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I. Welcome and overview of purpose of the Council – Olufunke Fontenot, Interim RVCAA
   - Dr. Olufunke welcomed all present to the first meeting of the year.
   - It is of utmost importance that Academic Affairs and Student Affairs continue collaborating and working together.
   - The 2018-2019 budget preparation is underway.
   - Efforts to reduce the cost of textbooks are being made. Cathi Cardwell, dean of Poynter Library, will consult with faculty to determine the feasibility of this endeavor.

II. Student Affairs Update – Patti Helton
   - Compass (First-Year Experience) has moved to Student Affairs. Their offices remain in COQ 100.
   - Greek Life – survey indicates that students are very interested in bringing Greek Life to USFSP. Student Government is following up by bringing a consultant to campus to further explore the feasibility of adding Fraternity and Sorority Life.
   - Athletics – consultants were brought in late last year and we are now waiting on a student survey to be administered in January to gauge level of interest. We hope to get the feasibility report in early February. Adding Intercollegiate Athletics would require facilities so this initiative, if found feasible would require a timeline for implementation.

III. Brief Overview:
   - Registrar’s Office – Shari Schwartz, registrar, gave an in-depth presentation of all the services and guidance they offer to students, faculty, and staff. (Presentation attached.)
   - College of Arts and Sciences – Dean Frank Biafora
     Dr. Biafora presented a comprehensive look into the College of Arts and Sciences, what’s happening now and where it’s heading, short- and long-term. (Presentation attached.)

IV. Questions and answers followed each presentation.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45AM.

Next meeting: Monday, February 19, 2018
SLC 2100 & 2101
10:00 – 11:00 am

Feature Presentations:
- College of Education
- Kate Tiedemann College of Business