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USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
September 2, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Student Services (SVC) 5012

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda (10 minutes)

2. Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2015 Meeting

3. New Business
   a. CAS Reorganization Proposal – Eric Eisenberg, Steve Tauber, Rachel May,
      Cheryl Rodriguez (20 minutes)

4. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (40 minutes)
   a. Library Council Update – Jenifer Schneider
   b. Senate Attendance – Scott Rimbey
   c. Faculty Emeritus Policy – Steve Permuth
   d. ORI Internal Awards Program – John Adams

5. Old Business
   a. Discussion of Huron Executive Summary – All (10 minutes)

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

7. Report from USF System Faculty Council President Greg Teague (5 minutes)

8. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

President Phil Levy called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. after which introductions were conducted. President Levy explained that the agenda had been rearranged to accommodate the guests from the College of Arts and Sciences by listing their topic first. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 5, 2015. The motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. CAS Reorganization Proposal – Eric Eisenberg, Steve Tauber, Rachel May, Cheryl Rodriguez

In accordance with USF’s System Policy 10-055 (Policy and Procedures for Proposed Changes in Academic Units of the University of South Florida System), Dr. Eric Eisenberg, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), and representatives from the units involved in a proposed reorganization attended today’s meeting to present a proposal for the creation of the School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS). Dean Eisenberg explained that this would be a new school within CAS created through the integration of the Department of Government & International Affairs, the Department of Africana Studies, the Institute on Black Life, and the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean. SIGS is an opportunity for these academic units to serve a population of undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing an international degree. Dean Eisenberg added that the proposal was overwhelmingly accepted by all faculty (full and part time), as well as Stakeholders outside of CAS. He felt that the proposal was made stronger through these consultations.

At this time, a motion was made and seconded that the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) accept the proposal, in principle, to be forwarded to the Faculty Senate with the following recommendations:

• There are several levels of “school” used in CAS. Clarify which level it is in the proposal by showing it in the organization chart.
• Include a statement describing the meetings with the deans.
• Provide a list of how many schools there are within CAS.
• Request more funding.
• Where is the school going to be located?
• More detail is needed on the consultation aspect; include these elements/enumerate.

There was a call to question. President Levy reiterated that the proposal would go to the Senate floor in its revised form. The motion unanimously passed.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Library Council Update – Jenifer Schneider

Chair Schneider reported that the Library Council is:
• waiting for proposed revisions to its charge to be approved by the Committee on Committees; and,
• acting on the results of a survey of library patrons by creating a monthly newsletter from the council to the colleges.

b. Senate Attendance – Scott Rimbey

Using Article IV., Section B. Resignation and Removal, of the Bylaws Sergeant-at-Arms Rimbey determined that there are 7 Senators who meet the criteria of excessive absences from meetings. Discussion was held. It was suggested that President Levy either send a letter to each of these people and/or reach out by calling them with information on the meeting location, as well as the meeting dates. Discussion on the topic will reconvene at next month’s SEC meeting.

c. Faculty Emeritus Policy – Steve Permuth

On behalf of the Council on Faculty Issues, Chair Permuth presented a draft of University of South Florida Guidelines on Emeritus Status to seek insights from the SEC and move it forward. Discussion was held; revisions were recommended. One item not addressed at this time was the list of benefits for emeritus faculty. It was determined that once there is a policy then a committee could look at this issue. A motion was made and seconded to forward the document to the Faculty Senate with the SEC modifications. The motion unanimously passed. It will be presented to the full Senate at its September meeting.

d. ORI Internal Awards Program – John Adams

During the 2014/2015 AY, the USF System Faculty Senate Research Council conducted a survey of the ORI Internal Awards Program. As chair of the council, Dr. Adams presented to the SEC a draft report of the survey results. The presentation consisted of the summary of two surveys from awardees and Stakeholders. The report will also be presented to the Faculty Senate at its September meeting.
REPORT FROM SENIOR VICE PROVOST DWAYNE SMITH

On behalf of the administration, Dr. Smith distributed the fall USF e-profiles and a communiqué announcing an international health and evacuation insurance policy for USF System faculty and staff traveling on international business. The initiative is being fully funded centrally and includes all faculty (non-Academic Affairs faculty as well), staff, alumni, donors, contractors, colleagues from other institutions, and government officials participating on USF System sanctioned international business travel. To initiate coverage, the USF System business traveler must complete the electronic Travel Authorization form (TAR) and ensure it is approved prior to travel. Additional information is available at http://www.usf.edu/world/resources/travel-services.aspx.

Dr. Smith also distributed copies of a news release from USF titled “USF Welcomes Strongest Academic Class in School History” which highlighted the academic profile of the class of 2019.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG TEAGUE

President Teague’s report consisted of the following items:
• Everyone was encouraged to attend President Genshaft’s Fall Address on September 9.
• Comments on the smoke-free campus policy may be sent to him at teague@usf.edu.
• There is new leadership in Administrative Services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.