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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
January 22, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Marshall Student Center – Room 3707

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2013 Meeting

3. Report from USF Health Interim Senior Vice President Donna Petersen (10 minutes)

4. Old Business
   a. Update on Budget Re-Engineering – Eric Eisenberg, Dianne Morrison-Beedy, Nick Trivunovich (20 minutes)
   b. Update on Travel Management Initiative – Nick Trivunovich (5 minutes)

5. New Business
   a. Initiatives from USF World – Roger Brindley (10 minutes)

6. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (20 minutes)
   a. Election Documents-Schedule, Apportionment, Vacancies – Barbara Lewis (action item)
   b. Online Assessment Workgroup – Cynthia Patterson
   c. Reports from Other Councils/Chairs and Initiatives

7. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (15 minutes)

8. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (20 minutes)

9. Report from the United Faculty of Florida (USF) – Arthur Shapiro (5 minutes)

10. Report from USF Faculty Senate President and USF System Faculty Council Vice President Gregory Teague (5 minutes)

11. Other Business from the Floor

Adjourn – Next Scheduled Meeting – February 19, 2014
Faculty Senate President Gregory Teague called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes from the November 13, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORT FROM USF HEALTH INTERIM SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DONNA PETERSEN

On behalf of USF Health, Dr. Petersen attended today’s meeting to present an update on programs and initiatives at the facility.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Budget Re-Engineering – Eric Eisenberg, Nick Trivunovich

Dean Eisenberg reported that although the project was moving forward, things were not progressing as quickly as anticipated to create a better transition in the budget process. The three budget subcommittees have met and have recommended to President Genshaft and her team that there be a movement toward a USF version of RCM (Responsibility Centered Management). The recommendation was endorsed and work will begin on how to move forward. Dean Eisenberg explained that RCM is a method/approach to decentralized budget management. For USF, this means the deans will be given more authority over their budgets and, hopefully someday, some authority will be given to department heads/chairs.

One component of RCM is the ability to create strategic funds to invest back into the organization. The next step is to go back to a small group of budget people and come up with scenarios of how this will work at USF and then solicit input from faculty and staff on those scenarios. The previously created subcommittees may be kept. If so, they will need to regroup, but they will not continue as they are now. The reasons given for going with RCM • provides decentralized control to the deans to incentivize efficiency (increase bottom line; revenue), • provides clear and greater transparency, and • brings to light cross subsidies (for which deans could act on behalf of departments to manage).

Dean Eisenberg will provide links to the other universities who currently are using RCM. He added that USF needs an academic conscience around a long view.

b. Update on Travel Management Initiative – Nick Trivunovich

Mr. Trivunovich announced that Orbitz for Business has been selected as the travel management provider. An implementation committee focused on the technology and user committee will be created for which faculty are needed. A pilot program is in process with April as the anticipated roll-out date to the university community. The suggestion was made that faculty need to be aware of incentives for using the new system; i.e. discounts and services. Mr. Nicholas Setteducato, Assistant Vice President,
Provost’s Office, will be at the next meeting to discuss in detail issues from the Senators. It was suggested that a handout be provided to be taken to colleagues.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Initiatives from USF World – Roger Brindley

Dr. Brindley, Vice Provost and USF System Associate Vice President for USF World, attended today’s meeting to share brief version of a PowerPoint that he is showing to USF colleges. The presentation consisted of two foci – one on students and one on faculty. Dr. Brindley asked the Senators to let their colleagues know that USF World is here to help with any and all issues of concerning international engagement.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Election Documents – Barbara Lewis

Secretary Lewis presented the following 2014-2015 Faculty Senate election documents: Election Schedule, the Apportionment for Voting Units, and the list of vacancies effective with Fall Semester 2014. The solicitation for nominations will go out Friday, January 24, with a deadline of February 12 for nominations to be received in the Faculty Senate Office. Secretary Lewis urged Senators to encourage their colleagues to apply. Self-nominations are accepted. At this time, a vote was taken on the Apportionment for Voting Units which came to the Senate with a motion to approve. The motion unanimously passed.

b. eXplorance Blue Update – Cynthia Patterson

As chair of the ad hoc committee on eXplorance Blue, Senator Patterson distributed suggested verbiage for a “syllabus” statement on student evaluation of instruction (vetted by the Office of the General Counsel), as well as presented completed and ongoing tasks for the committee, committee recommendations, problems to address, and the summer 2013 response rates. One suggested revision to the statement was to change the word feedback to comments in the first line of the second paragraph. Senator Patterson asked that additional feedback on the statement be sent to her at cpatterson@usf.edu.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM PRESIDENT JUDY GENSHAFT

President Genshaft’s report consisted of three items: enrollment update, Legislative priorities, and performance funding.

Enrollment
• Graduate enrollment is up 2 percent with a significant increase in international students.
• Declining college-age population will mean a decline in enrollment overall.
• The requirement for higher SAT scores will affect most universities and Bright Futures.
• Enrollment increases at Florida State colleges will affect enrollment at universities.
Legislative Priorities
• No tuition or fee increases will be allowed.
• Legislature is looking at textbook affordability.
• USF is asking for funding to replace The Bellows, a research vessel for the Florida Institute of Oceanography.
• Funds are being requested for the Florida Center for Cybersecurity.
• USF/UCF/FIU have collaborated to create an urban research consortium, approved by the Board of Governors. Ten million dollars have been requested for this initiative to be divided among the institutions.

Performance Based Funding
President Genshaft presented the performance-funding model consisting of its four guiding principles and key components. The institution-specific metric for USF will be the number of post-doctorate appointees. She then reviewed the basic operation of the performance funding model for new appropriated funds and base recurring funds for this year. USF is above the 26 points needed to be eligible for new funds. It was pointed out that the performance funding initiative has to go through the Legislature for approval.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

The major item from Provost Wilcox was a review and update on the low production degree programs as provided in the 2012-13 Annual Accountability Report disseminated with today’s meeting material. Deans have been asked at all institutions and USF Health to identify those programs to justify continuing investment in moving forward. Recommendations will be due Friday, January 31 to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for its action on March 6. Provost Wilcox pointed out that timing is relevant to get information to the Legislature during this session.

REPORT FROM UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA (USF) – Arthur Shapiro

Interim UFF President Shapiro reported that President Paul Terry’s health is improving. The organization is continuing its work: negotiations are in progress, grievances are being handled. Dr. Shapiro plans to meet with President Genshaft in the near future.

REPORT FROM USF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT AND USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT GREGORY TEAGUE

President Teague’s report consisted of the following items:
• Updates from other committees will be given at the February meeting.
• Funds will be available to retain Taylor & Francis e-journals and e-books for one year.
• The T&P guidelines have been delivered to Provost Wilcox. Workshops for the teams will be scheduled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.