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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2015
Bayboro 220

I. Recognition of Members and Alternatives: Charlie Vanover for Steve Lang

Present: Mark Pezzo, Charles Vanover, Wei Guan, Deanna Michael, Dan Marlin, Deb Henry

Regrets: Ella Schmidt

II. Recognition of Guests: Pro Tempore Elect Richie Marini, Student Government (SG)

The Student Government Pro Tempore serves a one year term. One of the duties of the officer is to inform the Senate of the SG activities in order improve communication and the exchange of information. Mr. Marini suggested regularly scheduled meetings between Senate President and himself and also offered to attend the monthly Senate meetings and provide an update during the non-executive session of the Senate meeting. All Senators expressed interest in plan. Deanna suggested that Richie contact her as needed until the Senate reconvenes in August.

III. Approval of Agenda – There were no additions to the agenda. Approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

There was one correction to the April minutes. Approved with correction.

V. Administrative Reports and discussions – RC Sophia Wisniewska. RVCAA Mark Durand was unavailable.

Dr. Wisniewska:

- **Spring 2015 Commencement:** This was a large graduating class with many graduates planning to participate in the commencement ceremony. There were some issues with the size of the venue and the number of tickets available for guests. Data will be collected about the size of future classes and options to improve the space issue will be investigated.
- **An offer has been made to a candidate for the position of Dean of the College of Business. Negotiations are in progress.**
- **The resignation of Dean Carol Hixson, Library, was announced. Dr. Durand will appoint an interim and a national search will be conducted for a replacement.**
- **A search for the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will begin after a review of the organizational structure and the unit's position within the institution. The Chancellor reported that there is a trend to link Student Affairs within Academic Affairs**
- **RVC of Academic Affairs:** The Chancellor reported that USFSP was able to go back to the previously conducted search since there had been two viable candidates. Dr. Bob Prezant was returning to the campus soon for a second comprehensive interview.
- **Dr. Wisniewska complimented the quality of the collaboration that took place between USFSP students and the Dali Museum during a surrealism course taught by the Dali's Curator for Education.**
- **The Campus Board meets May 5.**
- **There was no legislative news from Tallahassee**
- **The Chancellor described the legislative recognition of Kate Tiedemann during USF Day in Tallahassee.**

VI. Action Items:

- A. Faculty Senate and Student Government Senate – done (see above)
- B. Faculty Senate Councils and Committees' Charges –
 - a. The Senate reviewed the council and committee charges. Wei shared that the Enrollment committee had been disbanded a few years ago as opposed to being "inactive". There was a discussion of the individual charges of the Undergraduate Council (UCG) and the General Education Council (GEC), possible overlap, and some other communication issues. The Senate confirmed that proposal submitters should be responsible for tracking the progress of their proposals. The Senate discussed ways to post the results of reviews on the web site where others could check results.
 - b. General Education Council requests/motions:
 - 1. control over GE web site – approved
 - 2. 2015-2016 – general moratorium on GE courses– approved
 - 3. Motion to change the GEC charge to only include GE courses and remove the reference to liberal arts courses – approved
 - 4. Change minimum acceptable grade of GE courses from D to C-minus: Senate decided to send this item to the UGC for consideration
 - 5. Catalog changes – Changes should be reviewed by UGC
 - 6. Articulation agreement – no action
 - c. DL Council: Senate reviewed charge. Dan offered to make revisions and redistribute.
- C. Integrated Faculty Data Application Committee USFSP representative - Zafer Unal has agreed to be the USFSP representative.
- D. New Senate members from CAS and COB – Jill McCracken and Maling Ebrahimpour, respectively. A new COE member will be announced shortly.

Executive Session:

VII. Old Business:

- A. Strategic Planning group Faculty Excellence progress – The T&P revision is moving ahead (see below); hiring of John Johnson and Lauren Friedman; looking at ways to increase lab space; establish where faculty may go for pedagogical help.
- B. T & P Revision committee--timeline for completion – The committee has agreed to meet over the summer to continue work. By fall, the group will make any necessary revisions and present the document to the faculty for a vote. By the end of October, an approve document should be available to the academic units so that they can begin revision of their guidelines. There was a discussion about the "distinguished professor" level. Deanna stated that there will be short supplements to explain how to report service and address the collegiality component.
- C. Faculty Senate Survey of Administrators – Results and comments were distributed. There was a calculation error in Question 5 that will be corrected. Results are going out to the entire campus.

VIII. Tabled Items:

- A. Faculty Conduct Policy in the Dean's council Meeting/Healthy Work Environment Policy – This was changed to a guideline. Deanna will bring this to Mark's attention.
- B. Academic Affairs Strategic Planning White Paper – off the table

C. Administrative Survey – Results will be distributed.

XI. Reports:

- A. System Faculty Council – Deanna Michael and Steve Lang
- B. UFF – Steve Lang – no report

X. Thank you to Ella Schmidt, Steve Lang, and Wei Guan for their service on the Faculty Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah Henry