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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday December 1, 2006

Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Jerry Notaro, Deanna Michael, Gary Patterson, Kathy Weedman, Margaret Hewitt, Ray
Arsenault, David Naar
Guests: Karen White, Mark Durand, Hugh LaFollette, Steve Ritch, Steve Neilson, Meghan
Willoughby, Michael Mann

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Hugh gave an update on the General Education Committee. The Committee would like to develop a new USFSP Core Curriculum while continuing the current Core for two more years. The new USF Tampa Core Curriculum has not been finalized but will be implemented in 2008. The Goals and Dimensions of the USF Tampa Core have been approved. Ray made a motion, and Gary seconded, that the General Education Committee postpone consideration of the report until they have met with V.C. Durand to discuss the Tampa revisions. The motion passed.

Student Government President Meghan Willoughby presented issues and a history concerning a Commitment to Honor and Living the Commitment. She and Mike Mann asked that the Senate consider approval and endorsement of each. Steve Ritch explained that the effort is USF System wide. David Naar suggested that all the campus logos appear with the code. Ray expressed some concern over wording that implied speaking responsibly was more important than speaking freely. The Commitments are philosophical and not a code of conduct. Margaret moved to endorse the Commitments, no second, motion withdrawn. Deanna moved we endorse the Commitment to Honor, seconded and passed.

Karen first reported that there is now a system wide logo and that is the one on the proposed Commitments. The proposed USF System wide Strategic Plan has a Mission, Values and Goals statements that are acceptable to all but the specific initiatives are a concern to the regional campuses. Karen urged the Faculty Senate to share their concerns with President's Office as directed on the web. The Senate also urges individual faculty members to share their own concerns. Ray will draft a summary of concerns for the Faculty Senate to discuss. On the issue of Child Care, Karen reported that providing flexible childcare on campus would be very costly. Human Resources is exploring options with neighboring, non-profit institutions. The administration is aware of housing start up costs and the effect it has on faculty and staff recruitment. Karen's administration will continue to subsidize the cost of faculty and staff use of wellness facilities.

USFSP's Legislative Efforts and Initiatives suggest that a Pre-Health program can address expressed community needs. Pre-Health is a long-term goal that can begin with offering more science courses and develop into a full-fledged Nursing program returning to campus. Ray and Kathy explained that the CAS concerns were that the program was presented as a done deal, which it is not. In addition, they expressed CAS concerns that funding for the program would draw funds away from current programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting, Friday, January 19, 10 a.m., Library Conference Room, 3rd floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary