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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2011
9:00 A.M.
PRW 123

- I. **Recognition of Members and Alternates:** Susan Allen, Malcolm Butler, Cynthia Leung, Rick Smith, Kaya van Beynen, Mark Walters (Members)
Absent with Apologies: Chris Davis (President)
- II. **Recognition of Guests:** Norine Noonan (Vice Chancellor), Melanie Riedinger-Whitmore (Faculty, CAS), Courtney Parish (Executive President, Student Government)
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimously approved
Additions:
- IV. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**
 - Meeting of September 16, 2011 unanimously approved
- V. **Action Items:**
 - A. Election of Vice President for 2011-12
 - Susan Allen was elected (and at that point, replaced Rick Smith as chair of the meeting)
 - B. CAS Department Reorganization
 - Melanie Riedinger-Whitmore briefed Senate on the changes, indicating the process of reorganization had been approved by the System Faculty Council.
 - Based on the briefing, and prior knowledge of the reorganization, the Senate approved the reorganization.
 - C. Membership of and Charges for Standing Committees
 - Rick Smith (chair of COC) reported that all committees had been formed and given charges.
 - D. Policy 10-049 (Proposed Policy on Peer Review in Cases of Alleged Misconduct by a Tenured Faculty Member)
 - Rick Smith (Vice President of SFC) briefed Senate on proposed new policy, indicating SFC had approved policy language.
 - Smith requested that senators take proposed policy back to their respective colleges for feedback.
 - Senate requested Smith distribute old as well as new policy so that faculty feedback on new policy could be provided to SFC by Nov. 1, in advance of formal promulgation of policy by System administration.

E. Succession Planning

- The Senate discussed the need for examining possible scenarios if Chancellor Sullivan's current contract is not renewed. What would succession planning look like and how would faculty be involved?

VI. Business Items for Discussion:

A. Administration Reports:

1. Chancellor (C): Deferred

2. Vice Chancellor (VC) of Academic Affairs

a. New Pre-Proposal Process for Academic Programs

- VC briefed Senate on the new process, which culminates (if programs are approved) with insertion of programs into the annual USF workplan.
- USFSP has two proposals submitted for the 2012 workplan
- Some questions were raised about the proper involvement of faculty in relation to one of proposed programs: Master's of Accounting

b. T&P Process

- It is the responsibility of faculty to keep track of their own promotion timeline from Associate to Full Professor. Candidates should notify their dean of intention to go for promotion in the preceding spring.
- Dr. Noonan may have a spring workshop on T & P.

c. Network Security and Website Filtering

- USF General Counsel response to Dept. of Journalism inquiry was:
Based on Article 5 of the CBA, the Faculty Senate needs to pass a resolution not to block software or internet access for faculty. This is a policy issue rather than a legal issue (there is a possible model to follow at Polytechnic).
- Topic of a resolution will be placed on November Senate agenda.

d. Harbor Hall

- Security will be enhanced.

B. President's Report: None

C. Committee Reports: None

D. Ad-hoc Committee Reports

1. **Technology Task Force:** None

E. College Reports

1. CAS: None
2. COB: None

- 3. COE: None
- 4. Library: None

F. Other Business

- 1. Electronic Voting in the Academic Setting
 - a. In the course of the discussion on CAS reorganization, the question was raised about the ability of academic committees to hold electronic voting.
 - b. The Senate will seek guidance on this issue from the General Counsel.

**VIII. Announcements:
Meeting Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned, 11:20 a.m.

Summary

| Motions | Approval Status |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| To approve CAS department reorganization | _MB___ made the motion. |
| | _MW___ seconded the motion. |
| | The Senate voted to approve, 6-0. |

| Actions (Follow-up) | Person(s) Responsible | Deadline (if any) |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Distribute to Senate members CAS Reorganization Documents | Rick Smith | ASAP |
| Actions (Follow-up) | Person(s) Responsible | Deadline (if any) |
| Distribute to Senate members New/Old Policy on Faculty Misconduct | Rick Smith | ASAP |