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## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

Faculty Council Meeting  
November 20, 2003 10:30 am

Present: Bill Heller, Deb Henry, Ellen Hufnagel, Rebecca Johns, Ambe Njoh, Jim Spence

Absent: Robert Egley, David Naar

Guest: Steve Ritch

### **Opening Remarks**

Bill Heller provided an update on the schedule for kicking off the Faculty Council Committees & Councils. Initial meetings have been scheduled. There was some discussion of whether or not the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils would be able to approve new courses prior to USFSP gaining separate SACS accreditation. In the absence of any clear guidance from the administration, it was agreed that the Councils should proceed as per their charges and until they receive word from the administration that new courses are not allowed.

Ellen Hufnagel provided an update on the most recent Leadership Council meeting as well as this month's Faculty Senate meeting. The report issued by the Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Intercampus Operating Procedures has been widely circulated and was the subject of intense discussion at the recent Senate meeting. In addition, President Genshaft called a meeting of this committee and the top administrators from all campuses on November 19th. At this point in time, the major stumbling block appears to be the lack of a clear reporting structure at the Sarasota/Manatee and Lakeland campuses. The discussion regarding USFSP centered around whether or not Tampa colleges and departments will recognize intellectual ties between USFSP faculty and their Tampa-based peers. No firm conclusions were reached.

### **Reports from the College/Library Councils**

The CoE Council is awaiting faculty approval of their new Constitution. The CoB Council has not met since our last FC meeting, but is planning to convene this afternoon to discuss faculty mentorship programs, Independent Study classes, and summer scheduling. The CAS Council completed its elections and Ambe Njoh has now joined the FC. The Library thanked the faculty for responding to its recent survey.

### **Old Business**

Evaluation of administrators: Due to an oversight, this issue was not raised with CEO Karen White at yesterday's meeting. An email was sent to her late yesterday afternoon, asking for an update on this issue. No reply has as yet been received.

Faculty Rights: The FC continued to discuss the erosion of faculty rights and whether or not there is any likelihood of them being restored any time soon. It was agreed that we will begin researching this issue in an effort to determine just which rights are in jeopardy. Deb Henry and Rebecca Johns will review the Faculty Handbook and Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ellen Hufnagel will review the Provost's Website

Academic Honor Code: Steve Ritch discussed the status of the Campus Honor Code he has been working on with the students over the last few years. The FC agreed to support this effort and send the Honor Code out for a faculty vote after the students have approved it.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

**Next Meeting:** (Tentative) Thursday, December 4th, 10:30 am, room to be announced.  
Bi-weekly Faculty Council meetings will resume the second week in January.