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**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

October 7, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Student Services (SVC) 5012

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda (5 minutes)
2. Approval of Minutes from September 2, 2015 Meeting (2 minutes)
3. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (45 minutes)
  - a. Honorary Degree Recommendations – Melanie Griffin
  - b. Council Recommendations – Ellis Blanton
  - c. Library Council Charge Revisions – Ellis Blanton/Jenifer Schneider
  - d. Nomination Processes and Term Limits – Phil Levy
  - e. Other Council Initiatives
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - a. Huron Report Update – Phil Levy (20 minutes)
  - b. Online Course Review Committee Report (20 minutes)
6. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (20 minutes)
7. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Greg Teague (5 minutes)
8. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)
9. Adjourn - Next Scheduled Meeting – November 3, 2015

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**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

October 7, 2015

Present: Ellis Blanton, Tim Boaz, Melanie Griffin, Russell Kirby, Matthew Knight, Phil Levy, Ivan Oleynik, Judith Ponticell, Scott Rimbey, Drew Smith, Greg Teague, Michael Teng

Provost's Office: Paul Dosal, Dwayne Smith

Guests: Nancy Cunningham, Claudia Dold

President Levy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written from the September 2 meeting.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

a. Honorary Degree Recommendations – Melanie Griffin

As chair of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Melanie presented the following honorary degree candidates for review and consideration by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC): Mr. Tod Leiweke – Mr. Leiweke's nomination was submitted to the HAC by Dr. William Sutton on behalf of the Department of Sport & Entertainment Management/Marketing, Muma College of Business. He was recommended to receive an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business. Dr. Eric Jacobsen – Dr. Dean Martin submitted Dr. Jacobsen's nomination on behalf of the Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Jacobsen was recommended to receive an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science. Both nominations came to the SEC from the HAC with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion to approve the nominations unanimously passed. The recommendations will appear on the October agenda for the Faculty Senate as an action item.

b. Report from Council on Faculty Issues (CFI) – Ellis Blanton

On behalf of Steve Permuth, Chair of the Council on Faculty issues, COC Chair Blanton reported there will be two items to discuss at the November SEC meeting: (1) early retirement and (2) parking.

c. Council Recommendations from Committee on Committees (COC) – Ellis Blanton

Ellis presented twenty-nine council recommendations vetted by the COC and came to the SEC with a motion to approve. He clarified that there are still council vacancies. Except for the Faculty Council on Student Admissions (FCSA), all councils have chairs. Discussion was held as to whether or not the FCSA was still functioning with only four members. Ellis will meet with the council members and the administrators

involved with the council to get their perspectives. He will provide an update on the FCSA at the November meeting.

At this time, discussion was held on disbanding councils that have either outlived their usefulness or meaningfulness. Referring to the Bylaws, Parliamentarian Drew Smith confirmed that it was within the purview of the COC to recommend that a council be disbanded. Phil commented that it may be time to rethink the functionality and structure of some of the councils. Greg cautioned that the appropriate presence of faculty voice needs to be retained in the process of review. There was a call for a vote on the council recommendations. The motion to approve the twenty-nine nominations unanimously passed. The nominees will be notified that they have been conditionally appointed and can start to attend council meetings. The list of recommendations will be presented to the Faculty Senate at its October meeting as an action item.

d. Library Council Charge Revisions – Ellis Blanton, Claudia Dold

Ellis explained that the proposed changes to the Library Council (LC) charge updated the new responsibilities and obligations of the council. The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

Drew expressed concern that the proposed revisions remove anything relating to the Shimberg Health Sciences Library and do not indicate that the Council has any way to provide input to the Shimberg Director. As a member of the Library Council, Claudia responded that it was a change in terminology, and she could not answer Drew's concern.

The discussion turned to the sharing of resources by the libraries at all the institutions and whether or not there was anything in the charge that could be considered a System function. Greg, in his role as USF System Faculty Council (SFC) President, suggested that the proposed council charges be presented to the SFC at its October meeting to discuss any overlaps. There being no further discussion, approval of the proposed charge updates was tabled until after they have been discussed by the SFC.

e. Nomination Processes and Term Limits

Ivan Oleynik, Chair of the USF System Research Council (RC), expressed concern that the number of council vacancies creates a problem with conducting business and recommended that consideration be given to appointing people earlier. The RC, in particular, has stated in its charge that members cannot serve two consecutive terms which can make for an imbalanced council membership. Discussion was held on how to expedite filling the gap between the spring and fall semesters. It was agreed that the SEC would digitally approve the list of fall nominees by its September meeting. Once approved by the SEC, those nominees would be notified that they are conditionally appointed with final approval to come from the Faculty Senate two weeks later. In the meantime, they can attend council meetings. Using this process would help fill the vacancies that were not filled during the spring semester. It was also discussed that late nominations received in the fall could be processed for one year terms with the option for

the nominee to apply for a full term the following year. However, it was pointed out that the bigger problem is the lack of participation. Senator-at-Large Boaz commented that it seems to be a marketing issue, and suggested that the COC members could emphasize vacancies within their own colleges. The use of social media systems was also suggested to address communication concerns.

It was recommended to Ivan that the RC remove from its charge the three-year restriction on term limits with the goal of working on rotation. Clarifying language will be prepared for consideration by the SEC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Huron Report Update – Phil Levy

Dr. Paul Sanberg, Vice President for Research & Innovation, will attend the November Faculty Senate meeting to address research areas of interest and concern. Phil, Ivan, Mike, and Greg will work as a subcommittee of the SEC to discuss questions to help direct the presentation. The results of the subcommittee will be presented at the November SEC meeting.

President Genshaft will have the Huron final report posted on her website.

b. Update to CAS/SIGS Reorganizational Proposal – Phil Levy

Dean Eric Eisenberg informed Phil that the Department of Psychology will be moved into the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. This update was discussed. Although it seems a straightforward change, the question should be asked how this move affects the structure (in keeping with the spirit of policy #10-055). Dean Eisenberg will be asked to provide, for the October Faculty Senate meeting, the appropriate documentation that all department chairs are agreeable to this change after which it will be presented to the SFC at its October meeting.

c. On-line Course Evaluation Review Committee Report – Phil Levy

The committee is reviewing a report which will be shared with the SEC and Senate when the information is ready.

## **REPORT FROM SENIOR VICE PROVOST DWAYNE SMITH**

Dr. Smith's report consisted of the following items:

- The USF System academic calendar has been restructured to accommodate two reading days on the last Thursday and Friday before final exams of the 2016 spring semester.
- USF is concerned about its ranking and is looking into ways to improve it. To bring the SEC up-to-date on the process, someone will attend a meeting to give a brief presentation.

- A non-USF group called Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) has demanded that the university remove the name of C.W. Bill Young from the ROTC building due to his involvement with the Johns Committee in 1964. SDS has also demanded that USF disengage from the ROTC programs. At this time, the university does not plan to make any of these changes.

### **REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG TEAGUE**

President Teague reported the following:

- The Advisory Council of Faculty Senates discussed an on-line education strategic plan commissioned by the Board of Governors for which a report will go forward.
- The RCM governance committee has recommended there be a governance group (to include faculty) to advise on the tweaking of the model over time. There is general agreement that when USF changes to the new system next year, the structure around decision- making will be new but the change to a new model should not have adverse effects.
- The Senate may want to consider how to engage shared governance at the college level by pulling together the faculty council leaderships within the colleges. This would provide an avenue to talk about how to get the word out and educate faculty on how to use the model.

### **OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Secretary Matt Knight announced that the library has created an Ithaka survey to gather hard data for future decisions. The link has been sent to faculty encouraging them to fill out the survey.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.