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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

Faculty Council Meeting
October 11, 2002
9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Bob Dardenne, Jim Fellows, Margaret Hewitt, Steve Micklo, David Naar, Tina Neville, Mark Pezzo, Jim Spence
Guest: Winston Bridges

Tenure & Promotion:

Drafts IV and IVA were distributed with the FC agenda. These materials were also sent to the entire faculty; however, they did not get distributed in time for a vote prior to the FC meeting. Winston Bridges was present at the meeting to provide input on the T&P discussion.

Questions to Dr. Bridges:

What happens if there aren't 5 tenured faculty members available to serve on the T&P committee? (Response: At the moment, this is only a problem in the College of Business. They have agreed to use 4 tenured faculty members on the committee. The candidate and the Dean of COB will need to sign off on the exception.)

If applying for full professor, will the composition of the committee include associate professors? (Response: That information is included in the 1998 University guidelines which will not be changing and have been distributed to all of the faculty.)

Can someone from outside USFSP sit in on the T&P committee? (Response: The sense right now is that we are supposed to be completely independent in this process so the T&P committees will not include faculty members from other campuses.)

Suggested changes to terminology in Draft IVA:

- 3a. and 3d. Change "tenure track" to "tenure-earning"
- 3b. Change "college" to the "applicant's college"

Members of FC then voted on the process described in Draft IVA. The Council accepts Draft IVA with the few minor changes noted above. Unless we hear additional, substantial concerns from the other faculty, we consider this process approved by the Faculty Council.

Programs of Distinction (POD) evaluations:

The members of FC have been asked to provide evaluations on the POD applications. Each member of FC will be assigned to evaluate 7 of the 10 PODS. Any member of FC that is associated with a particular POD application should excuse him/herself from evaluating that application.

Evaluations are to be completed prior to the FC meeting on October 25, 2002. Give the evaluation forms to Abby or bring them to the next FC meeting when they are completed.

PODS were numbered as follows:

1. Social responsibility
2. Journalism & Media
3. Environmental Science
4. Florida Studies
5. ECO-Regional
6. Linked course learning
7. Performance assessment
8. Design communications
9. Ethics in education
10. Unified teacher

Evaluation assignments are as follows:

Bob: 1,3, 5, 6, 7, 9,10

Margaret: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9

Mark: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Jim Spence: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10

Jim Fellows: 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10

Tina: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10

Steve: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9

New Business:

Plagiarism: Steve Micklo asked if there is any interest in a campus center on plagiarism, particularly relating to the service offered at <http://www.plagiarism.org>. There is a cost involved with this service. Steve will look into the service further and find out if Tampa is using it. FC members should also check with their colleagues to see if there is any interest in pursuing this topic.

Task Forces: Margaret Hewitt asked if the campus community would be notified of the members of each Task Force and their charges. This information should be forthcoming.

New Programs: Margaret also noted that the College of Education is ready to submit some new program proposals. Is there a campus committee formulated to accept these? Bob indicated that the Task Forces should be setting up procedures for this.

Peer-review Guidelines: Tina Neville asked if the FC would be involved in approving the individual college council's procedures for peer-review. When the library established their procedures, Winston Bridges recommended to Kathy that the guidelines be presented to the FC. The members of FC agreed that this should be an internal procedure that is set up within each college and that FC does not need to approve the procedures.

Announcements: David Naar announced that he recently learned that proxy votes are not acceptable in Robert's Rules of Order. To submit a valid vote, the voter must be present. David also announced that the pool locker room safety issues have been resolved.

Next meeting is October 25, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. in the VP's conference room.