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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2012
1:00 P.M.
HBR 206

- I. **Recognition of Members and Alternates:** Chris Davis (President), Susan Allen, Malcolm Butler, Cynthia Leung, Rick Smith, Mark Walters (Members)
Absent with Apologies: Kaya van Beynen
- II. **Recognition of Guests:** Judy Genshaft (USF President; arrived at 3 p.m.)
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimously approved
Additions:
- IV. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**
 - Meeting of January 20, 2012 unanimously approved
- V. **Administration Reports:**
 - **Chancellor**
 - Deferred
 - **Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs**
 - Deferred
- VI. **Committee Reports:**
 - **General Education**
 - Davis reported that GE Committee is working well, maintaining autonomy with respect to the administration
 - Assessment Day will be renamed: General Education Day
GE committee is preparing agenda
Scheduled for April 13th, 2012
 - Committee has developed a work plan, reflecting its charge
 - A new course, MAC 1105L, was proposed without faculty input and otherwise did not properly follow established procedures. The GE chair stopped the process and had it restarted by the chair of the CAS Academic Programs Committee
 - Davis thanked the GE Chair (Kathy Arthur) for her appropriate response to the situation
 - The Senate is becoming increasingly concerned about compliance with curriculum-change procedures
 - Motion to approve MAC 1105L proposal (see Motions)

VII. Action Items:

- **FS Awards Committee: criteria related to faculty awards**
 - Butler presented guideline changes made by Awards Cmte. for Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence
 - Motion to approve guidelines (see Motions)
 - Butler mentions that Awards Cmte. will next develop criteria or evaluating the applications

- **USFSP Scholars Award**
 - Vice chancellor has asked the FS to consider such an award, which Davis proposes be given to Awards Cmte.
 - Discussion ensues about similar awards at other institutions that require students to have an "additional" experience (Leung), as well as how this award would be different from other distinctions students receive at graduation (Allen, Smith, Walters)
 - Butler suggests involving students because it is a student award
 - Motion proposed (see Motions)

- **T&P Process Initiation**
 - Deferred until Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs is present

- **Faculty Technology Task Force & DL Initiatives**
 - Davis, Walters, and Smith give background on prior committees and initiatives for assessing technology and DL
 - Motion for a DL Forum that will build on charge of the University DL Committee, *Quality Matters* initiative, and recommendations of the Technology Task Force (see Motions)

- **Network Security & Website Filtering**
 - Walters reports that despite prior claims, he discovers there was no satisfactory resolution of the issue at USF Polytechnic
 - Walters will develop statement for FS inquiry to USF General Counsel

- **Charter, By-Law and website updates**
 - Davis defers until next FS meeting and will accept feedback in the interim

VIII. Other Business

- **Discussion Prior to President Genshaft's Arrival**
 - Davis shares content of phone conversation with Pres. Genshaft, who at that time requested to meet with the Faculty Senate
 - Butler re-reads letter FS had sent to President Genshaft in December 2011.

- **Pres. Genshaft and USFSP Leadership Beyond June 2013**

- Since the Chancellor's contract ends in June 2013, the process of a search was requested.
- President Genshaft thanked the Senate for their initiative: in response to the letter of December 2nd 2012, she shared the following:
 - On USFSP and the USF System, President Genshaft thinks:
 - USFSP has experienced remarkable development in 11.5 years
 - autonomy gives each campus real freedom to make resource decisions
 - there are substantial benefits to USFSP and other USF institutions remaining within the USF system.
 - Recommendations on a search process
 - President Genshaft anticipated that any search would begin formally in August 2012, unless otherwise notified by the Faculty Senate. President Genshaft acknowledged that, in the meantime, the Senate would continue its preparatory discussions. She encouraged this but urged sensitivity so that neither the purpose nor the timing of any search was misinterpreted by anyone, either within the university or system communities or outside. The Senate unanimously agreed.
 - President Genshaft would contact all USFSP constituent groups (faculty, students, staff, community, and administrators);
 - President Genshaft would select from names offered by each group, aiming to assemble the most diverse membership possible;
 - A search committee chair would have to be at least a full professor;
 - A search committee could work with recruiting consultants to solicit candidates. R. William Funk and Associates are currently under contract with USF for two senior level searches in the USF system: one of these is currently underway (the Chancellor search at USF Polytechnic). The two-search contract was put in place merely as a means to prudently use USF resources when the time for another senior level search arrived.
 - The contract for the position would be for five years

IX. President's Report:

- None

X. College Reports

- CAS: None
- COB: None
- COE: None
- Library: None

VIII. Announcements:

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned, 4:30 p.m.

Summary

Motions	Approval Status
To approve MAC 1105L proposal	_MW___ made the motion.
	_SA___ seconded the motion.
	The Senate voted to approve, 5-0.
To have FS Awards Cmte. work with college councils and Student Government to develop a proposal for the USFSP Scholars Award	_SA___ made the motion.
	_CL___ seconded the motion.
	The Senate voted to approve, 5-0.
DL Forum proposal	_MW___ made the motion.
	_MB___ seconded the motion.
	The Senate voted to approve, 5-0.

Actions (Follow-up)	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline (if any)