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The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Faculty Senate President Huntington Potter. Before proceeding with the meeting, he presented a recognition plaque to former President Laurence Branch for his service during the past two years.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes from the meeting of October 20, 2010 as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

a. **Nominations for Vice President Vacancy** – Sang-Hie Lee

Secretary Lee announced two nominees for the position of Vice President: Senator-at-Large Philip Levy and Senator Gregory Teague. No additional nominations were received. Each nominee gave a three-minute statement. Results of a paper ballot were nineteen votes for Senator Levy and twenty-three votes for Senator Teague. Senator Teague will assume his role as Vice President immediately.

b. **Recommendations from Committee on Committees** – Ellis Blanton

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton presented the following faculty nominees which will finish the nomination process for the fall semester:

- **Council on Technology for Instruction and Research**
  - Glenn G. Smith (EDU)

- **General Education Council**
  - William Cummings (CAS)
  - Mary Fournier (CoTA)

The nominations were approved by the COC and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and came to the Faculty Senate with a motion to approve. The motion was unanimously passed. The nominees will be forwarded to the Provost with a recommendation to approve.

c. **USF Policy 4.0108-Tuition Waivers** – Emanuel Donchin

On behalf of the Council on Educational Policy and Issues (CEPI), Chair Donchin brought to the Faculty Senate a recommendation to substitute new language for USF Policy 4.0108 on Tuition Waivers. The new language pertained to paragraph 2j in the policy that relates to non-resident graduate students:
Current language
"...(2j) Non-resident Graduate Assistants who have a minimum of .25 FTE; non-resident graduate students who receive fellowship awards; and non-resident graduate students with exceptional academic capabilities or skills as determined by the Dean may be offered tuition waivers...."

CEPI felt that the language was unclear and confusing by stating that students “may” receive a waiver and not indicating which “Dean” is to decide which student has “exceptional academic capabilities.” Therefore, the following language was proposed:

"...(2j) Non-resident Graduate Assistants who have a minimum of .25 FTE AND non-resident graduate students who receive fellowship awards WILL BE OFFERED A TUITION WAIVER. ALSO, non-resident graduate students with exceptional academic capabilities or skills, as determined by the Dean OF THE COLLEGE HOUSING THE GRADUATE PROGRAM, may be offered tuition waivers."

Due to the fact that this policy has been promulgated, CEPI requested that the revision be made to the existing policy. The recommendation was approved by the SEC and came to the Faculty Senate with a motion to approve. There was a call to question. The motion to accept this language change was unanimously passed and will be forwarded to the administration for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for today’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Election of New Members to the Faculty Advisory Council**

With the resignation of Senator James Garey, a vacancy was created for a Tampa representative on the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC). President Potter opened the floor for nominations. Senator Gail Donaldson was nominated by Senator Teague which would move her from an alternate to a permanent member. Senator Gregory McColm self-nominated. These were the only nominations received. The results of a paper ballot were thirty votes for Senator Donaldson and nine votes for Senator McColm. Senator Donaldson will be the new member of the FAC from the Tampa campus; Senator McColm will serve as the new alternate.

b. **Discussion of Document on Shared Governance and Academic Restructuring** – Elizabeth Bird

Parliamentarian Bird presented a draft document called “Policy and Procedures for Proposed Changes in Academic Units of the University of South Florida System.” This
The recommendation was made to add to d. under Definitions “and community impacts.” Provost Wilcox recommended adding in the last paragraph a provision for action in the case of an emergency situation. Parliamentarian Bird will take all comments back to the FAC for consideration. Senator Steve Permuth made the motion that all Senators should be allowed to make any and all comments they would like, have those comments returned to the FAC to make changes and have the newly revised document come back to the Faculty Senate in January. The motion was seconded. President Potter added a friendly amendment that Senators send their comments to either Parliamentarian Bird or him. These will be taken back to the FAC, and a revised document presented to the Faculty Senate. Senator Permuth accepted this friendly amendment. Parliamentarian Bird added that all comments should be submitted by December 1, which will then be taken to the FAC in December. The motion to accept this draft policy was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft reviewed the priorities for the University of South Florida System over the next decade. Other issues she reported on included:

- Dr. William Hogarth of the College of Marine Science has been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to be on the BP Task Force which will oversee funds allocated to the Gulf States over the next ten years. It is unknown whether this appointment stands with the new governor.

- Dr. Kathleen Moore will be appointed as Associate Vice President of USF System Initiatives January, 2011. She will coordinate inter-campus course offerings. Dr. Moore will also work closely with the USF System Faculty Advisory Council. Dr. Moore’s new appointment creates a vacancy in Educational Outreach. It will change its name to represent a broader role.

- USF needs to continue increasing student/faculty ratio.

- There are no projects on the override PECO list.
• Dr. Morsani Milani was praised for his role in a successful Conference in Middle East, Iran, and Iraq.

• Acknowledged Dr. Paul Dosal for the success of the Student Success Conference.

• The success of the ResearchOne Conference was recognized.

• The Papas Group was consulted for restructure to streamline system-wide structure and committees. Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Global Affairs will be system-wide office. Chief Operating and Vice President for Development and Advancement positions will be system-wide. Regional campuses can only have up to a master’s degree program, not doctorate.

• The President recognized that “there is buzz” about USF nationally.

• The Patel Center for Global Solutions will be opening in December with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held in January. The Administration will be moved to the top two floors to make room for the Honors College and Graduate School.

REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX

Provost Wilcox reported on the following items:

• Development Office will work closely with the Provost’s Office to procure the right money, not just any money. Virtually all contributions are ear-marked.

• The State University System’s Board of Governors has announced that USF will be the recipient of nine awards that are funded out of the New Florida Initiative. Dr. Graham Tobin, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, was thanked for his hard work on this project.

• As part of the USF Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Lecture Series, Dr. Martha Nussbaum will be giving a lecture on “Not for Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities” on Tuesday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center Traditions Hall. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

• Dr. Emanuel Donchin was thanked for the work that the Council on Educational Policy and Issues is doing by reviewing university policies.

• Budget items: Current mandate is a 5 percent reduction in January, with an additional 15 percent reduction July 1. It is not known what the new governor will do regarding the budget, nor about the approval of a 15 percent tuition increase. In spite of these challenges, USF is advertising and recruiting for 35 faculty positions. Recruitment of faculty continues to be a top priority to bring up the faculty to student ratio. Senators were asked for their help in this recruitment process.
• Seven hundred thousand dollars was allocated for faculty promotions; one-half million dollars for faculty salary increases, two and one-half million dollars for GA money, and one-half million dollars for need-based financial aid.

• Top priority is to take care of tenured and tenure-earning faculty and instructors, and to continue to work on faculty/student ratio.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT HUNTINGTON POTTER

In the interest of time, President Potter deferred his report until the January meeting. He did ask for ideas on how to improve two parts of the function of the Faculty Senate: (1) the relationship between Faculty Senators and the various departments they represent, and (2) the role of the Faculty Senate in participating on the proposed Space Committee and Finance and Audit Committee to help the administration in those areas of uncertainty in the coming year.

REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA PRESIDENT SHERMAN DORN

President Dorn reported on the following three topics:

1. Merit raises were put into effect for the November 5 paycheck. Any errors will not be fixed in the next pay cycle for a variety of reasons one of which is that the university also has a contractual obligation to implement raises for staff.

2. UFF won an arbitration case at the University of Florida. The arbitrator made it clear that in the administration’s rush to respond to budget cuts it had manipulated the process and had violated the contract. They had given lay-off notices to over twenty tenure faculty and the arbitrator ordered them to rescind all of those notices. USF still remains the largest public university in Florida without faculty layoffs within UFF bargaining and for that credit goes to President Genshaft and Provost Wilcox.

3. Senators were urged not to reject immediately the idea of having university system-wide courses because this could be a creative solution to jobs needed for faculty, staff and graduate students.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.
ADDENDUM
Follow-Up Items
Faculty Senate

1. Provost Wilcox asked to provide 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 (FS Mtg. 10-15-08).

2. Provost’s Office to look into whether a policy exists on what constitutes a dean search committee (FS Mtg. 02-18-09).

3. The CEOs of the USF Polytechnic and the Sarasota-Manatee campuses will be invited to attend a meeting of either the Senate Executive Committee or Faculty Senate to discuss organizational structures and issues that influence their campuses (FS Mtg. 02-18-09).

4. SEC comments on the system introduction and narrative to be forwarded to President Genshaft (FS Mtg. 11-18-09).

5. Suggestion from Provost Wilcox of a conversation among the Senators on the meaningful difference between a baccalaureate degree from a community college turned four-year institution and one from USF (FS Mtg. 11-18-09).

6. Invitation to Mr. Skip Holtz to attend Senate Executive Committee to which Senators would be invited (FS Mtg. 03-31-10).

7. Convening COM and FS leadership to seek clarification and explore process of awarding honorary M.D. degrees (FS Mtg. 04-28-10).

8. Report of findings from Parliamentarian Bird on whether or not Roberts Rules of Order provides guidance as to how to track documents in terms of input (FS Mtg. 09-15-10).

9. Parliamentarian Bird to amend language of sentence in Constitution under Article III. Jurisdiction and Process, page 6, first paragraph, line 4 pertaining to the President of the Faculty Senate service on the Board of Trustees (FS Mtg. 10-20-10).

10. Parliamentarian Bird to amend proposed Bylaws language on Article 1. E. Appointments to USF System Faculty Advisory Council to reflect decision of Senate regarding the appointment of FAC members (FS Mtg. 10-20-10).

11. Proposed language for USF Policy 4.0108-Tuition Waivers to be forwarded to the administration for consideration (FS Mtg., 11-17-10).

12. Feedback to President Potter on two parts of the function of the Faculty Senate (FS Mtg. 11-17-10).
Completed Items

1. Parliamentarian Bird to revise document on shared governance and academic restructuring based upon feedback received (FS Mtg. 11-17-10).