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FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MINUTES
October 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Laurence Branch. A motion to accept the September 17, 2008, Minutes was made and seconded. President Branch indicated that the report given by the Council on Educational Policy and Issues (CEPI) will be revised as requested from Senator Donchin. The motion to approve the Minutes was unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Committee on Committee Nominations (Ellis Blanton)

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton received two requests for out-of-cycle reviews of the following Vice Presidential Committees:

Standing Committee on Research Misconduct
Dennis Killinger (Arts and Sciences)

Student Health Advisory Committee
Frances Rankin (Nursing)

The COC and the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) reviewed and unanimously approved the two nominations. The nominations came to the Faculty Senate with a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The nominations will be forwarded to the appropriate vice president for review and appointment.

b. Bylaws Committee Report (Michael Barnett)

As Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Secretary Barnett formally introduced Amendment X, which is a revision of proposed Amendment XII, so that it fits better within the flow of the current Bylaws. To achieve this, the Bylaws Committee proposes adopting a change to the Bylaws that retitles the current Amendment X to XI and Amendment XI to XII. In addition, he also presented the following proposed amendment to establish the Resolution Implementation Committee (RIC) as a standing committee:

Article V, A, 3: With the advice and consent of the Senate Executive Committee, the President of the Faculty Senate shall annually appoint a Resolution Implementation Committee consisting of five (5) senators, who will be charged with monitoring implementation of each resolution and updating the Faculty Senate on its progress. The Faculty Senate President shall designate one of the five appointees as chair. Senators may be re-appointed to the Committee.
Secretary Barnett explained that the basic idea behind Amendment X is to develop a process of how the voice of the faculty can be turned into advice to the administration by following a deliberate process.

The Bylaws Committee has approved these proposed changes. The Committee will be meeting on Friday, October 17th to assess any comments made during the introduction of the amendment and resolution at today’s meeting. The proposed amendment and resolution will be open for debate and vote at the November Faculty Senate meeting.

c. Committee on Faculty Issues Report (Paul Terry)

Chair Terry reported that President Branch, Vice President Permuth and some members of the Committee on Faculty Issues (CFI) met with Dr. Michael Pearce, Vice President of Information Technology and Dennis Walpole, Director of Information Technology, to work with the Faculty Senate to set up the Administrator Assessments for the University President, Vice President of Health and the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs. It is anticipated this will be put on Blackboard in the Spring 2009 semester.

An ad hoc committee was created by Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith to review the issue of differential campus tenure and promotion guidelines.

A CFI ad hoc committee on on-line student evaluations has been created.

d. Honorary Degree Nomination (Mozella Mitchell)

Dr. Mitchell was not present at this time; so on behalf of the Honors and Awards Council, President Branch presented the honorary degree nomination of Dr. Enid Gilbert-Barness. The nomination came from the Honors and Awards Council and the SEC with a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. There was a call to question. The honorary degree nomination of Doctor of Science for Dr. Gilbert-Barness was unanimously passed.

ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR

Dr. Janet Moore, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, attended today’s meeting to follow up on the status of the Academic Integrity Regulation which has been reviewed by CEPI, the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils. Discussion was held as to whether or not this was actually a matter for the Faculty Senate to vote on since three of its standing councils have reviewed and approved the regulation. Based upon the endorsement of the three councils and, the urgency with which a decision needs to be made (by the AAMC on October 20), Vice President Permuth made the motion that the Faculty Senate move this issue forward. The motion was seconded. There were 2 nays, but the motion passed.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft’s report consisted of the following items:
• The faculty and staff production of Hair is taking place on campus and everyone was encouraged to see it.

• The Carol and Frank Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare facility opened on campus October 10, 2008.

• The Alcohol Awareness and Education Task Force has been created. It will be co-chaired by Drs. Jay Wolfson and Olga Skalkos. Two Faculty Senate representatives will be added. The suggestion was made to invite the task force to a future Senate meeting to share its recommendations.

• Beginning in January, President Genshaft will be chair of the American Council on Education (ACE). Three issues that the federal government is looking at are: peer-to-peer file sharing, the cost of textbooks, and the college price index.

• The Higher Education Act has been passed. It will have more regulatory processes. The next time the Higher Education Act will go before Congress is 2013.

• A 12-billion dollar GI Bill has been passed by Congress to go into effect August 1, 2009. This will be an opportunity for the university to become RFPs for increased awareness of Veteran needs and services. A 14-billion dollar Pell Grant was also passed.

At this time, responding to a previous request from Faculty Senate President Branch, President Genshaft presented an overview of staffing of the Offices of the President. To aid in her presentation, she distributed the USF System Organizational Chart for All Campuses, dated October 8, 2008.

REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox presented an overview of areas that are under the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, as depicted on the Academic Affairs Leadership Organizational Chart. He pointed out that due to the realignment process, there was no dean for Architecture which has been subsumed into the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

The Provost distributed a handout showing the breakdown of selected measures in institutional growth from AY 2000/01 through AY 2008/09. President Branch inquired of the Provost if it would be possible for his office to provide FTE for the 2001 and 2008 benchmarks, as well as the dollar support for these people. Provost Wilcox replied that he would consider the request. In order to review growth in these areas over time, Vice President Permuth asked if these subcategories were available for the regional campuses. He was informed that this information is available on the internet and through the USF budget data.
REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT OF HEALTH STEPHEN KLASKO

Vice President Klasko distributed a chart showing the USF Health Units. These units are the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, and Nursing, Office of Research, and Health Services. FTE information for the clinic will be available on the Health Sciences web within three weeks.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT SHERMAN DORN

President Dorn announced that his memorandum dated October 14, 2008 containing the UFF Report to the Faculty Senate was sent to Senate President Branch. There were a number of topics in the report and questions about those topics should be sent to President Dorn.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT LARRY BRANCH

President Branch did not have a report to convey to the Senators.

OLD BUSINESS

President Branch reviewed the follow-up items from the September 17, 2008 Senate meeting.

- Chief Technology Officer Michael Pearce will present a follow-up report on information systems at the November Senate meeting.
- The Faculty Senate has a copy of the SACS report on CD. An announcement will be listed on the Senate web site that it is available. If anyone wants copies of individual files, they should contact Secretary Barnett.
- President Genshaft provided information on her office personnel at today’s meeting. President Branch will forward two Senator’s names to President Genshaft for the Alcohol Awareness and Education Task Force.
- Item #5, Provost Wilcox to convene a committee to draft a university policy in the spirit of the CEPI document, will be carried forward.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for today’s meeting.

There being no further the business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on November 19, 2008, in the Marshall Center Chamber Room 4200.
ADDENDUM
Follow-Up Items
Faculty Senate Meeting
October 15, 2008

1. Provost Wilcox to convene a committee to draft a university policy in the spirit of the
   CEPI document.

2. Names of two Faculty Senators sent to President Genshaft for the Alcohol Awareness and
   Education Task Force.

3. Request to Provost Wilcox for FTE for the 2001 and 2008 benchmarks, as well as dollar
   support for people listed on the Institutional Growth, AY 2000/01 through AY 2008/9-
   Selected Measures handout.