty Senate Standing Committees and Councils**

Commencement and Convocation Committee

Mark Dummeldinger (BUS)

Committee on Faculty Issues

Cass Fisher (CAS)

Council on Educational Policy and Issues

Robin Ersing (CAS)

Council on Technology for Instruction and Research

Sondra Fogel (CAS)

Jennifer Lister (CAS)

Ilene Frank (LIB)

Andrew Smith (LIB)

Michael Timpson (VPA)

Rui Cheng (SAR)

Phyllis Jones (SAR)

Faculty Committee on Student Admissions

Kelli Burns (CAS)

General Education Council

Michael Gibbons (CAS)

Michael Bowen (BUS)

Ilene Frank (LIB) (split vote)

Scot Boeringer (LKLND)

Governmental Relations Committee

Kenneth Killebrew (CAS)

Library Council

Stephanie Maatta (CAS)

Christine Probes (CAS)

Research Council

Yangxin Huang (COPH)

Undergraduate Council

Ken Christiansen (ENG)

Joanne Larsen (LKLND)

Garnet Butchart (CAS)

**Nominations for Presidential Committees and Councils**

Athletics Council

Anna Marie Ippolito

William Quillen

Committee on Black Affairs

Brenda Townsend

Eric Duke

Committee on Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

J. Lynn McBrien

Women Status Committee

Marie Byrd-Blake

Martha Brown

There was a call for discussion. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve these nominations as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

d. Call for Membership Nominations for Committee on Committees (Philip Shenefelt)

COC Chair Shenefelt announced that at this time of year it is customary to solicit Senate nominees for membership on the COC. A Nomination Form was included in today's meeting package to either self-nominate or nominate another Senator for the COC. He explained that one nomination is needed from each college. If there is more than one nominee from a college, an election would be held within that college. He clarified that colleges with only one representative will automatically be on the COC. A brief statement of fifty words or less outlining "Qualifications and Goals for the Position if Elected," including a web address for the nominee's c.v. should be submitted only if an election is required. Due to the fact that COC Chair Shenefelt is serving his last term on

the Senate, a chair is also needed for the COC. Nominations should be submitted to Administrative Specialist Ann Pipkins.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Resolution in Support of USF President Signing ACUPCC

An inquiry was made as to whether or not there had been any progress on a prepared statement from President Barber on behalf of the USF Tampa Faculty Senate opposing Senate Joint Resolution 2308. President Barber responded that, although a draft response was ready, he had not heard from any of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senate Presidents as to their position on the resolution. He will keep the Senate informed as things progress.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Proposed Constitutional Amendment regarding USF St. Petersburg Faculty (Emanuel Donchin)

As chair of the Council on Educational Policy and Issues (CEPI), Senator Donchin presented the following:

Proposed Amendment to

*The Constitution of the Faculty  
of the University of South Florida*

Submitted to the Faculty Senate  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### Article II. A. Membership

*Existing Language:* “The Faculty Senate shall be composed of sixty elected members apportioned among and representing the academic colleges and the regional campuses of the University of South Florida in accordance with the apportionment criteria contained in section B of Article II and such ex officio members as stated in this section.”

*Revised to read:* The Faculty Senate shall be composed of sixty elected members apportioned among and representing the academic colleges and the regional campuses of the University of South Florida in accordance with the apportionment criteria contained in section B of Article II and such ex officio members as stated in this section. For the purpose of this document, the term "regional campus" refers to a member campus of the USF system which is:

- (a) A separately administered campus geographically located away from Tampa,

(b) Wherein the Tampa campus is responsible for the accreditation (including SACS and professional) and academic quality of that campus, including program approval, faculty recruitment and evaluation.

Any entity governed by its own Academic Senate, and reporting directly to the President of USF, will not be considered a "regional campus" within the context of this document."

Rationale:

A separately accredited campus (e.g. USF St. Petersburg) is required by their regional accreditors to have their own academic governance. Therefore, a separately accredited campus should not have representatives on the USF Faculty Senate. The above amendment will make that distinction by defining "regional campus" for the purposes of USF Faculty Senate membership.

The SEC discussed and approved this proposed amendment. The four seats on the Senate currently assigned to St. Petersburg campus would be reapportioned into the other colleges. A motion was made by Senator Donchin on behalf of CEPI that this amendment to the Constitution be adopted. The motion was seconded and discussion was held. President Barber confirmed that there is a communication link established between the Tampa campus, the St. Petersburg Faculty Senate president, and faculty council chairs from the Sarasota and Lakeland campuses. A suggestion was made that in view of the fact that there are representatives from Lakeland and Sarasota, it would be beneficial for a liaison from St. Petersburg to attend USF Tampa Faculty Senate meetings and vice versa for the purpose of sharing information, both collegially and collectively. No action was taken on this suggestion. There was a call to question. The vote to approve this proposed amendment to the Constitution passed.

b. Task Force to Review the Administrative Structure of the University (Steve Permuth)

Senator Permuth thanked President Barber for his assistance during the transition and his past leadership. On behalf of President-elect Larry Branch and himself, Senator Permuth presented and discussed the following resolution:

Resolution to Create a Task Force to Review the Administrative Structure of the University of South Florida

The Faculty Senate will establish the Faculty Senate Task Force to Review the Administrative Structure of the University of South Florida. The Task Force will make recommendations to President Genshaft regarding possible efficiencies and cost savings through restructuring, reduction, elimination and/or redirection. Evaluation may focus on the same criteria as program review (i.e., centrality, excellence and impact, demand and viability).

The Task Force will consist of five senators (appointed by President-elect Branch), including the Chair of the Committee, and five administrators (appointed by President Genshaft) and as many former Faculty Senate Presidents as would volunteer to serve.

In charging this Committee, the Faculty Senate requests that President Genshaft provide the Task Force with staff support and full access to information to fulfill its charge.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed resolution. The floor was opened for discussion with the following concerns and suggestions:

- One of the first activities of this task force should be to develop a set of relevant criteria that asks for clarification of overhead.
- Reiteration was given that the criteria (centrality, excellence and impact, demand and viability) listed in the last sentence of the first paragraph are standards for assessing the administrative structure.
- Intended time to begin review process is the Fall Semester.
- At this point in time, it is important to begin the process and work out the details as they develop.
- A suggestion was made to increase the transparency within this process.
- The process should include USF Health. The results could be used to change the structure between USF Health and the Tampa campus.

There was a call to question. The motion to adopt the resolution as written with no substantial modifications to establish the Faculty Senate Task Force to Review the Administrative Structure of USF was passed with 1 nay and 2 abstentions.

c. Resolution in Support of USF President Signing ACUPCC – Michael Barnett

Senator Barnett provided the following resolution and information regarding the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC):

Resolution in Support of USF President Signing ACUPCC

*Whereas:*

- The University of South Florida envisions itself as a pre-eminent research university with state, national and global impact (see Vision Statement, Strategic Plan, 2007-2012, *Transforming Higher Education for Global Innovation*);

- As Florida's leading metropolitan research university, USF is dedicated to excellence in student access and success in an engaged and interdisciplinary, learner-centered environment; research and scientific discovery, including the generation, dissemination, and translation of new knowledge across disciplines; to strengthen the economy; to promote civic culture and the arts; and to design and build sustainable, healthy communities, and embracing innovation, and supporting scholarly and artistic engagement to build a community of learners together with

significant and sustainable university-community partnerships and collaborations (see Mission Statement, Strategic Plan, 2007-2012);

*And:*

- Reversing global warming is the defining challenge of the 21st century. We face a crisis that threatens society's very viability. Eliminating this threat successfully will mean transforming our economy, our institutions, our daily lives within a generation, a challenge of massive proportion. Higher Education has a unique role in America. It has been granted tax-free status, the ability to receive public and private funds, and academic freedom, in exchange for educating students and producing the knowledge that will result in a thriving civil society. For these reasons, Higher Education has a moral and social responsibility to rise to this challenge (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org>);

- Leading society in this effort fits squarely into the educational, research, and public service missions of Higher Education. No other institution in society has the influence, the critical mass and the diversity of skills needed to successfully reverse global warming. Tomorrow's architects, engineers, attorneys, business leaders, scientists, urban planners, policy analysts, cultural and spiritual leaders, journalists, advocates, activists, and politicians—more than 17 million of them—are currently attending the more than 4,000 institutions of higher learning in the United States. They will need new knowledge and skills that only Higher Education can provide on a broad scale (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org>);

- Like other great societal challenges, such as the Marshall Plan, the Apollo project, and the attempt to eradicate cancer, the effort to re-stabilize the earth's climate will take great vision, research, and leadership of society by Higher Education. Presidents and chancellors are leading this effort because they can best establish the moral leadership and strategic direction that is needed to address this challenge. Moreover, only they can convene all parts of a college or university to address the education, research and operational changes needed by Higher Education. As the leaders of the primary intellectual sector of society, the presidents and chancellors are also calling on all of society to deal with climate disruption and declaring that Higher Education is ready and able to take on the challenge of finding solutions for the well-being of everyone (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org>);

- More than 500 college and university presidents, including most, and perhaps as of today's date, those at all other Florida public universities, are signatories;

**Be it resolved that the USF Faculty Senate endorses President Genshaft's signing of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and encourages faculty to take the actions necessary to realize the goals associated with this Commitment.**

- President Genshaft joined the commitment of more than 500 universities in their fight against global warming when she signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.
- This Commitment is written to reduce the environmental impact of global warming in campuses over time and head toward carbon neutrality.

Professor Sharon Hanna-West, Exide Distinguished Lecturer of Ethics and Sustainability at the USF College of Business, presented information on the historic, environmental commitment. She pointed out that now that USF has signed the ACUPCC, the next step is to initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality. Dr. Linda Whiteford, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, is the point person for sustainability and will be overseeing the creation of a steering committee comprised of faculty, staff and students.

At this time, President Barber read the following statement from the resolution: “Be it resolved that the USF Faculty Senate endorses President Genshaft’s signing of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and encourages faculty to take the actions necessary to realize the goals with this Commitment.” A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution in Support of USF’s President Signing of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

## **ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR**

With the impending budget situation and the anticipation the budget will be finalized by the end of May, discussion was held as to whether or not the Faculty Senate should meet during the summer. There was consensus to hold a Senate meeting on the third Wednesday in May. A memorandum from President Barber will be sent out once the meeting has been confirmed.

## **REPORT FROM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT**

President Genshaft thanked the out-going officers for their work and welcomed the newly elected officers.

The following information was presented:

- Information was shared from the Sustainability Conference and her commitment to fight against global warming.
- Input is needed whether or not to set up an office within the administration for ACUPCC.
- Executive Vice President Carl Carlucci will be leaving USF to start his new position at the University of Houston May 1, 2008. Associate Vice President Trudie Frecker will be acting Executive Vice President. At the recommendation of consultant Dr. Stephen Portch, two consultants have been hired to review and make recommendations on the overall organizational structure of USF. They will be on campus May 5 and 6, 2008. President Genshaft would like for several Senators to meet with the consultants. A search committee will be created to review the recommendations and anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact Faculty Senate President Barber.
- The Legislature has allocated 90 million dollars for Centers of Excellence. USF has received high rankings on two of its proposals.
- USF received 6 million dollars from Hillsborough County to strengthen its interdisciplinary research park by working through the colleges to bring in corporations that will collaborate with USF.

- The Florida State Senate passed legislation that the Johnnie B. Byrd Sr. Alzheimer's Research Center should be set up as an institute within USF.

## **REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX**

Provost Wilcox extended his appreciation to Faculty Senate President Barber and Vice President Larry Branch and all Senators who have served with distinction this year. Their hard work has been appreciated.

Graduation ceremonies will be taking place on May 2 and 3. This has been the best retention rate USF has ever had with approximately 10,000 degrees awarded this year.

The Provost acknowledged those colleges in Academic Affairs that have been recognized among the top 50 in the nation by the US News and World Report.

Achievements of faculty colleagues were recognized: Kevin Yelvington, Associate Professor of Anthropology is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellow. Assistant Professor Noel Schiller, College of Visual and Performing Arts, has been named a Getty Postdoctoral Fellow. In addition, that college also announced three of its faculty will be recipients of a Fulbright Fellow: Michael Foley, Kerry Glamsch, and Michael Timpson.

The Task Force on Faculty Roles, Responsibilities, and Rewards will commence its work in the fall semester. A steering committee consisting of fifteen members has been created to work on the charge, timeline and membership of a larger task force that will address issues related to faculty roles, responsibilities and rewards at USF. Thirteen members of the steering committee are faculty, and it will be chaired by Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith and Associate Provost Kofi Glover. The majority of the thirteen members are Senators, with representatives from all colleges to ensure that there is both demographic and disciplinary diversity.

The third and final budget reduction conversation will take place on Thursday, April 17. The focus will be on professional colleges, schools and programs across the university. Input will be accepted throughout the coming weeks.

Senator Gregory McColm asked that since the restructuring will have profound academic affects on the university and as the Senate is to provide counsel and direction on academic issues, does the Senate have a particular role during the decision-making process. The Provost responded that by the time of the May 21<sup>st</sup> Faculty Senate meeting the plans for prospective realignment/budget reductions will become much clearer. He anticipated that at that time he will be able to return with a clearer indication of what direction USF might be moving in and for what reason.

## **REPORT FROM STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE – NICOLE RANDAZZO**

Ms. Randazzo reported on the following Student Government activities for the spring semester:

The third safety Night Walk was held on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Several faculty, as well as administrators, participated. The purpose of these walks is to look for areas that may be potential safety concerns. Student Government works closely with the Office of Public Safety on making the campus a safer environment.

There has been a switch-over to a new electronic mail provider for students. It is extremely fast and more reliable. Chief Technology Officer Michael Pierce was helpful in getting this accomplished.

Blackboard has been upgraded with the increased capacity to hold and process information faster.

Student Government Outreach Program held a forum to solicit concerns from students. In addition, town hall meetings are taking place. Any Senator who would like to be on the board to answer student questions pertaining to what is happening on campus, changes taking place, etc., please contact Ms. Randazzo.

Student Government has new leadership: President Gregory Morgan, Vice President Thomas King, Jr., Pro Tempore Jerry Trotter. The new Executive Branch is hiring and if Senators have any students interested, they should contact the Student Government Office.

An invitation was extended to the Senators to attend a presentation on the "Importance of Social Sciences at USF" to be held on May 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m., in the Marshall Center Campus View East.

#### **REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT SHERMAN DORN**

UFF President Dorn reiterated that the State Legislature needs to understand why there should be a coherent governance system. He encouraged Senators to write letters to encourage this action.

It is important that the administration provides written, binding commitments to tenure track faculty.

#### **REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT MICHAEL BARBER**

A Faculty Senate meeting will be scheduled for May 21, 2008. It was suggested that this meeting be reserved exclusively for discussion of the budget proposal. However, Senate President Barber would accept items so that an agenda can be formulated if appropriate.

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.