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Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Deb Henry, Jerry Notaro, Kaya Townsend, Tina Neville, Marcy Carrel, Patricia Pettijohn, Berrie Watson, Virginia Champion, Charlotte Barbour, David Brodosi, David Cipris, Anne Killenberg, Michael Mathon, Candice Pascual, Carissa Santana, Chris Sirois, Lexi Terry, Robert Vessenmeyer, Jean Ferguson and Zeynep Tufekci for minutes

Announcements:

Kathy announced the Town Hall meeting on the Strategic Plan was to be held at DAV 130 on February 16, 2007, from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. She strongly urged everyone to attend. The USFSP administrators encourage attendance so that the Tampa visitors are aware of the extent of campus concern about the implications of the document.

Discussion:

Kathy explained that the main justification given to centralize the leadership of the USF Library System was to strengthen USF's position of becoming Florida's fourth university member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). In the event of the merger, Kathy was concerned that our programs such as Distance Learning would be jeopardized and our commitment to SACS would be undercut. Under a single Dean in Tampa, Kathy and the library faculty would have to report to Tampa and, in the event of professional vacancies, the new hire would be put into a position of divided loyalties while reporting to Tampa and being paid from St. Petersburg. Kathy also expressed that Dr. White and Dr. Durand shared her hesitation about the merger. Health Science Libraries also shared this concern. Kathy assured everyone that the budget would stay on this campus (as far as she knew) and loss of jobs would not be a concern. Kathy indicated that the future implications are serious and asked that everyone continue to do their best. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Kathy recognized Kaya's great work on the signs and television announcements, Marcy's work at the College of Business, and a job well done on the displays by Carissa, Candice and Kaya.

Kathy announced that Final Friday, sponsored by the Library, will be held on the first floor of the Library on February 23, 2007, from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. She explained that Dr. White has asked us to honor Faculty Authors and that Jean and Zeynep are working

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with Sudsy on the details. She asked for volunteers, particularly bartenders to serve the wine.

Kaya announced movie night: February 21, 6:00 PM – 8:00PM. History professor Robert Alicea will be presenting the movie “Y Tu Mamá Tombián.”

David announced the Distance Learning increases for spring 2007: SCH 4.77%, SCH 13% campus increase; 598 students taking DL, 8 courses/9sections.