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1. Call to Order

2. Approval of January 23, 2013 Minutes

3. Reports by Officers and Council Chairs
   a. Update on Recruitment for Faculty Senate Councils – Ellis Blanton (5 minutes)
   b. Senate Election Process – Gail Donaldson (5 minutes)
   c. Recommendations from Honors and Awards Council: Honorary Degrees and Kosove Awards – Marzenna Wiranowska (15 minutes)  A*

4. Old Business
   a. Online Student Ratings of Instruction: Pilot and Planning – Stephen RiCharde, Marvin Moore, Wendy Nembhard (20 minutes)  D+
   b. Tenure & Promotion Policy Committee – Ralph Wilcox, Gregory Teague (20 minutes)  D

5. New Business
   a. Strategic Admissions Initiatives - Paul Dosal (20 minutes)

6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (10 minutes)

7. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (10 minutes)

8. Report from Faculty Senate President and USF System Faculty Council Gregory Teague (5 minutes)

9. Other Business from the floor (5 minutes)

10. Adjourn - Next scheduled meeting – March 20, 2013

*A = Action Item
+D = Discussion
Faculty Senate President Gregory Teague called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2013, were unanimously approved as written.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Update on Recruitment for Faculty Senate Councils – Ellis Blanton

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton announced that nominations are currently being accepted to fill vacancies on Faculty Senate councils. Although there are approximately eighty vacancies, only ten nominations have been received. Solicitation notices have been sent to deans, department chairs, and governance council chairs in addition to the university community. Chair Blanton distributed copies of the vacancy list by college and strongly encouraged Senators to take back the message to their respective colleges that without representation on the councils, they have no voice in faculty governance. The deadline for submission of nominations will be moved back to allow more faculty to apply for vacancies.

Chair Blanton also announced that COC representation is needed from the following colleges: Behavioral and Community Sciences, The Arts, Education, Engineering, Medicine, and Public Health. Interested Senators should contact either him or Ms. Pipkins (apipkins@usf.edu).

b. Senate Election Process – Gail Donaldson

Secretary Donaldson announced that due to the low number of Senate nominations received there will be no elections, and the deadline for submission of nominations has been extended to March 8. Nominations will be accepted until vacancies are filled. She proposed that the Senate Executive Committee discuss ways in which to increase nominations in the future. New Senators will be invited to the March 20 Faculty Senate meeting at which time officer nominations will be announced.

c. Recommendations from Honors and Awards Council: Honorary Degrees and Kosove Awards – Marzenna Wiranowska

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair Wiranowska presented two recommendations for honorary degrees: Ms. Rhea F. Law and Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton. Ms. Law’s nomination for an Honorary Doctor of Medicine came to the Faculty Senate from the HAC with a motion to approve. There being no discussion or objections the motion unanimously passed. The second nomination was an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for Ms. Clinton which came to the Faculty Senate from the HAC with a motion to approve. There was no discussion held and no objections. The motion
unanimously passed. Both nominations will be forwarded to President Judy Genshaft for review and action.

Before presenting the recommendations for the Kosove Distinguished Awards (graduate and undergraduate teaching and service), Chair Wiranowska recognized members of the HAC for their hard work on streamlining the guidelines for these new awards, and the Senate Executive Committee for its feedback on the guidelines and process. Senator Heather Agazzi was commended for bringing the wishes of the Kosove family to the attention of the HAC, thereby starting the process for establishing these awards. Mr. Danny Cooper, Associate Director of the Alumni Association was thanked for his valuable input to the HAC.

On behalf of the HAC, a motion was brought to the Faculty Senate that Professor Henry Mushinsky’s nomination for the Kosove Distinguished Graduate Teaching and Service Award be approved. There being no discussion or objections, the motion unanimously passed. The second motion brought to the Faculty Senate from the HAC was to approve the nomination of Professor Autar Kaw for the Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award. There was no discussion or objections and the motion unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Online Student Ratings of Instruction: Pilot and Planning – Stephen RiCharde, Marvin Moore, Wendy Nembhard

As chair of the ad hoc committee, Senator Nembhard gave an overview and brief history of the work accomplished since the inception of the online student ratings of instruction during 2012. In addition, a summary of the committee’s charge and a summary of activities were presented. Senator Nembhard and Dr. RiCharde emphasized that the eight items used currently for course evaluations will be reviewed after final results of implementation have been completed. At that time, the committee will make recommendations concerning the revision, replacement or addition of items to the instrument. Faculty will determine what items will be changed, not the committee. Further information on this presentation is available on the Faculty Senate web site at: http://web.usf.edu/FacultySenate/ay1213/meetings/index.php?fpp=10&did=0-4.

b. Tenure & Promotion Policy Committee – Ralph Wilcox and Gregory Teague

Provost Wilcox gave an overview of the rationale behind the tenure & promotion process which has not been reviewed or modified for fifteen years. A USF Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Review and Revision of Tenure & Promotion Guidelines has been created which consists of thirteen members, nine of which are Senators, and the remaining four of which are ex-officio members. President Teague is chair of the committee. The charge of the committee is to frame a proposed tenure & promotion policy for presentation at the first Faculty Senate meeting of the Fall 2013 semester.
Provost Wilcox pointed out that this policy would apply only to USF Tampa and USF Health at this time.

President Teague commented that the committee’s goal is to bring the tenure and promotion guidelines/policy into the Twenty-first Century by aligning it with the expectations and aspirations of the Strategic Plan and ensuring that faculty recognize value and reward those elements of the Strategic Plan. The Provost added that the process should look carefully at faculty service and the notion of engagement such as the value of enhancing global literacy.

At this time, an open dialogue took place concerning issues related to the updating of tenure guidelines. The issues touched on included younger faculty are not encouraged to participate in interdisciplinary work, providing an optimal environment within which faculty can work, and consistency versus individuality of colleges.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic Admissions Initiatives – Paul Dosal

As Vice Provost for Student Success, Dr. Dosal presented the highlights of the 5 year strategic enrollment objectives which align with, and support, the Strategic Plan. In an effort to reduce the time it takes for making decisions, graduate admissions has been integrated with the Undergraduate Admissions Office and is now called the Office of Admissions. All admissions – undergraduate, graduate, and international – are now in one location with all directors reporting to J. Robert Spatig, Assistant Vice President of Admissions, Recruitment and Enrollment Planning. Dr. Dosal’s presentation is available on the Faculty Senate web site at: http://web.usf.edu/FacultySenate/ay1213/meetings/index.php?fpp=10&did=0-4.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

Tuesday, February 19 was “USF Day at the Capital” which was attended by approximately 75 students along with President Genshaft. The points stressed by the students to the Legislators, House and Senate members were: (1) budget restoration, (2) investment in state-wide online education, and (3) provision of in-state tuition for veterans. In addition, capital issues such as PECO were on the President’s list of items to be brought before the groups. Due to the success of the event, it was recommended to hold USF Day early each year before the Legislative session begins.

President Genshaft commented on the issue of which big universities are “pre-eminent” and as a result may get favorable financial treatment. According to AAU markers, USF is #2 in the state with UF at #1.
REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox distributed a handout titled “Emerging Federal and/or State Disclosure Regarding Undergraduate Programs” which is the basis for all the attention being given to reporting structures. It is expected that such reporting will also eventually be required for graduate programs. The Provost reiterated the issue of odd-credit classes being delivered at USF that are not consistent with the level of credit offered at other institutions; for example, 4-hour courses at USF vs. equivalent 3-hour courses elsewhere. Deans are being asked to assess these courses which lead to students taking an excess of hours. Course schedules are also affected and causes a prolonged step to graduation. It raises the question if this is operating in the best interest of students.

USF is moving toward establishing a policy that upon filing for graduation, students will be required to complete an exit survey. Nielsen is working with USF to look at a snapshot of graduates, as well as doing a longitudinal affinity study.

REPORT FROM USF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT AND USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT GREGORY TEAGUE

President Teague’s report consisted of the following items:

Faculty Senate
• Information on new parking permit fees was included in the materials for today’s meeting. The decision to go to a two-tiered rate based upon income level was a recommendation made by the Senate Executive Committee. More work on this will take place in the form of discussions for future recommendations.

• All of the follow-up items listed in the Addendum to the minutes have been completed and will be deleted.

System Faculty Council
• The Council discussed the transfer issue within institution and across institutions, i.e., how many credits count and which ones.

• Continuing discussion will take place of what kinds of documents are available that define and describe System functions and relationships.

President Teague thanked the Senators for indulging the process of trying to keep to an agenda. He asked that they provide any feedback to him.

Upcoming Items:
• An update from Michael Pearce, University College.

• More on the new budget process from the committees before the year is out.
• Report from Graham Tobin on some of the details of the performance measurement process that underlies the Strategic Plan work.

• Updates on the T&P revision process; any new information about SACS and the General Education process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.