Vice President Gregory Teague called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The Minutes from the March 23, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft’s report consisted of the following items:

Everyone was encouraged to visit and be a part of the audience of the performances at the new Music building. USF is one of the one hundred and twenty-six Steinway universities.

The Task Force on Tobacco Use on the USF Tampa campus has submitted its report. Professor Stephanie Bryant, from the College of Business, was chair of the task force. Based upon its research, the task force recommends a partial ban on the use of tobacco products on campus by creating designated areas that would be a minimum of 50 feet away from any campus building and away from doorways, breezeways or other areas in which students must pass through to enter a building or common area. This recommendation resulted from a survey of faculty and students in addition to researching smoking bans on other campuses. At this time, President Genshaft asked for feedback from the Senators about the 50 foot ban on campus and received the following comments: individuals should have the freedom to smoke outdoors; designated area should be clearly marked so that it can be avoided by non-smokers; people should be spared from having to walk through smoke; provide a roof over designated area to afford protection to smokers. These comments will be taken under consideration.

Legislative:

Federal stimulus funds (22 million dollars) will be going away on July 1, 2011 which means an approximate 18 million dollar loss for USF Tampa.

There will be a budget reduction for higher education, but amount is unknown at this time.

Eligibility for Bright Futures merit scholarships will be tightened by raising the SAT scores to 78 percentile.

Employees are possibly looking at contributing 3 percent of their pay to retirement effective as of July 1.

PECO funds are available, but for infrastructure purposes only. USF asked for 10 million dollars, but cut back to 3 million dollars.

Health insurance premiums will be affected but how is not known.
Senator William Hayden expressed his concern about how staff cuts are affecting morale as they are being asked to do more as positions go unfilled.

Shared Services document for USF System started in 2001 has never been revised. It is now being looked at closely

**REPORT FROM PROVOST RALPH WILCOX**

Although the Horizon Deep Water disaster occurred one year ago this date, faculty in the College of Marine Science are still actively involved in the aftermath.

Vice Provost Graham Tobin is engaged in initiating the next step of the Strategic Plan for the Tampa campus over the next twelve months. He is also overseeing the preparation of work plans for each of the four member campuses and system. Submission deadline is May 23.

Four dean searches are either in the process or scheduled to begin: University College (formerly Educational Outreach is being accelerated to stabilize budget), College of Business, College of The Arts, and Behavioral and Community Sciences. These searches need to move fast and entrepreneurial direction is necessary.

Student Success Initiatives has launched two new information systems: (1) USF’s own branded web-based application, and (2) the implementation of an undergraduate degree audit program called Degree Works. Senators were asked to take a look at these two systems and provide feedback.

Commencement is scheduled for May 5 at the St. Petersburg Times Forum and May 6 at the Convention Center for doctoral and master students. Faculty and student awards will be announced. USF is attracting more and more bright students.

Appreciation was expressed to Drs. Elizabeth Larkin and Elizabeth Bird, President and Vice President, respectively, of the USF System Faculty Advisory Council (FAC), for their work in moving the FAC system forward.

**REPORT FROM USF UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA** – Steve Permuth

United Faculty of Florida (UFF) President Paul Terry has asked a UFF member from each campus to report union activities to their respective constituents. Therefore, Senator Steve Permuth will be giving UFF reports to the Tampa Faculty Senate. The main object of his report today dealt with the recent budget proposals as attacks on public education. Senator Permuth commented that the Senate needs to deal with the forthcoming implications as they affect junior faculty. It remains to be seen what the implication will be given that USF has a three year contract.
WELCOME TO NEW SENATORS – Huntington Potter

At this time, President Potter welcomed the following Senators (new and continuing) whose terms will be effective Fall Semester 2011:

College of Arts and Sciences
Kenneth Cissna
Valerie Harwood
David Himmelgreen (second term)
Mozella Mitchell (second term)
Fred Pearce
Scott Rimbey
James Strange

College of Behavioral & Community Sciences
Gregory Teague (second term)

College of Business
Ellis Blanton (second term)

College of Engineering
Andrew Hoff (second term)

College of Marine Science
Kendra Daly (second term)

College of Medicine
Orhan Arslan (second term)
Gianluca DelRossi (one-year term)
Lynn Wecker

College of Nursing
Jason Beckstead (second term)
Christopher Garrison

The following out-going Senators were recognized with a certificate of appreciation:

College of Arts and Sciences
Gary Daughdrill
James Garey
Sidney Pierce
Sarath Witanachchi
Carolyn Ellis

College of Business
Robert Welker
REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Report from Committee on Committees – Ellis Blanton

Senator Blanton, Chair of the Committee on Committees (COC) presented a second round which came to the Faculty Senate from the COC and the Senate Executive Committee with a motion to approve.

Faculty Senate Standing Councils

Council on Faculty Issues
Cass Fisher (MAL)

Graduate Council
Barbara Redding (NUR)

Honors and Awards Council
Wen-Xiu Ma (CAS)

University-Wide Council

Athletics Council
Lisa Hansen

There was a call to question. The motion to accept these nominations was unanimously approved.

b. Election Report – Sang-Hie Lee

Secretary Lee announced that all election activities were complete and the USF Tampa Faculty Senate roster stands at 58 seats filled out of 60. The Colleges of Education and Medicine still have one vacancy each.

There was one nomination for each of the officer positions: Gregory Teague for Vice President, Sang-Hie Lee for Secretary, Arthur Shapiro for Sergeant-at-Arms, and Philip Levy for Senator-at-Large. The slate of officers came to the Faculty Senate from the Senate Executive Committee with a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and
unanimously passed. These officers will each serve a one-year term effective Fall Semester 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for today’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for today’s meeting.

REPORT FROM FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT ELIZABETH BIRD

FAC President Bird reported that the Tampa campus Research Council will continue to function as it always has. There will be a small body of five members which will meet as a Research Board. Before anything is finalized, it has to be worked through the Office of Research and Innovation. The FAC will revisit the issue at its meeting the following week.

An outline for a FAC Constitution will be worked on at the next meeting.

Prior to today’s Senate meeting, there was a call for nominations sent to all Senators to fill the two newly created seats. Library Council Chair Christine Probes volunteered to serve. Vice President Bird opened the floor for nominations. Senators Julie Langford and Kathryn Hyer volunteered. A paper ballot was distributed to elect two new members. The winners were Senator Langford and Library Council Chair Probes. Senator Hyer will be an alternate.

The next FAC meeting is April 28 on the Sarasota-Manatee campus. An election for President will be held.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT HUNTINGTON POTTER

President Potter did not give a report.

ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR

Past President Laurence Branch made a motion that the Faculty Senate establish an ad hoc committee of 3-5 members to review the SACS 2011 Fifth Year Interim Report and report back to the Faculty Senate at its first meeting in the fall. The motion was seconded and discussion was held. Past President Branch added that the report was sent to SACS in February, 2011, but that the Faculty Senate was informed of it eight weeks later. There was a call for a quorum vote, and due to a lack of one, the discussion of the motion was tabled. With that, President Potter was asked to invite Dr. Kathleen Moore, Associate Vice President for System Initiatives, to attend a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee to discuss the document. Senators will be informed as to when that will be so that those wishing to do so may attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 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 from CEPI 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. Dr. Kathleen Moore, Associate Vice President for System Initiatives, will attend the June 1, 2011 meeting of the SEC to discuss the SACS 2011 Fifth Year Interim Report.