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

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda (5 minutes)

2. Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2015 Meeting (2 minutes) (action item)

3. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (45 minutes)
   a. Council Recommendations/Update – Ellis Blanton (action item)
   b. CFI – Early Retirement and Parking – Steve Permuth
   c. Library Council Charge Revisited – Ellis Blanton/Jenifer Schneider (action item)
   d. Other Council Initiatives

4. Old Business
   a. Huron Report Subcommittee (40 minutes)

5. New Business

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

7. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

**USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
November 3, 2015

Present: Ellis Blanton, Tim Boaz, Melanie Griffin, Matthew Knight, Phil Levy, Ivan Oleynik, Judith Ponticell, Scott Rimbey, Jenifer Schneider, Michael Teng  
Provost’s Office: Dwayne Smith  
Guests: Nancy Cunningham

Vice President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the minutes from the October 7 meeting as modified.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

a. **Council Recommendations/Update – Ellis Blanton**

Committee on Committees (COC) Chair Blanton explained that President Levy had been notified that the Faculty Council on Student Admissions (FCSA) does not have a chair and should be reconstituted. Upon reviewing the roster, COC Chair Blanton discovered that the council had less than half of its membership populated. He subsequently reached out to the deans which resulted in receiving 4 nominations to bring the roster up to 8 out of 10 members. Although the council is now viable as far as faculty representation, it is not viable as a council because it has not met in months. COC Chair Blanton will contact the membership to bring them up to date on the status of the council and to schedule a meeting to select a chair. He will continue working on populating and validating the council. The list of nominees recommended came to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) with a motion to approve with a second. The motion unanimously passed.

b. **CFI – Early Retirement and Parking – Steve Permuth**

CFI Chair Permuth was not at today’s meeting; therefore, this item was tabled.

c. **Library Council Charge Revisited – Ellis Blanton, Jenifer Schneider**

COC Chair Blanton reiterated that the proposed changes to the Library Council (LC) charge at the October SEC meeting were tabled until it was determined whether or not some of the LC’s operations were System related. In the meantime, COC Chair Blanton recommended that the SEC approve the changes that are not System wide so that the council can operate. To address the concern raised by Parliamentarian Drew Smith at last month’s meeting, LC Chair Schneider proposed the following amendments (underlined):

1. “The Library Council is responsible for advising the Library Dean, Provost, and the President on matters pertaining to the USF Tampa Libraries and the Shimberg Health Sciences Library.”
2. Under the list of ex-officio and non-voting members, add 6.__Director of Shimberg Health Sciences Library or designee._ Although Parliamentarian Smith was not at today’s meeting, the SEC felt that this will address his concern._
motion was made and seconded to approve the charge with the new modifications. The motion unanimously passed.

d.  Research Council (RC) Report – Ivan Oleynik

Chair Oleynik reported that the RC will be conducting a survey of external PIs on research needs in order to obtain faculty opinion on matters regarding the Huron Report. The survey will be e-mailed to faculty who received external grants within the last 5 years. Results are expected to be available mid-January.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Huron Report Subcommittee

Dr. Paul Sanberg, Vice President of Research and Innovation, will attend the November Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the implementation of the recommendations from the Huron report. At his request, the SEC will prepare a list of questions as a way to direct his presentation. Discussion was held with the following decisions: (1) The SEC will put together a packet of questions for specific areas pertaining to the research advisory committee, the strategic planning committee and the implementation committee. President Levy suggested the questions address general transparency. (2) The Senate agenda will be available earlier than normal to allow for posting on the web and dissemination by Senators and SEC members within their respective colleges/units. (3) Senators will be encouraged to read the Huron report to prepare for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

REPORT FROM SENIOR VICE PROVOST DWAYNE SMITH

Dr. Smith reported on behalf of Provost Ralph Wilcox that the Board of Governors (BOG) Facilities Committee will be asked to approve the public-private partnership to construct a new set of residence halls called Andros Village. In addition, some efforts are being made to change the performance funding metrics. Information on these 2 items will be provided as it becomes available.

The main item Dr. Smith brought to the table was the issue referred to as the “balloon popping incident.” He asked for guidance in crafting a message to go to faculty. The general consensus was that although it was an unfortunate incident, everyone did what they were supposed to do. People should be encouraged to know safety procedures during this age of heightened sensitivity. President Levy will work with Dr. Smith on a draft.

There being no further business, a motion was approved to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.