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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, April 7, 2006 8:10AM
Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Ambe Njoh, Jim Fellows, David Naar, Ron Hill, Deanna Michael, Kathy Weedman
Absent: Deb Henry, Kim Stoddard
Substitutes: Tina Neville for Deb Henry and Terry Rose for Kim Stoddard

Approval of Minutes:

Ron Hill moved that the minutes from the March 24, 2006. Jim Fellows seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business:

Increasing the size of the Faculty Senate: Ambe presented the CAS College Council's suggestion that representation on the Faculty Senate reflect the size of the colleges. Jim Fellows made a motion to open discussion, which Ron Hill seconded. Ron suggested that not just the number of Senators from each college, but also committee membership be considered in such a representative expansion. He also asked whether the number of all faculty—adjuncts included—and the number of students as well as the number of full time faculty members would be considered. Jim Fellows pointed out the difficulty of getting faculty members to serve on committees in general. Terry Rose brought up the point that the Faculty Senate represented the larger interests of the faculty in general, not those of the college where each senator served. No motion was made on the issue beyond to open it for discussion.

Attendance at Senate meetings: This issue was revisited at the request of the CAS College Council—see College/Library Reports below. The following motion was made by Ron Hill and seconded by Jim Fellows:

As stated in the USFSP Faculty Senate Charter, members of the university community are welcome to request to be on the agenda of the Faculty Senate meetings and make his or her presentation, enter into discussion about the topic of their presentation. They are also welcome to remain, but are requested to respect the agenda of the Faculty Senate and provide input only if a member of the Faculty Senate specifically requests such input.

Membership on 2006-2007 Senate: All full-time members of the faculty, including visiting faculty, may vote in the Faculty Senate elections.

College/Library Reports:

CAS: The CAS college council also requested that the FS consider sending faculty representatives to all administrative committee meetings. The new dean has not been selected. The faculty have given their input and await the decision. Rebecca Johns will be the new senator from CAS.

COB – The Search Committee for the new Dean will meet today (4/7/06)

Marine Science: The Search Committee for the new Dean of the College of Marine Science has convened. Regional Chancellor Karen White is serving on the committee. David requested that if anyone knows of qualified individual, please ask him or her to apply.

COE – Elections have not been held yet. The Search Committees for the positions in Literacy, Math Education, and Science Education have given their reports to the Dean. A decision has been made in Math Education.

Library – The search committee continues its work. No decision has been made yet.

Old Business

USFSP representative to the USF Tampa Senate

The CAS College Council supports sending a faculty member to the Tampa Faculty Senate. The reason is the lack of an over-arching structure for representation on funding committees. As at the February meeting, the Faculty Senate members will ask their college councils about representation. Jim pointed out that the chair of the St. Petersburg Faculty Senate may be expected to participate in a system faculty governance committee. Deanna reported that she had talked informally with Larry Johnson, the USFSP rep on the committee discussing system faculty representation. At this point the committee is gathering information about system wide faculty governance structures in other states.

Faculty Senate/Council Survey results, as well as an executive summary, have been posted in a .pdf format on the Faculty Senate web page.

General Education Committee

Tina reported that the Strategic Planning subcommittee on Undergraduate Education strongly recommended a review of General Education for a unique niche and a careful consideration of mission. The Faculty Senate still has not heard from the Undergraduate Council and its action on the General Education Review.

All Faculty Senate Councils are requested to submit a year-end report to the chair of the FS by the end of the semester.

Next meeting

April 21, 2006 Library Conference Room, 3rd floor at 8:10 AM

Prepared by Deanna Michael