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USF FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
July 6, 2016
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Marshall Student Center 3700

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

2. Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2016 Meeting (2 minutes) (action item)

3. Reports by Officers and Council/Committee Chairs (30 minutes)
   a. Faculty Senate Nomination – Matthew Knight (action item)
   b. Changes in Student Affairs & Success affecting UGC and GEC – Michael Teng
   c. Reports from Council Chairs

4. Old Business

5. New Business
   a. Proposed Reorganization of Library – Todd Chavez, Barbara Lewis (20 minutes)
   b. Proposed Rule for Presentations to Faculty Senate – Michael Teng (10 minutes)

6. Report from Provost and Executive Vice President Ralph Wilcox (30 minutes)

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

8. Other Business from the Floor (5 minutes)

Present: Tim Boaz, Umesh Jinwal, Russell Kirby, Matthew Knight, Ivan Oleynik, Steve Permuth, Drew Smith, Greg Teague, Michael Teng, Rick Will

Provost’s Office: Paul Dosal, Dwayne Smith, Ralph Wilcox

Guests: Kyna Betancourt, Todd Chavez, Bill Cummings, Nancy Cunningham, Barbara Lewis, Karla Davis-Salazar

President Michael Teng called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept the Minutes from the May 4, 2016 meeting as presented.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL CHAIRS

a. Faculty Senate Nominations – Matthew Knight

Secretary Knight announced that he had received a nomination from Dr. Anol Bhattacherjee to fill a Senate vacancy in the Muma College of Business. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Dr. Bhattacherjee to a one-year term. The motion unanimously passed.

b. Changes in Student Affairs & Success affecting UGC and GEC – Michael Teng, Ralph Wilcox, Paul Dosal

In an attempt to address the concerns expressed by Dr. Brianne Stanback, Chair of the UGC, and Dr. Kyna Betancourt, Chair of the GEC, about the integration of the Offices of Student Affairs, Undergraduate Studies, and Enrollment Planning and Management, President Teng opened a dialogue on how these changes will affect the two councils. Provost Wilcox provided background information and comments on the organizational leadership changes that have taken place over the past few weeks and those that will be coming in the future to Student Affairs, Student Success, and Undergraduate Studies. Dr. Paul Dosal has been named Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Success, to be effective July 1. Dr. Dosal commented that by making these changes, it prepares USF for full preeminence. As explained by Provost Wilcox, the reason for the change is to seek a closer alignment with a renewed focus on improving the student experience and to obtain a higher level of student success. To this end, the GEC has been challenged to look, not only at the curricula on how to better prepare USF students to be more successful, but also at academic responsibility and honesty. The Provost added that to advance this endeavor, whether it is a council or task force, faculty are expected to be fully engaged in these conversations to ensure that students are presented with a curricula that meets their needs.
c. **Reports from Council Chairs**

1. **CTIR** – Chair Jinwal announced that Dr. Oma Singh was elected as chair for 2016-2017. Dr. Phillis Jones will be serving as co-chair.

2. **CFI** – This is Chair Permuth’s last meeting with the SEC as chair of this council. He thanked everyone for working with him. He publicly commended Senior Vice Provost Dwayne Smith for his tolerance.

3. **Research Council** – Chair Oleynik had nothing new to add to his comments reported at the May SEC meeting. President Teng announced that the USF Research Strategic Plan will be posted on the Faculty Senate web site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Proposed Reorganization of Library** – Todd Chavez, Barbara Lewis

On behalf of the USF Libraries, Dean Chavez and Barbara Lewis attended today’s meeting to present a proposal for the development of a new unit: Digital Scholarship Services. Dean Chavez explained that the new unit would support faculty and students involved in digital scholarship, as well as solving some internal issues. No new costs are involved except for a stipend for one librarian. Backup documentation in support of the new unit included an overview (with rationale), a proposed Library organization change, and a chronology of consultations with faculty involvement. Dean Chavez pointed out that there were no dissenting votes from library faculty. A motion was made and seconded that the SEC, acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate, acknowledged that the requirements of policy #10-055 were followed and voted to approve the reorganization. The proposal will be forwarded to the USF System Faculty Council for consideration, after which it will be presented to Provost Ralph Wilcox. The floor was opened for discussion.

The question was raised as to how the establishment of this unit in the Library will operate versus the other types of support areas; i.e. Innovative Education, IT. Dean Chavez responded that complimentary activities, such as software expertise, will be coordinated to create a faculty-focused unit. This unit would act as a hub for providing support across campus.

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

b. **Proposed Rule for Presentations to Faculty Senate** – Michael Teng

President Teng presented a draft proposal from an ad hoc committee (comprised of himself, Drew, Judith and Steve) of a procedure for non-members to address the Faculty Senate, FSEC or standing council. The draft has also been sent to the Mr. Gerald Solis in the Office of General Counsel for feedback. The floor was opened for discussion. Comments included: a group could be allowed to speak at the discretion of the presiding
officer or by vote to suspend the rules and allow them to speak; the guidelines are meant to maintain order but not shut down people from commenting; the presiding officer could recognize an individual who would have 3 minutes to speak; and, a plan of action should be included for removing a disruptive individual. President Teng will work with the ad hoc committee on revisions and recirculate to SEC.

c. College of Medicine Activities – Michael Teng

1. Biomedical Engineering department will be reorganized.
2. A USF faculty member was asked to leave.

REPORT FROM PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RALPH WILCOX

Before giving his report, Provost Wilcox commented on the 2 items mentioned by President Teng: (1) Discussions of the Biomedical Engineering reorganization have been on-going for some time. Deans of the two colleges will be bringing the proposal forward. (2) Due process was followed throughout in the dismissal of the faculty member.

Provost Wilcox’s report consisted of the following items:

• USF’s status as the state’s first emerging pre-eminent university. It is expected that the 2 metrics needed to reach full preeminence will be reached in the fall. The next step will be AAU eligibility.
• At the September Board of Governors meeting, UCF will be presenting a five-year plan for preeminence which will establish an elite model of 4 universities moving toward preeminence.
• Two new Ph.D. programs have been approved: College of Behavioral and Community Sciences and Applied Linguistics in the College of Arts and Sciences.
• Personnel updates: (1) Dean Dianne Morrison-Beedy, College of Nursing, has resigned; Dean Donna Peterson will act as interim. (2) Dean Vasti Torres, College of Education, has resigned; Dr. Roger Brindley will be the interim.
• Commencement will be August 6 for the USF System (Tampa and Sarasota/Manatee) and USF Health.
• His Fall Address is scheduled for August 19, 2 p.m., in the Oval Theatre of the Marshall Student Center.

REPORT FROM USF SYSTEM FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG TEAGUE

President Teague provided the following information:

• The Research Strategic Plan was presented to the Board of Trustees.
• At a recent Board of Governors meeting, a first-time discussion took place with the vice president for research from each of the universities. This could be a model of how a State Research Strategic Plan could be developed.
• System IT funds were allocated.
• The Faculty Senate has appointed 2 representatives to the RCM Advisory Committee which will be chaired by President Teague. He will provide activity reports throughout the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Tim Boaz, Member-at-Large, asked for any ideas/feedback on what to cover during an orientation session for new Senators. Steve offered his assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.