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Trustees discuss budget cuts

By Larry Halstead
Contributing Writer

Nobody likes budget cuts, especially in the middle of a budget year, yet that's what the University of South Florida faces because of the large financial hit Florida suffered in September and October.

The executive committee of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees met at University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus Friday, Oct. 12 to discuss a game plan to handle a projected mid-year budget cut proposed by the Florida Legislature in response to the dramatic loss of revenue in state sales tax from declining tourism.

A special session of the Florida Legislature is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 22 to deal with the revenue shortfall. Among cuts being discussed is an across-the-board 5 percent cut for all schools K-12 and state universities. If issue is whether the cuts will be generic or if the legislature will be involved in particular line-item cuts.

After much discussion, the board decided on three focal points with which to lobby the legislature. First, they decided for authority for each university to determine student fees and when they can be increased, then fairness in the revenue cuts in comparison with other schools K-12 and other universities, and finally equality in the per-student revenue compared to other universities.

Adrienne Genshaft, USF’s president, expressed her desire to have authority for increasing student fees. She reviewed changing the legislative cap on fees, now at 40 percent of tuition, and reported that other university presidents agreed with her that it was necessary to keep pace with inflation, especially in the athletic department. The school needs the authority to change the fee schedule when it sees fit and not get legislative permission each time, she said.

The topic of excess student fees was also discussed. More than $6 million is at stake for whether K-12 and universities will suffer similar cuts. Already on the cutting floor are a 5 percent cut in teacher recruiting, a 10 percent cut in Bright Futures grants and a 10 percent cut in general financial aid. Making sure that the universities don’t lose more than K-12 is crucial, said Genshaft.

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St. Pete losing thousands in fees

Local students indicate wrong home campus

By Richard Mastromarino
Contributing Writer

Some USF St. Petersburg students are overpaying student fees by not indicating a “home” campus on their university applications.

University applications have a space on which students can indicate their home campus. If a home campus isn’t indicated, at least part of the fees—flat fees—are defaulted to the Tampa campus. Therefore, students who have the majority of their courses at USF St. Petersburg could pay the higher Tampa fees if they haven’t properly marked their applications.

There are two types of student fees, flat fees and credit-hour fees. Flat fees, in this case, are the fees about which university officials are concerned.

“They [students] are not marking the box on the application,“ said Stephen Ritch, associate vice president of student affairs.

There seems to be some ambiguity about declaring a home campus. The cashier’s accounting office, for instance, indicated that there is no clear way of defining what a home campus is. Others disagree.

“It’s where you do your business,” said Ritch. More specifically, be...
More sunshine needed for administration

The administration and department and program leaders at USF St. Petersburg should consider including faculty and staff in more campus decisions, especially when considering pay raises within the university community. At the very least, these academic leaders should disclose plans about such matters before they are finalized.

A number of faculty members were concerned with the recent pay raises, many as high as 15 percent of the individual's salary, that were allotted to several newly appointed associate vice presidents, who were directors or coordinators of departments or programs. At USF St. Petersburg, the number of these new allotments is unprecedented, largely because the amount of growth the campus is undergoing is unprecedented.

Upon reflection, some concerned faculty members were not opposed to the logic for the pay raises—to increase pay because of an increased workload that came with the recent enrollment expansion. What was disturbing for them, however, is that the issue was never discussed with faculty or staff in a time when state budget cuts are rampant and hiring is either slow or frozen.

Administrators and academic leaders might consider this an "administrative decision," not necessarily open for discussion outside of the higher ranks of the university. Such is usually the case with executive and administrative pay raises in private industry. Universities, however, are not private industry. Administrators should keep potent university deliberations in the open.

USF St. Petersburg should also be sure that all of its faculty and staff have an opportunity to evaluate the administration and other academic leaders regularly, much like students evaluate their professors. There seems to be some ambiguity with state of high-level evaluations at USF St. Petersburg. Several professors claim they have evaluated administrators recently. Others, including Campus Faculty Council Chair Ellen Hufnagel, said they have not had an evaluation opportunity ever.

In an e-mail, Bill Heller, USF St. Petersburg's vice president, said there are several ways that administrators are evaluated. Heller said that he, for instance, is evaluated in a formal process each year that is initiated by the provost. Other administrators, however, have been evaluated in oral reports at various moments during the semester, he said. He believes that reports given on a "continuing basis," meaning oral reports given anytime in an informal manner, are preferable to formal evaluations set apart by longer intervals. "Such evaluations can be very harmful to an individual since bias and prejudice may occur on subsequent evaluations based on facts no longer accurate or pertinent," Heller wrote.

Heller said that very few faculty members have taken advantage of the opportunity they have to give oral evaluations. Heller admits with the impending accreditation evaluation, USF St. Petersburg is re-thinking what method to use for administrative evaluations by faculty and staff in the future.

Heller should be re-thinking the evaluation process, with the help of faculty and staff, and should make it formal and all-inclusive. Evaluations serve a good purpose and need to be available to all faculty and staff. Evaluations provide constructive criticism that can help administrators and other leaders grow intellectually and managerially. In many cases, evaluations affect pay raises. The threat of losing money because of a poor evaluation is a motivator for many faculty members to perform well.

In light of the reputation that administrators at USF St. Petersburg have with faculty and staff, it's doubtful poor performance ratings are a significant risk. The USF St. Petersburg administration is generally well liked and respected by its faculty and staff. It's apparent to anyone who observes the usual personal relationships that exist between students, faculty, staff and administrators here.

Administrators and other academic leaders are hardworking, yet still manage to make time for students who need them. The rift caused by the "quiet" pay raise, it seems, is unusual. So, why risk conflict again?

For the sake of keeping high morale among faculty members, retaining the administration's reputation for integrity, and keeping with the spirit of one of the most open states in the country for access to information, USF St. Petersburg should keep its faculty and staff fully informed of all pertinent issues, even if the issues appear exclusively administrative.

Letters to the Editor

Close Whitted

Albert Whitted Municipal Airport is now a great liability and threat to our city and to MacDill Air Force Base. Terrorists could steal a small plane and pose harm to U.S. Air Force tankers and buildings in the area.

Now is the time to close down Albert Whitted Municipal Airport and build a new neighborhood on the 100 acres for the benefit and good of all.

Don Vanes
St. Petersburg

Patience is key

I am inclined to believe the old adage, "patience achieves more than force." The new adomination that has become a peculiar automatic response to anything distasteful, "Don't even go there," also seems to apply.

However, the United States potential by using torture or sending the prisoners to a more authoritarian regime, which, for lack of debate, can act more swiftly than democracies in such situations, has it's inherent problems. These accumulated lessons of history are what caused our founders to choose democracy in the first place.

Finally, the United States has voluntarily committed itself to the concept of, "world peace through world law." It is here that we are honor-bound not to flinch.

Daniel P. Quinn
Saint Petersburg

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Separate accreditation sought
Campus changes to accommodate growth

By Cindy Steinmann
Contributing Writer

Vice President William Heller was one of three deans reclassified as a vice president, a move that should help USF St. Petersburg in its plight for independent accreditation.

Three academic coordinators were also reclassified as directors and most administrative assistants were reclassified as administrative coordinators.

The accreditation process requires those administrative title changes, Heller said. The Tampa campus provided a template similar to what the accreditation team will be looking for during accreditation inspection sometime next year, Heller added.

Salary increases that accompanied some title changes, he said, varied. For some it means an increase up to 15 percent while others were reclassified without a salary increase. The increases, Heller said, reflect responsibility, campus growth or performance. No new hires were made in administration but new responsibilities were given as part of the accreditation process.

The new salaries may not be equal to increases that accompanied other job titles and pay raises. "If we didn't have a chance to evaluate administrators and program coordinators," he said. "There are 31 new faculty members and more support staff is needed, he said.

In student affairs, Ritch said, increased student activities and new student programs offering better services have increased the workload so much he had no time to teach this semester.

"A point has been reached," Heller said, "where we need to support the faculty because they can't be effective without support from secretaries and graduate assistants. "I value the entire faculty and all work hard," he said.

Since the "major step forward" of autonomy, Brames said, USF St. Petersburg does its own comprehensive preparation of faculty requests, sends it for review directly to President Judy Genshaft who includes it with USF legislative requests to Tallahassee. Plans for a faculty center have been researched and are close to the recommendation phase, Brames said.

The biggest change for Heller is reporting directly to the president instead of the provost. Administrators still work closely with the Tampa provost, who is responsible for campus academic programs in the USF system. After accreditation, the administrators will report to Heller.

In addition to autonomy, the legislature bill recognized a new logo - USF St. Petersburg instead of USF, St. Petersburg campus (with St. Petersburg in smaller letters.) Now all the letters are the same size and on the same line.

Many transitions from across the bay reflect USF St. Petersburg's growth that include; admissions (in process), campus parking, police, student unions and academic programs.

Centralized activities still include: purchasing, check writing, financial aid, research, legal, alumni affairs, athletics and taxes.

Until accreditation is granted, the application process and the university Web page will remain centralized. Some areas like tenure, faculty and curriculum are in a memorandum of understanding to work in the transition, Heller said. "It sounds confusing but things have worked pretty well," he said.

Students shouldn't notice any difference, but as for faculty, Heller said, "when the water rises, every ship in the harbor is affected."

Computer products available on campus

By Vincent O'Shea-Rodriguez
Contributing Writer

Campus Computing is teaming up with two major computer manufacturers to provide students with an on-campus option for purchasing computers.

The campus computer store is part of Data Center, an auxiliary to the Office of Campus Computing.

The center provides computing and network services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It also serves to generate reserves to replace hardware within the Office of Campus Computing. The center consists of three groups, systems and network support, hardware repair and the campus computer store.

According to the center's Web page, the Systems and Network group maintains servers that provide email, DNS services, web services, print services, file storage, applications software, administrative applications, Casl-Rusco keyless entry service, video surveillance and Telecom energy management to the campus community.

It was formed within the Office of Campus Computing as the authorized reseller of all Dell Computer products, as well as Hewlett-Packard printers and scanners for all University of South Florida campuses. It also provides departments, faculty, staff and students with low-cost computers.

Jeff Hughes of Campus Computing says that the store has been a success so far. "We always have computers coming in for staff and faculty," Hughes said. "Some times are less busy than others, but the business is usually steady."

The hardware repair center is in Bayboro Hall 224. It is the USF St. Petersburg's source for repair services on Dell computers used by students and faculty throughout the campus. The hard ware repair center employs a group of technicians trained in the most up-to-date computer technologies and are set up to work in assigned territories to foster familiarity with the equipment and maintenance requirements of their customers.

Students can order computer products from the store by going online or visiting the store in Bayboro 226. The online store can be found at http://www1.spt.usf.edu/usb/depot.html.

The Web page contains links to price

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Salvadore Dali museum a hidden jewel

Crow's Nest writer details her first surreal experience

By Kristi Martinez
Contributing Writer

I live in St. Petersburg and have almost all of my life, but there are still things I'm discovering about it. Until a month ago, I had never set foot in the Salvadore Dali Museum. I'd somehow sidestepped it, despite its popularity.

Before my first visit, my knowledge of Dali extended to three replications of his paintings that hung in the public library. And from an old, crooked road sign I knew which way to turn on 4th Street toward the museum.

To me, Dali is just the guy who painted the melting clocks, but it's there, why not visit? I take the plunge.

A museum guide leads the group into a room with pictures of a young Dali hanging on one wall. Then it's on to the first gallery. Bring on the melting clocks, a story as to why this airplane is melting. My appreciation grows as the guide highlights Dali's use of double imagery and another technique in which he cuts puzzle pieces out of his objects. The content of the artwork becomes clear as the movements that shaped his paintings are explained.

Dali wasn't only dipping his brush in paint, but in Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis, the discovery of the atom and the discovery of DNA. It is what the guide refers to as Dali's "master works" that amaze me most.

The first master work we examine is "The Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus." It is enormous, covering an entire wall, compared to the 11-by-17 inch replication I know from the library. The guide uses a flashlight to illuminate hidden imagery within the painting, to point out things I never would have seen had I been alone.

It's one thing for an artist to paint a single scene or random objects on a canvas, it's entirely different to paint scenes within scenes that all have meaning. We move to what is now my favorite work by Dali, "The Hallucinogenic Toreador." It is the most colorful of the museum's four largest paintings, and features double and hidden imagery, symbolism, as well as elements of cubism and surrealism.

The paintings in the next gallery show Dali's journey through the Surrealist movement. His figures become more obscure, unusual and misplaced compared to the more recognizable impressionist images. Again, my perception is brought into the light from darkness as our guide explains what each figure symbolizes.

Suddenly there's a reason behind these fluid designs, a story as to why this airplane is melting. My appreciation grows as the movements that shaped his paintings are explained.

Dali lived. Light dances across the image, and it almost glitters. But being in the back of the group, I can't get a closer look.

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I am accompanied by a mixed crowd—a young couple pushing a baby in a stroller, a family from England and a middle-aged couple. A new guide leads a new group as I make my way through the building, repeating some of the information I heard on my first round, but adding things I didn't hear.

Again, Dali's impressionist work strikes me, especially a piece depicting a night scene in Cadaques, Spain, where Dali lived. Light dances across the image, and it almost glitters. But being in the back of the group, I can't get a closer look. I am able to look at Dali's later paintings, and I can almost see the artist growing and changing through his work. I peruse the Raymond James Room, featuring photographs of an older, yet no less eccentric Dali.

With the help of two paintbrushes, he transformed his mustache into a dollar sign in one photo. I pass on my way out through the first gallery, which is now empty. I seize the moment to more closely investigate the small, glittering paintings. But the closer I get, the more obscure it appears. Unlike Dali's other works, I don't need a closer look to see its real beauty.

Bayboro Fiction Contest

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Any University of South Florida student who is registered full or part time.

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Questions? Call Niela: (727) 823-4877

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Katherine Halstead, Special to the Crow's Nest

With new fad diets popping up on the market, it appears women who struggle with weight loss buy into these quick diet products.

Metabolife, an herbal dietary product, has been on the market since 1994 claiming the ingredients in their pill will raise a person's metabolism.

The main ingredient in Metabolife is the Chinese ephedrine, Ma Huang, said Susan Moyers, doctoral candidate for the Food Science and Human Nutrition department at the University of Florida.

Meagan Long, a sophomore at the University of Florida, said she saw her friends dropping weight quickly and easily just by taking a few pills a day.

“When I saw their results it made me think about taking Metabolife to lose weight too,” Long said.

Metabolife has caffeine and 12 milligrams of Ma Huang in every pill. The combination of these two stimulants enhance the effects of Ma Huang in humans, Moyers said.

With the surge of herbal products and many claims about the products’ adverse effects, the Food and Drug Administration is trying to put a limit on the amount of Ma Huang allowed in weight-loss products, Moyers said.

“The human body should have no more than 24 milligrams of this ephedrine group in the body,” Moyers said. “The adverse side effects could include nervousness, irritability, high blood pressure and circulatory problems.”

Metabolife works by stimulating the nervous system. "Flight versus fight" is an instinctive reaction in animals that arouses the nervous system as the body prepares for conflict, Moyers said. With the nervous system aroused, the body burns more calories.

Though Long didn’t lose any weight on the Metabolife diet, she said she felt an increase in energy.

“I was able to wake up for a full day of activities on only five hours of sleep a night,” Long said. “Once I was off the pills, I slept for 14 hours straight.”

Since ephedrine is a stimulant, exercising while taking ephedra products could be harmful to the body and may lead to seizures and heart palpitations, Moyers said.

One once stops taking ephedrine, the lost weight can come back. Using ephedrine for weight loss leads to about 90 percent of users returning to their previous weight when they stop, Moyers said.

“The best way to maintain weight is to eat well and exercise,” Moyers said.

The Food and Drug Administration suggests Americans should fit at least 30 minutes of low-impact exercise into their daily lives, Moyers said.

In September, the FDA held hearings for setting an 8-milligram maximum on over-the-counter ephedrine products, Moyers said. The decision was postponed for 45 days so results should be out soon.

Metabolife refused to comment in detail despite repeated attempts to contact it. A representative of the company said its Web site had all the information necessary.

Jane Eye, a manager at Vitamin World in Gainesville, said the most important thing to remember when taking supplements is to consult a physician.

“When using supplements properly, they can be very beneficial,” Eye said.

For more information on Metabolife, please check the website at www.metabolife.com.

Katherine is a junior at the University of Florida majoring in public relations.

Students use Metabolife for quick diet
Chinese herb Ma Huang bolsters metabolism, nervousness

President Judy Genshaft, said that fee losses “go both ways.” According to Wheat, there are students who take most of their courses at Tampa, but pay lower fees for a regional campus. Wheat had no estimation of how many students are in that predicament.

The fee break down is as follows: Students assigned to Tampa pay a $7 activities service fee and a $10 athletics fee, a $17 flat fee in all. Students with all regional campuses pay a $5 flat fee. Therefore, St. Petersburg students who are defaulted to Tampa pay $12 more in flat fees than declared St. Petersburg students.

If the 667-student estimate is accurate, for instance, the student-fee overpayment tops $8,000 a semester. USF St. Petersburg, by the same estimates, could lose as much as $3,335 a semester if the estimate is correct. Chances are, however, that the overall losses would be reduced by students who are declared to a regional campus, but take most of their courses in Tampa.

University officials said that an answer to the problem is in the works. “The upper echelons of the administration are working on the issue,” said Ritch.

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The computer store is in Bayboro 226 and is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Volunteer Projects

There are numerous community needs for volunteers and service-learners. A sample of the projects:

- Sojourn Bear - Make a stuffed bear for a cancer patient. Sew or stuff.
- YouthLead - Be a mentor for a high school student leader. Monthly sessions.
- Suncoast Trailblazers - help with therapeutic horseback riding.

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CATHERINE, a junior at the University of Florida majoring in public relations.

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said, it’s where a student takes classes, goes to the library and attends activities—all the things for which student fees are designed to support.

Based on Ritch’s interpretation of where students “do their business,” there are possibly hundreds of USF St. Petersburg students who are paying Tampa fees.

“For the Fall semester 2001, there are 667 students who have a home [Tampa] campus designation, who are taking more than 56 percent of their coursework at the St. Petersburg campus,” said Angela DuBose, USF Tampa’s registrar. Of the 667 majority St. Petersburg students, 543 take all of their courses at St. Petersburg.

There is a possibility, however, that some of those students marked Tampa as their home campus when they applied.

Nancy Coscia, coordinator of orientation, said there is no way of accurately measuring how many students unwittingly default to Tampa. “Not all of some students’ information is entered into the Oasis system,” she said.

There are pitfalls for paying the wrong fees. Tampa flat fees are higher than St. Petersburg flat fees. That means “undeclared” St. Petersburg students pay more money than “declared” St. Petersburg students and reap no additional benefits.

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Genshaft wants higher athletic fees
Centralized versus regionalized sports at issue

By Cindy Steinmann
Contributing Writer

USF President Judy Genshaft asked for an undisclosed athletic fee increase to the regional campuses effective fall 2002. The three regional campus student-government presidents sent a letter to Genshaft in response to her request listing concerns with autonomy, student fee generation and legal statutes.

University of South Florida St. Petersburg Vice President William Heller said he supports the students communicating and working with Genshaft to find agreement. The University Board of Regents set the athletic fee two years ago, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Stephen Ritch said. A flat rate of $5 per student is added to registration and the rate per credit hour is $1.66.

Two years ago the athletics budget committee consisted of six faculty members from Tampa, one faculty member from St. Petersburg, three students from Tampa and one student from each regional campus. A fourth student from New College was included. Each year the USF St. Petersburg budget divides the $5 fee evenly between St. Petersburg and Tampa athletics, Heller said. The flat fee used on the St. Petersburg campus pays for maintenance of boats and docks used by sailing teams for varsity women, non-varsity coed and non-varsity men, he said. The athletic fee to Tampa includes expenses for intramural sports and equipment among other things.

The regional campus student-government presidents have been asked to appoint one person each to the central committee, said Ritch. Sixty-seven percent of committee members from the last vote came from the Tampa campus, Ritch said, and majority vote rules. This time, the numbers could be the same, therefore the situation could render regional campuses weightless if Tampa members vote unanimously in favor of Genshaft's recommendation—a likely possibility.

Student government presidents ask for compliance with the Florida Statute 240.235. The statute includes that an athletic fee committee, one-half appointed by the student government president and one-half appointed by the university president, must recommend any increase in student athletic fee.

The 2001 Florida Statute states "an increase in the athletic fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented beginning with the fall term."

The letter also requests the central athletic events in Tampa, he said. The St. Petersburg athletic department to present a case at regional campuses explaining the benefits of a fee increase. Ritch said, "Our students have claimed that centralized athletic fees can never be fair and the increase process does not conform to the statute that the student council president is to appoint half the committee for any subsequent increase in the athletic fee."

Students have a choice for athletics, Heller said, of remaining centralized or becoming regional. "Regional athletics are more expensive than centralized athletics," Heller said. The St. Petersburg students are not close enough to attend all the athletic events in Tampa, he said.

"In the foreseeable future I see varsity athletics staying centralized for football, basketball and baseball," Heller said. "I spoke with Dr. Nixon, vice president of student affairs in Tampa, and the statutes allow the president a choice of an athletic budget committee on each campus or one centralized committee for increase approval."

"Genshaft is very student oriented," Heller said, "she will be very responsive to their request. I believe the students will be supportive of the athletic program."

The deadline for 2002 budget requests is November 1.

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Honor system study proposed

By Steve Ritch
Administrator

I am pleased to invite all interested faculty, staff, and students to a meeting to resume development of USF St. Petersburg’s proposed honor system.

After a summer hiatus and the start of the new academic year, we will continue our work by completing the process of identifying our core values. We will meet at 12 noon in FCT 118 on Wednesday, Nov. 14th. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to 3-1162.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Conference on Academic Integrity which was hosted by Texas A&M and sponsored by the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke. Research presented showed that schools with honor codes or modified honor codes do, in fact, report lower incidences of cheating. I plan to share a summary of this report written by others who attended the conference.

Additionally, I would like to propose that we consider adding the values of trust and fairness to our list of core values. I make this suggestion because work done by other institutions and collated by the Center suggest that these values are essential, in addition to the values of respect, responsibility, and honesty that we had already identified, to support true integrity. Moreover, a review of our values inventory done last spring reveals that these were among our top 10 values. Adding these values would bring us in line with the findings and emerging work across the nation. I also think that they make good sense.

Finally, George Sherman, who some may remember gave us a demonstration workshop last spring, will join us to preview next steps. Specifically, the proposed plan is to schedule a series of workshops in the spring to explicate our core values in behavioral terms. This will lead to a lexicon that will enable us to write our code/creed and then proceed to link it to our chosen form of an Honor Court and Student Discipline Code.

Trustees, from 1

Kathleen Betancourt, a lobbyist for USF in Tallahassee, reported that the cuts were coming and it was only an issue as to how much and in what form. The House wanted across-the-board cuts, while the Senate favored line-item cuts. “The legislature is trying to identify the amount of the revenue shortfall and working backwards to balance the budget,” Betancourt said. The executive committee decided that it was important that the House concept be pursued.

“We want to decide how to make the cuts if the legislature says to cut so many million,” said Dick Beard, chairman of the executive committee. Gentsha agreed and said that it was important that the board of trustees have the authority to determine where the cuts will be.

Another area of discussion was the per-student revenue. Gentsha reported that USF is currently eighth in the state among universities. The school needed to be more in line with Florida State University and University of Florida, she said. The committee discussed tactics to use in getting the per-student revenue figure closer to other like schools, but it was decided that the special session might not be the best time to debate that problem.

The committee discussed how to lobby the legislature.

Somebody from the board of trustees is needed to help with the lobbying effort every day of the special session, said Betancourt. Beard agreed. “The board needs to be in Tallahassee working around the halls to show the legislature we’re interested,” Beard said. Phone calls from trustees and alumni to legislators would be helpful, suggested Lee Arnold, executive committee member.

NEWS BRIEF

Disabled sailors get new dock

Disabled sailors have a better place to access their boats now. The St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave. NE added a new 2,000 square foot dock to accommodate disabled sailors.

The dock will help wheelchair users better because it will be less steep at high tide and it will allow competitors to tie up next to one of the floating platforms. The Sailing Center already includes one accessible dock and three wheelchair lifts.

The $168,000 project was recommended by the city’s Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments, and received the support of Mayor Rick Baker and city council.

The World Disabled Sailing Championships, held Oct. 24-31 will inaugurate the new dock.

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USF hosts sail sloop nationals

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USF's sailing program has been under the direction of head coach Stan Hyatt since 1978. The program has grown from a small group of dedicated sailors to one of the most competitive in the country. Hyatt's dedication to the sport and his ability to attract talented sailors has helped USF's sailing teams to numerous successes over the years.

Hyatt was a competitive sailor in his own right, having competed in the Olympic trials for the U.S. Olympic sailboat teams in the early 1970s. His experience at the highest level of the sport, combined with his coaching abilities, has made him a treasure for USF's sailing program.

The USF sailing team is made up of men's and women's teams, competing in a variety of events throughout the year. The team has a strong tradition of success in both local and national events, with numerous team and individual awards to their credit.

Hyatt is passionate about the sport and the program he directs. He has worked tirelessly to create a supportive and competitive environment for his sailors, and he takes great pride in the accomplishments of his team.

Hyatt believes that the key to success in sailing is a combination of hard work, dedication, and a strong work ethic. He instills these values in his sailors from the very beginning, and they have proven to be the foundation of the program's success.

The USF sailing program is a prime example of what can be achieved with a strong coaching staff and a commitment to excellence. Hyatt's dedication to the sport and his ability to attract and develop talented sailors have made USF a force to be reckoned with in the world of sailing.