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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG**

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, October 14, 2005 8:10AM

Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Ambe Njoh, Deb Henry, Deanna Michael, Gary Patterson (for Jim Fellows), Jim Spence,  
Kim Stoddard, Kathy Weedman  
Absent: David Naar  
Guests: Mark Durand, RVC AA  
Steve Ritch, COE

**Announcements**

**New Business**

The minutes of 9/3005 meeting were approved. Minutes will be posted to the FC web site.

**Committee on committee (COC)**

Kim reported on the progress made to fill vacancies on the FC Councils and Committees. The COC has filled most of the positions and are waiting to hear from Student Government in order to fill those remaining slots. Deb made a motion to accept the slate of faculty and staff members. Jim Spence second and the Council voted to accept. Kim will update the roster and redistribute the list to the Council.

**USF System academic integrity committee – Steve Ritch**

Steve reported that he was asked to serve on a USF system-wide integrity committee last spring by the USF Tampa Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Bob Sullins. The Tampa campus has renewed interest in exploring the possibility of developing an honor system or code for the USF system. Steve distributed two examples of materials that are being used as a starting point for this discussion; the "Carolinian Creed" (University of South Carolina) and the "Commitment to Honor" document prepared by a USFSP group some years ago. The integrity committee is interested in soliciting comments and opinions from various USF constituencies. While the Council was interested in the concept in a general way, questions and discussion arose concerning adjudication procedures, the education the students and others on a variety of issues that affect honesty in scholarship such as plagiarism, cheating, copyright infringement, the role of faculty in this process, curriculum ideas, campus climate/culture, etc. The Council and Dr. Durand also expressed a desire that USFSP would maintain its authority over issues dealing with academic honesty on this campus.

Jim Spence made a motion to request that Steve continue as USFSP representative to this community and to keep the Council informed of its activities. Council members will also present this concept to their constituencies and ask for feedback. Council will consider organizing other meetings/discussion opportunities as needed.

Kathy Weedman excused herself from the meeting at 9:20 AM.

**October 28 FC meeting**

Deb announced that she will be unable to attend the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Deanna volunteered to take the minutes. Deb will prepare the agenda and get out the announcement as usual.

**College Reports**

**College of Education**

The College of Education Council met and discussed the proposed FC name change (to Faculty Senate) and the development of a code of ethics. See discussion below with regard to those agenda items.

## College of Business

Gary Patterson announced that Ron Hill will be stepping down as Dean. Some members of the COB Executive Team will stay in place until December 20, 2005 and then resume teaching in the spring.

## College of Arts and Sciences

CAS is preparing a response to the proposed "Code of Ethics" for T & P deliberations from RVC Mark Durand.

## Library

No report

## Old Business

### USF SP 'Faculty Council' name change to 'Faculty Senate' & USFSP representation to the Tampa Faculty Senate

Deanna reported that the CEC would accept the name change to Faculty Senate. Ambe added that CAS is favorable to the new name as well. Since a name change will require a vote of the general faculty, Faculty Council will discuss what further actions are needed at the next meeting on October 28.

### Faculty Code of Ethics - Tenure and Promotion Professional Behavior

The COE and CAS representatives shared what came out of the discussions held in those colleges about developing a tenure and promotion/annual review code of ethics. Jim Fellows had already reported on feedback from the COB at the last meeting (see the 9-30-05 minutes). There was consensus that everyone involved in the T&P and annual review processes, i.e. faculty and administrators, be specifically mentioned and bound to any code / rules / procedures developed.

Although a template from a professional society was initially suggested, the Council would prefer to start from scratch using straight forward language, with specific details in order to be effective. Mark Durand stressed that the template was only meant as an example and that the important point was to develop a written position that spells out acceptable professional behavior to avoid problems that have occurred in the past. Deanna added that the document must also comply with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Article 14).

Council suggested creating an ad hoc committee whose membership will include a representative from each college (selected by the College Council) and the library. It was further suggested that Jim Fellows chair the committee as he has already contributed several ideas as to the document's content.

As the meeting ran over time, the two remaining items on the agenda, the FC survey and the problem of faculty attendance at lectures and other activities will be placed at the top of the agenda for the October 28 meeting.

## Next meeting

October 28, 2005

Library Conference room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 8:10 AM

### *Future meetings:*

November 18

December 9

January 13 & 27, 2006

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 7 & 21

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