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Welcome/Call to Order
Chair Sembler welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. In attendance were: Chair Debbie Sembler, Board Members Roy Binger, Bob Churuti, John Connelly and Judy Mitchell; USFSP Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska and USF System President Judy Genshaft.

USFSP Update
Chancellor Wisniewska welcomed new USFSP Campus Board Member John Connelly. She provided updates covering Strategic Planning, Enterprise Risk Management and Student Retention, as well as faculty and student recognitions. She reported on plans underway to improve USFSP facilities, specifically, moving ahead with Gulf Coast Legal Services negotiations. College of Business was placed on the 3-2-1 plan (investment of $321-million in the future of Florida universities) by the Board of Governors, making it a top priority; Unstoppable Campaign raised $2-million for the COB and the St. Pete Chamber of Commerce also ranked it a top priority for the Chamber.

USF System Report
System President Judy Genshaft welcomed new USFSP Campus Board Member John Connelly. Enrollment for spring semester is going well, however the Bright Futures Scholarship program in this year will raise the qualifying threshold, which means less students will receive funding. President Genshaft is working with Joel Momberg, Senior Vice President of Fundraising, to create scholarships to fill this gap.

Performance Funding -The legislative session will soon be upon us; the System is working to obtain significant appropriations. Performance funding prevails; the Governor’s budget has $80-million for performance funding; $40-million from the state and $40-million taken out of state universities’ budgets. Universities will get it back based on performance.

TEAm Grants - USFSP and USF will work with UCF and FIU on TEAm Grants. In a separate initiative, $12 million in funding has been requested from the Legislature which will be split between the three schools for programs that are internship, practicum and co-op related, resulting ultimately in better employment options for students.

USF is seeking a new athletic director.
USFSP Faculty Senate Update
Dr. Steve Lang, Faculty Senate president reported that the Senate has been working on distance learning and the technology changes faculty has been faced with. USFSP standards for Distance Learning is framed within the Quality Matters program; a nationally recognized, faculty-centered, peer review process designed to certify the quality of online course design.

USF St. Petersburg Student Government Update
Mark Lombardi – Nelson, Student Government Association President mentioned partnerships with the Florida Student Association, Capital Improvement Trust Fund, USF Day at the Capitol, the new Student Success Center, sustainability, SGA elections, SGA budget sessions, and the need for student funds.

Action Item 8.1 - Approval of the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes
Upon motion by Board Member Judy Mitchell and seconded by Roy Binger, the USFSP Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the December 3, 2013 minutes.

Action Item 8.2 - Approval of material and supply fees
Tabled until further notice.

Action Item 8.3 - Approval of facilities and equipment use fees
Tabled until further notice.

Action Item 8.4 - Approval of Activity and Service (A&S) and Student Health fees
Upon motion by Board Member Bob Churuti and seconded by Roy Binger, the USFSP Campus Board voted unanimously to approve the Activity and Service and Student Health Fees (.55 and $1.10 per student respectively).

Information Item 9.1 - Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee
Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Julie Wong reported that no new Capital Improvement Trust funds were requested.

Information Item 9.2 - Housing Rental fees
Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Julie Wong reported that housing fees would remain the same; no additional funds were requested.

Information Item 9.3 - Parking rates
Regional Vice Chancellor of Administration and Financial Services Joe Trubacz reported that parking rates would remain the same.