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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday September 28, 2007

Library Conference Room – POY 319

Present: Jerry Notaro, David Carr, Margaret Hewitt, Larry Johnson, Tom Carter, Ray Arsenault

Guest: Chris D'Elia

Chair Margaret Hewitt called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

The minutes of the last two Senate meetings were approved as distributed.

Chris and Margaret emphasized the pressing issue of the General Education Program because Tampa will initiate the program in Fall 2008 rather than Fall of 2009 as previously thought.

Margaret reported from the Council of Deans meeting that Dean of Enrollment Frank Hohengarten stressed that Pre-Health academic program were in demand and that the demand is growing. Chris said the campus already offers many of the science courses already. In order to offer full programs we need more labs and instructors. Tom asked about costs involved. Chris replied that until the new Science and Technology building is ready in can be offered with minimal funding, especially if instructors are used to teach.

Leadership Council: The next SACS report and update is due in December. There will be a campus Open House on Saturday, October 20, from 9 am to noon. Tables will be set up to highlight and provide programs offered on the campus.

Status of the General Education Committee was discussed. There is a concern among the faculty about the Gen Ed courses being accepted between campuses.

Chris reported that the System-wide governance efforts progressing in the right direction. The System-wide Faculty Senate is organized and the USFSP Faculty Senate represents the campus. Steps are progressing for across the board System representation.

Dave Carr asked if the General Education Council reports to the Undergraduate Council, or directly to the Faculty Senate. After discussion, Ray moved that recommendations from the General Education Committee be brought to the Undergraduate Council for information and consultation before being brought to the Faculty Senate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Margaret is the only remaining member of last year's Committee on Committees. There are two opening on the Committee, one from the College of Business and one from the College of Arts and Sciences. Tom Carter will represent the COB, and David Carr will

represent the CAS. Margaret will call a quick meeting to follow the Faculty Senate meeting to determine committee vacancies.

Chris reported that the work that had been done on restructuring the College of Arts and Sciences was complex and would have created an unwieldy bureaucracy. The college is moving forward with restructuring with concern over load and equity. The CAS faculty has been working diligently to complete the process.

Larry reported that the College of Education had quality concerns for online classes, including equity issues toward assignment. The COE has expressed specific concerns over exit courses being offered online.

Jerry reported the new hours for the Library, and on the restructuring of the Technical Services Department.

Margaret would like to create a form, with the Senate's approval, that would be completed by all the Faculty Senate committees as annual reports.

Ray asked whether a response had been written to the Tampa Tribune's editorial about the campus. Bob Dardenne has written a response and sent it to the newspaper.

Ray expressed his desire to return to the graduation format that includes a more formal graduation address. Chris explained that all campus graduations have been streamlined by President Genshaft's office.

Dave asked whether the faculty needed to prepare for further cuts. Margaret replied that Karen would advise the faculty immediately if additional cuts are need.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

The next meeting is set for Friday, October 26, 10 a.m., POY 319.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary