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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2014
1:30 P.M.
BAY 220

I. Recognition of Members and Alternates: Steve Lang (President), Deanna Michael (Vice President), Chris Davis, Ella Schmidt, Wei Guan, Jamie McHale, Kaya van Beynen (Members)

II. Recognition of Guests: Sophia Wisniewska (Regional Chancellor), Vivian Fueyo (Vice Chancellor)

III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved

Additions:

IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

- Jamie suggested several corrections. Deanna will send out the corrected minutes for approval.
- Kaya will update the USFSP Digital Archive with the FS agendas and minutes from the past year.

V. Administration Reports:

Regional Chancellor's Report

- **FL Legislative Session:** USF had a great year in the upcoming FL budget and is currently budgeted to receive \$80 million; \$10 for the USFSP COB building, \$1 million for All Children's/USFSP, and \$.25 million for a lab here at USFSP. The budget has yet to be approved by the FL Governor, but could be done by June. USFSP received a lot of legislative support from local politicians and had a very organized lobbying effort
- **COB Building:** Is currently being revised.
- **Gulf Coast Property:** The paperwork should be completed soon and the building should belong to USFSP in the Fall 2014. The plan is to demolish the building and put in a parking lot.
- **Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search:** The search committee recommended 2 candidates. The top candidate is invited back to USFSP to meet with the deans
- **Spring Commencement:** Faculty are encouraged to come, the families and students are thrilled when they can meet with the faculty.
- **Chancellor's Presentation of USFSP Research Productivity to the USF Board of Trustees:** This presentation went over very well and USFSP looked really strong in terms of productivity, and impressive in terms of quality and quantity. Dr. Wisniewska hopes to do this presentation annually to the USF Board. As a result of this presentation, Dr. Fueyo was invited to serve on the committee of Associate Deans of Research as part of

the USF System. Additionally this presentation helped the USF Board of Trustees learn about USFSP.

Interim Regional Vice- Chancellor for Academic Affairs' Report

- **USFSP Internal Research Awards:** \$115,000 was awarded to 13 proposals. All of these awards went to Assistant and Associate level faculty.
- **Sabbaticals:** 6 faculty submitted proposals for sabbaticals (4 CAS, 1 COE, 1 COB), all of these proposals were accepted.
- **P & T:** The promotion packages for 3 CAS candidates for Full and 3 COB for Full are currently being reviewed at the Chancellor's level
- **Mid Tenure Review:** 7 candidates from all the colleges are ready for mid-tenure review. However there were procedure anomalies. The correct mid-tenure review should mirror the T&P process, except exclude the external reviewers. Due to the problems with this year's process, the Dr. Fueyo asked the T&P committee to move the mid tenure review to the fall. This was discussed with UFF and it was concluded that it would not jeopardize any of the applicants. Dr. Fueyo will meet with the Deans to change the T&P schedule for next year so that it included additional steps for review and that all steps have been concluded before moving forward to the next level.
- **Planning and Budget Committee:** includes faculty, staff, and administrative personnel. This committee will be meeting once every 2 weeks to make recommendations up to the next fiscal year
- **Director of Institutional Research Search:** The top candidates are being reviewed by the search committee and should be moving forward soon.
- **Unit Research Administrator Search:** Internal search within the USF system was a failed search. The search for this position has subsequently been opened beyond USF and the search committee is reviewed applicants.

VI. Action Items:

- **Elect a FS vice-President:** Deanna will be the FS President for the 2014/15 academic year. Other FS members will be Steve (COE), Ella and Mark Pezzo (CAS), Deb Henry (LIB) and Wei (COB). The other member from COB has yet to be determined. This item was tabled until the 1st FS meeting of the 2014/15 year.

VII. Business Items for Discussion:

USF System Faculty Council Report by Chris:

- **USFSP Math Unit:** The reorganization of the USFSP math unit was discussed at the last meeting in Sarasota and the proposal was accepted. The proposal included action steps of 1) a call to continually monitor the department structure within CAS, and 2) the need for mentoring of junior faculty.
- **New policy and guidelines for T&P:** The new system policy is brief and accommodates the new USF Tampa guidelines but doesn't change the guidelines at USFSP or USFSM. The USF Tampa Guidelines has new language that de-couples T&P from the annual

review evaluations; “Excellence” instead of “Outstanding.” Additionally, the USF Tampa guidelines allow for a longer period before going for Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. The USFSP FS leadership will consult with Greg Teague regarding the USF Tampa Process. The FS acknowledges its responsibilities with regards to T&P by following the existing process and will convene a committee to discuss the revision of the USFSP guidelines next year.

- **System Faculty Council Leadership:** Chris is term limited on the System Council, but will continue to serve as an ex-officio in the position of Past-President. Greg Teague from USF Tampa will serve as President and Trish Hunsader from USFSM will serve as vice-President

FS Council and Committee Reports

- **General Education:** Fall 2013: 159 GE Courses taught
- **Research Council:** Have a draft rubric that was used this year to assess the Internal Research Awards. The Research Council found issues with the rubric however and recommend that the members of next year’s RC revisit and revise the rubric.
- **Other Councils and Committees:** Steve has not received reports form most of the Councils and Committees. This will come in after the Spring 2014 semester is concluded.

FS Survey of Administrators

- Steve has received feedback from 2 administrators that they appreciated hearing from the faculty, that the results were informative
- Helen Levine would like to come to the 1st FS meeting in the 2014/15 academic year.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting adjourned, 3:27 p.m.

Summary

Motions: Table the Election of a FS VP	Approval Status: Unanimously Approved
Ella Schmidt made the motion.	
Jamie McHale seconded the motion.	
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Actions (Follow-up)	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline (if any)