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USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
December 2, 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 November 3, 2015 Meeting (2 minutes) (action item)

3. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (30 minutes)
   a. Council Recommendations/Update – Ellis Blanton (action item)
   b. Honors & Awards Council Update – Melanie Griffin (action item)
   c. Other Council Initiatives

4. Old Business
   a. Update on Self-Authored Textbook Draft Policy – Phil Levy

5. New Business

6. Report from Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith (20 minutes)

7. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Greg Teague (10 minutes)

8. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

President Phil Levy called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the minutes from the November 3 meeting as written.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS


On behalf of the Committee on Committees (COC), Chair Blanton presented two nominations for the General Education Council. The nominations came with a motion to approve. No discussion was held. The motion unanimously passed.

b. Honors and Awards Council Update – Melanie Griffin

Chair Griffin explained that the Honors and Awards Council (HAC) has created a list of FAQs to assist its members to become more familiar with the nomination/application process conducted by the council. The list consists of such items as deadlines, forms, and council operations. The HAC is looking for a clearinghouse and would like to have the list placed on the Faculty Senate web site so that it is branded properly. Discussion was held. It was clarified that the site would be for informational purposes only with links provided to council minutes and roster. A motion was made that the SEC endorses the idea of creating this web page, and that it will have an opportunity to see what it looks like before it goes live. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

c. Report from USF System Research Council (RC) – Ivan Oleynik

Chair Oleynik reported that the RC will not be reviewing the USF internal award proposals as the program will not be run by the USF Office of Research and Innovation after July 1, 2016. Instead, the internal awards program will be administered by individual colleges. This information was received from Vice President Paul Sanberg after a meeting of the SEC sub-committee (Greg Teague, Phil Levy and Mike Teng) with him on November 9. The SEC discussed what will be the role of the RC as parallel operations occur; i.e., the creation of the Research Advisory Council in response to the Huron recommendations. SFC President Teague commented that he will take the issue to
the RCM Management Planning Committee. Suggestions that emerged from the discussion included: (1) Itemize the responsibilities of the RC and present them to Vice President Sanberg with the question of what will happen to the RC; (2) find out how the RC will be involved in an advisory role; that is, how will the RC integrate with councils created by Vice President Sanberg? SFC President Teague suggested that models be presented showing how the RC can allocate resources, and propose to have a collective agreement among the colleges that some percentage would be allocated to the RC to award. President Levy emphasized the need to ensure faculty involvement. In summary, it was agreed that the principles of the RC should be presented to Vice President Sanberg and ask him how they can be maintained.

d. Council on Educational Policy and Issues (CEPI) – Judith Ponticell

Chair Ponticell reported that CEPI is: (1) revising its operating procedures, and (2) conducting a policy study on trigger warnings. In addition, due to possible funding issues, the council has asked that the deadline be extended beyond December 23 for submitting comments on proposed USF System Policy 10-506-Captioning and Access of Media. Discussion was held on trigger warnings, and President Levy recommended it as a discussion item on the Senate floor.

e. Council on Faculty Issues (CFI) – Steve Permuth

CFI Chair Permuth reported the following council activities: (1) Faculty feel like they are not being treated fairly (given additional teaching responsibilities, etc.). More information is needed and a follow-up will be provided in January. (2) Determining what, if anything, needs to be done with the Emeritus faculty policy. (3) Looking at exit interviews to find out if anything can be learned from them. (4) There is the normal concern about faculty having difficulty finding parking spaces.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Self-Authored Textbook Draft Policy – Phil Levy

President Levy previewed the policy as an informational item only for the SEC. The draft policy is being reviewed by members of the USF System Faculty Council, and it will be on its January agenda. President Levy will disseminate a copy of the draft policy to SEC members.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy 10-055 Concern – Phil Levy

The Electrical and Engineering Department is proposing to change its name to the Electrical and Systems Engineering Department. President Levy received an inquiry as to whether the changing of the department’s name needed approval from the Faculty Senate under policy 10-055 (proposed changes in academic units). Discussion was held.
The SEC agreed that changing the name of a department is not a 10-055 issue, but the department needs to be sure that the change reflects faculty input.

REPORT FROM SENIOR VICE PROVOST DWAYNE SMITH

Before proceeding with his report, Dr. Smith thanked the SEC for allowing him to discuss campus safety with them at their November meeting. The memorandum, which incorporated recommendations from the SEC, was sent to all faculty on November 6th. As a result of the “balloon popping” incident, emergency instructions will be installed in all classrooms, and a cost analysis will be conducted to have classroom doors that can be locked from the inside.

Dr. Smith then provided background information on the expulsion of a student from campus as an informational item only.

On behalf of the Office of the Provost, President Levy was thanked for his service on the Senate during this past year.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG TEAGUE

President Teague’s report consisted of the following items:

• As reported by President Levy, a draft textbook policy will be considered by the SFC at its January meeting. The plan is to move it forward.
• A draft statement on campus safety will be crafted to capture the essence of the complexity of the situation.
• It was determined that revised language would clarify the Library Council as a Tampa, and not a System, entity.

Discussion was held at today’s meeting as to whether or not there were any functions of the Library Council that cross over as a System function that does not come under the preview of that council, such as shared data bases and e-resources. After receiving feedback on this issue from 3 members of the SEC who are librarians, Dr. Teague agreed that it is a non-issue and the proposed changes to the Library Council charge should move forward.

• Themes that emerged from the Bullish retreat included USF’s overarching goals and principles such as unparalleled student success, engagement to get Tampa recognized internationally, and solve major world problem(s). These resonate strongly with USF’s first 3 strategic goals.
• RCM development process is proceeding and a model will emerge in the Spring semester.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Interim President Teng will be sending out a memorandum asking for nominations for Vice President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.