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USF FACULTY SENATE MEETING
February 19, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Marshall Student Center Chamber Room 4200

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2014
3. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (30 minutes)
   a. Results of Senate Nominations – Barbara Lewis
   b. Senate Attendance and Participation – Scott Rimbey
   c. Faculty Award Recommendations – Michael Teng (action item)
   d. Reports from Other Councils/Chairs and Initiatives
4. New Business
   a. Declaration on In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students – Elizabeth Aranda (15 minutes)
   b. Moody’s Rating Report – Nick Trivunovich and Fell Stubbs (15 minutes)
5. Old Business
   a. Update on Travel Management Initiative – Nick Setteducato and Nick Trivunovich (15 minutes)
6. Report from USF System President Judy Genshaft (15 minutes)
7. Report from USF Health Interim Vice President Donna Petersen (10 minutes)
8. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (10 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. Student Body Elections – Adam Aldridge
12. Other Business from the Floor

Adjourn – Next Scheduled Meeting – March 19, 2014
Faculty Senate President Gregory Teague called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. He pointed out that President Judy Genshaft would not be attending today’s meeting, and that the time allocated for her report would be used to accommodate the other presenters. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the January 22, 2014 meeting as amended. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

a. Results of Senate Nominations – Barbara Lewis
   Secretary Lewis reported there were no vacant seats to be contested, therefore, no elections will be held. Ratification of new Senators will take place at the March meeting. The remaining open seats will be considered vacant. Senators were asked to solicit nominees within their colleges to fill any vacant seats and to have any interested faculty contact a member of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC).

b. Senate Attendance and Participation – Scott Rimbey
   Sergeant-at-Arms Rimbey reviewed Senators’ responsibilities regarding meeting attendance, resignation and removal, and duties as set forth in the Bylaws. President Teague addressed the expectation of Senators to report to their constituents regularly and to serve on at least one Tampa Faculty Senate Council, Tampa Faculty Council, or University Committee or Council. Two suggestions were made from the floor: (1) have a draft of the meeting minutes to Senators within a week of the meeting so that the information can be shared with constituents, and (2) when a Senator will be absent and sends an alternate to the Faculty Senate meeting, an e-mail from the Senator could be sent directly to the Sergeant-at-Arms in lieu of a signed statement by the Senator.

c. Faculty Award Recommendations – Michael Teng
   On behalf of the Honors and Awards Council (HAC), Chair-elect Teng presented the following award recommendations for consideration by the Senate:
   1. Dr. Matthew L. Nathan, Honorary Degree of Doctor of Medicine came to the floor with a motion to approve. The motion unanimously passed.
   2. Dr. Catherine Rogers for the Kosove Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching and Service Award came to the floor with a motion to approve. The motion unanimously passed.

d. Reports from Other Councils/Chairs and Initiatives
   1. USF Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Transition to eXplorance Blue
      Chair Cynthia Patterson reported: • The Undergraduate Council has approved the syllabus verbiage. Although the statement has not yet been posted to the web site, it can still be used. • The committee will be working on developing recommendations relative to revising the current 8 questions; however, the resources currently allocated to eXplorance operations would be insufficient to
implement potential changes. • Dr. Marvin Moore is working with the committee on technical issues.

2. Tenure & Promotion Guidelines Revision Committee

Chair Teague reported that the committee will be meeting in a week to consider first, feedback received from Provost Ralph Wilcox on the draft document, and second, methods to implement and disseminate information and conduct training workshops.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Declaration on In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students – Elizabeth Aranda

After an introduction by sociology Professor Aranda, Provost Wilcox commented that the declaration was discussed at a recent meeting of the ACE Workgroup and no action was taken at that time. He added that although there was a strong sentiment of support from the Board of Trustees, there was no statement of intent that there would be further discussion of the declaration. At this time, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that this be treated as an emergency declaration, and the floor was opened for discussion during which Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez recounted his immigration to the U.S. from Columbia. USF General Counsel Steve Prevaux stated that although federal and state laws are prohibitive regarding post-secondary education and undocumented immigrants, it is within the university’s purview for the leadership to express its support through such a declaration as presented at today’s meeting. President Teague called for a motion which was seconded. The motion passed with 1 nay that this declaration has the support of the Faculty Senate.

b. Moody’s Rating Report – Nick Trivunovich and Fell Stubbs

Mr. Trivunovich, University Chief Financial Officer, presented a Summary of Recent Moody’s rating action for USF (see attached) which affirmed its (1) Aa2 issuer credit rating, (2) Aa3 parking facility bonds, and (3) A1 housing certificates of participation. The Moody’s report also stated that the outlook is stable. Mr. Trivunovich and Mr. Stubbs were thanked for presenting this information, which helped to demystify the bond rating.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Travel Management Initiative – Nick Setteducato

Mr. Setteducato, Assistant Vice President of Financial Management, presented an update on the Orbitz for Business initiative (see attached). He reiterated that the whole point of the program is better service and lowering risks and not cost savings at this time. The program is proceeding as a pilot with 250 participants across 12 areas. It is anticipated that full roll-out will be in April. Access will be from MyUSF and will be tied into the current travel system which will alleviate entering information twice.
REPORT FROM USF HEALTH INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT DONNA PETERSEN

Dr. Petersen’s report consisted of the following items:
• A workshop on T&P is being given today for all USF Health faculty.
• A program has been developed at USF Health that is working on how to do a more consistent job of adjusting the professional needs of faculty across their life span.
• Friday, February 21 is USF Health Research Day in the Oval Theatre at the Marshall Student Center.
• The medical school will be going through accreditation and has been asked to address professionalism in students. The development point of view of describing values, and standards and holding people to them will be addressed across USF Health.
• The College of Pharmacy is going through accreditation.
• She represented President Genshaft at the Mayor’s Trade Mission to Panama.
• USF Health is engaged in interprofessional education in that everyone knows that, although health care is changing, there will be fewer resources available to it. Therefore, it needs to be of higher quality and students need to be trained to work more effectively to improve community health.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Dr. Wilcox reported the following items:
• The Board of Governors will be meeting in the Alumni Center Traditions Hall on Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
• Senators who joined the USF community were thanked for their show of support to the families of the 6 students lost the previous week.
• President Teague was asked that the Faculty Senate presidents across the SUS further extend the statement on the issue of undocumented resident citizens.
• An invitation was extended to everyone to attend a lecture by Peter Singer, co-author of “Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know” on March 3 at the Marriott Waterside as part of the Sun Trust Lecture Series. Registration can be done at usf.edu/cybersecurity. Students, faculty and staff do not pay a fee to participate.

Question from Sang-Hie Lee: “It is wonderful to see Donna Petersen at the helm of USF Health. On the other side of the campus recently we have lost 3 top women executives and I would like to hear some explanation and if anybody is aware of or concerned about that. I say this because when I was at the University of Michigan Jim Duderstadt at that time president made a strategic goal to increase women executives at the top 5 in 5 years and that was a big goal. And we have just lost 3 wonderful women and I am concerned.” The Provost responded that it was an interesting question and, frankly, one that he had not reflected upon. Clearly, university-wide, USF is very much committed to providing equitable opportunities for academic leadership and will continue to move along that path. He will certainly reflect further upon her question and consult with Dr. Petersen and President Genshaft to better understand. He said that frankly, he did not have the answers that she might be looking for at this moment in time.
REPORT FROM THE UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA (USF) – Robert Welker and Arthur Shapiro

Senators were provided a copy of the last UFF-USF proposal dated January 31, 2014 which was rejected but still on the table. There will be a collective bargaining meeting on February 28, 2014. President Teague was thanked for the report on the Moody rating.

REPORT FROM STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ADAM ALDRIDGE

Mr. Aldridge announced that Student Government elections will be held February 24-27, 2014 and asked that the Senators advocate on behalf of the faculty to inform students in their classes of the upcoming elections. He also asked that the information be shared with department chairs to pass along to their faculty.

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

Dr. Teague reiterated the importance of participation on the Senate. The figures published for the materials for this month show that there are still quite a few openings where people could sign up to serve on the Senate. He encouraged those who are members to encourage their colleagues to join. He will also forward the declaration in support of tuition equity to the faculty representative of the Board of Governors, as well as to the other Faculty Senate presidents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.