FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 7, 2009

Present:  Michael Barber, Michael Barnett, Elizabeth Bird, Ellis Blanton, Laurence Branch, Kenneth Cissna, Emanuel Donchin, Grandon Gill, Susan Greenbaum, Michael LeVan, Steve Permuth, Christine Probes, Arthur Shapiro, James Strange, Paul Terry

Provost Office: Ralph Wilcox

Guest: Dave Armitage, Gregory Teague

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Branch called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The Minutes from the meeting of December 3, 2008, were approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from Chair of Task Force on Faculty Roles, Responsibilities and Rewards (TFFRRR) – Gregory Teague

As chair of the TFFRRR, Dr. Teague provided to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) the charge, a roster of members and workgroups, a progress overview through December 17, 2008, and a copy of the introductory slide set used on December 1, 2008, when the committee was expanded to a task force. The general charge of the task force is how does the University of South Florida (USF) get to AAU? Dr. Teague clarified that the primary focus was only on the Tampa campus. His purpose for being at today’s meeting was to provide a courtesy briefing of the activities of the TFFRRR to the SEC/Faculty Senate as being one of the appropriate groups on this campus with which the task force is working.

b. Administrative Appointments

This portion of the meeting was a closed session.

c. Committee Oversight – Michael Barnett

Secretary Barnett would like to discuss at a future meeting the structure and ownership of the committees that report to the Faculty Senate.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Faculty Senate Elections – Michael Barnett
Secretary Barnett presented the following documents pertaining to the 2009-2010 elections: Faculty Senate 2009/2010 Senate Election Schedule, 2009/2010 Voting Units and Apportionment, and Nomination Form for USF Faculty Senate 2009/2010 Election. A motion was made and seconded to accept these documents. The motion was unanimously passed. They will be forwarded to the full Senate for review and approval at its January 21, 2009 meeting.

b. Proposed Charge Revisions for Athletics Council – Ellis Blanton

As chair of the Committee on Committees (COC), Senator Blanton presented a proposed revision of the charge for the Athletics Council. He explained that the proposed changes are intended to bring the work of the Athletics Council more in line with the expectations of the NCAA. As the requirements to maintain NCAA certification have evolved, there is a need for more involvement of the faculty and others in participation in a number of detailed areas that are outlined in the three major areas of the charge. The work of the Council will be organized primarily in three subcommittees that will work with the athletics staff, with each of the subcommittees having at least one student, one staff member, one administrator, and three faculty members. The proposed changes in the membership would accomplish this task. The proposed charge changes came to the SEC from the COC with a seconded motion to accept. The motion was unanimously passed. The proposed revision of the charge for the Athletics Council will be presented to the full Senate for consideration at its January 21, 2009 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding – Larry Branch

President Branch distributed a revised copy of a “Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Principles, Guidelines, and Procedures for Major Organizational Restructuring of Academic Units at the University of South Florida.” Minor revisions were made based upon feedback from the SEC. President Branch pointed out that because he plans to start a parallel process with Vice President of Health Stephen Klasko, his signature block has been removed from this version of the MOU. When asked if he will sign the MOU at the January 21st Faculty Senate meeting, the Provost replied that he would consider the idea. As he stated before, he wanted give department chairs and deans the opportunity to provide feedback. Thus far, the deans have been allowed to provide input; chairs will be able to do so in the near future.

REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox’s report consisted of:

- The distribution and review of the Spring 2009 Day One Enrollment Profile which reflects enrollment as of the first day of classes. Subsequent reports will be distributed which will reflect final enrollment numbers.
• The announcement that Congress has embarked on a federal academic stimulus package which would increase research funding to the National Science Foundation and Pell Grants. If it passes, the State of Florida could be the recipient of economic stimulus funds for construction and higher education. He will keep the SEC informed as this process moves along which will happen quickly if it passes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
1. Committee on Faculty Issues, along with CEPI Chair Donchin, to re-examine Emeritus policy (09/03/08 SEC meeting).

3. Formal procedures for creating a logo (09/03/08 SEC meeting).

4. E-mail to be forwarded to SEC from President Branch regarding student evaluations of faculty available on-line (09/03/08 SEC meeting).

5. Role of adjuncts at a research university to be pursued by CEPI (10/01/08 SEC meeting).

6. Status of graduate teaching awards from Graduate Council (10/01/08 SEC meeting).

7. Investigation by CEPI why the Patel Charter School was transferred back to the Hillsborough County School District (10/29/08; 12/03/08 SEC meetings).

8. Future discussion of the structure and ownership of the committees that report to the Faculty Senate (01/07/09 SEC meeting).
ADDENDUM
COMPLETED ITEMS

Proposed changes to Bylaws and Constitution from President Branch to be posted on Faculty Senate Blackboard discussion group for Senate-wide comments.

Clarification from Provost on use of administrative leave to vote.

Election documents approved and forwarded to the full Senate for review and approval (01/21/09 FS meeting).

Proposed charge revisions for Athletics Council approved and forwarded to the full Senate for review and approval (01/21/09 FS meeting).

Designated faculty representative to NCAA (01/15/09).