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University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
The Chancellor's Charge

Chancellor fills four seats, begins construction on the Kate Tiedemann College of Business and searches for a location for a new residence hall.

Caitlin Ashworth
Staff Reporter

The regional chancellor of USF St. Petersburg has a vision.

Sophia Wisniewska, 63, has been implementing goals from the Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan, a five-year project focused on student success, sustainable funding, infrastructure and strategic partnerships.

This school year will see big changes.

The university will be conducting four major searches this year to fill positions for the dean of the Kate Tiedemann College of Business, regional vice chancellor of academic affairs, vice chancellor for student affairs and a dean of libraries.

Wisniewska did not comment on the abrupt resignation of Han Reichgelt, former regional vice chancellor of academic affairs. His resignation took place over spring break of 2015, a few months after he canceled the Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists due to the Ebola outbreak. The event was scheduled to host 14 journalists from various African countries. Reichgelt went through a sensitivity training shortly after. Although Reichgelt resigned from his position, he is teaching an online graduate course this fall.

Wisniewska plans to increase first time and graduate student enrollment to improve the retention rate, as many students leave the university because certain majors are not offered.

“Having a larger student body gives us the resources to be able to respond to those requests that students and faculty have been presenting to us,” she said.

The university is updating the master plan and looking at space utilization to see where the campus has the capacity to grow. For students, this could mean Friday classes, but more importantly, a place to live.

“This year we are overflowing,” she said regarding the university’s student housing. “100 students are going to be living at the Hilton.”

USFSP has eyed three possible locations for a third residence hall, but the university has not closed in on a location or construction timeline yet. Bayboro Harbor, Albert Whitted Airport and the growth of downtown St. Petersburg limit the expansion of the university.

“We are on the water, so FEMA says ‘go higher.’ We are across from Whitted, so FAA says ‘go lower,’” Wisniewska said.

However, the university has found opportunities to expand the campus...

The university purchased 3.7 acres from the Poynter Institute for Media Studies for $6.2 million on Fourth Street S. Part of the land acquired from Poynter is being used for the staging of the construction for the Kate Tiedemann College of Business.

On one of the adjacent lots, the university plans to renovate an old bus depot and construct three to...
BIG SHOTS
WHO’S WHO IN ADMINISTRATION?

Bill Heller
Dean of the College of Education
He may be short in stature, but he has been a giant at USFSP. The former Army paratrooper has a bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University, a master’s from Northern Illinois and a doctorate in special education and school psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. He came to USFSP in 1992, and for a decade he was the campus’ top administrator as dean and CEO. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2010. He is now dean of the College of Education and director of the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Frank Biafora
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Both a professor and dean at USFSP, Biafora started his higher education at the University of Florida where he completed both his bachelor’s and master’s degree in sociology. He then went on to the University of Miami where he continued his study of sociology and earned his doctorate degree. For almost fourteen years, Biafora was the Associate Dean at St. John’s University. After leaving in 2007, he joined the USFSP staff as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and received a Fulbright Scholar’s Award in Vietnam.

Ray Arsenault
John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History
Arsenault has been teaching at USFSP since 1980. He studied at Princeton University where he earned his bachelor’s degree and then continued his studies at Brandeis University where he received his doctorate degree. Arsenault has taught at Brandeis University, the University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, and a couple schools in Europe including the French Universite d’Angers. Arsenault has also written eight books, including Freedom Riders which he discussed on the Oprah Winfrey show in 2011.

Sophia Wisniewska
Regional chancellor
She was born in a tiny Polish town and was the first in her family to finish college. An academic career that began as a secretary at Penn State University brought her in 2013 to USFSP, where she runs the regional campus and oversees a strategic plan that calls for the enrollment to double within a decade. Wisniewska (pronounced wis-NEW-skuh) earned a bachelor’s degree in Russian and master’s and doctorate degrees in Russian from Bryn Mawr College. She came to St. Petersburg from Penn State, where she ran the Brandywine regional campus.

Harold W. Mullis
Chairman, USF Board of Trustees
He is a founding member and president of the Trenam Kemker law firm in Tampa. His legal specialty is corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, tax controversies, and charitable organizations. A history graduate of Emory University, he earned his law degree at the University of Virginia. Over his long career in Tampa, he has served on the boards of Tampa General Hospital, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the LifeLink Foundation. Peer organizations have honored him for distinguished work in corporate law.

Erika Greenberg-Schneider
Visiting Instructor of Art
Greenberg-Schneider earned her bachelor’s degree at Amherst College and master’s degree at the State University of New York. Twenty years of her life were spent in France where she mainly worked as a Master Printer for a print studio and a consultant and faculty member of an experimental art school, and was honorably knighted by the Order of Arts and Letters. Greenberg-Schneider opened her own art studio, Bleu Acier Inc, in Tampa, FL in 2003 and two years later began working at USFSP as a visiting instructor of art.

Hemant Merchant
Professor of Global Business
In 2013, Hemant Merchant was ranked the tenth most prolific international management scholar in the world. Merchant earned his bachelor’s degree at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and his doctorate degree at Purdue University. Merchant then became a research fellow and professor at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Merchant began working at USFSP in 2012 as a professor of International Strategy and is also currently the Editor-In-Chief for the Journal of Asian Business Studies. He has been published in numerous journals and earned over $200,000 in grants for his research endeavors.

Gary A. Patterson
Acting dean of the College of Business
Patterson has been working at USFSP since 2000 where he started as an assistant professor. He became a professor at USFSP and is now the dean of the College of Business. Patterson earned his bachelor’s degree in finance at Texas State University, master’s degree in finance at the University of Texas, and doctorate in finance at the University of North Carolina. Patterson has published numerous peer review journals and currently has one paper under review.
Jozef Gherman  
**President, USFSP Student Government**  
Senior, Finance  
An important face for students to know is the president of the student body, Jozef Gherman. As the manager of the executive branch of student government, Gherman sits on the USF board of trustees, signs campus bills into law, and is the main advocate for student issues and concerns on the USFSP campus.

Jacqueline Dixon  
**Dean of the College of Marine Science**  
An active researcher in the field of geological oceanography, Dixon earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in geology at Stanford University and a doctorate in geochemistry from the California Institute of Technology. In 1992, she began working at the University of Miami as the geology department chair. In 1995, she returned to Rutgers University, earning a master’s and doctorate degrees in political science at Rider University and continued her studies at Rutgers University, earning a master’s and doctorate degrees in political science as well. After college, Scourfield McLauchlan started working in the Office of the Curator for the Supreme Court, served in the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and worked for the Victims Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office. She returned to Rutgers University to be a teaching assistant for five years, and became an associate professor at USFSP in 2003.

David Vasquez  
**Secretary of Sustainable Initiatives for Student Government**  
Senior, Environmental Science and Policy  
David was born Ecuador but have lived in St. Petersburg for 15 years. Secretary of Sustainable Initiatives for Student Government, Chair of the Clean Energy & Resource Conservation Commission (CERC), Chair of the Student Green Energy Fund (SGEF) an Orientation Leader, and a member of the Student Environmental Awareness Society (SEAS).

Samantha Putterman  
**Editor in Chief, The Crow’s Nest**  
Senior, Mass Communications and Journalism  
As editor of The Crow’s Nest, Samantha Putterman is in charge of investigating and collecting local and campus related news, and making sure it reaches student’s faculty and staff. As the watchdog of USFSP, Samantha (known as Sam) is also responsible for format, layout and content of the school paper.

Makenzie Burrows  
**Harborside Activities Board, President**  
Senior, Biology  
As president of one of the largest campus activity organizations at USFSP, Burrows is in charge of creating new programs and events for the campus, as well as observing and evaluating the club, its events and its members. Burrows has served as the President of HAB since spring of last year and says that she loves “the connection to the university that the students feel when they attend our events, meet new people, make memories they will cherish for a lifetime.”

Juan Salazar  
**Vice President; President of USFSP Ambassadors**  
Junior, Psychology  
Juan Salazar is not only the right hand man to Gherman, SG president, but also the president of the group USFSP Ambassadors. As the president of the Ambassadors, Salazar is responsible for overseeing meetings, interviewing new ambassadors and acting as a communication liaison between USF’s Sarasota and Tampa campuses. Although Salazar is current USFSP Ambassador, he will be handing his position over to another candidate in 2 weeks, after elections.

V. Mark Durand  
**Professor of Psychology**  
Durand specializes his research in autism spectrum disorder, sleep disorders, and severe behavioral issues among children. He earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees in psychology at the State University of New York. Durand taught at the State University of New York before he came to USFSP in the early two thousands. The Princeton Lecture Series on Autism chose him as a key speaker for their 20th anniversary in 2014 and he has written ten psychology books and over one hundred publications. In 2013, Durand was ranked among the top 25 psychology professors in Florida.

On August 21st, the St. Petersburg community said goodbye to the iconic inverted pyramid pier as demolition began. Attendees were invited to take home a piece of the local landmark, which has been a staple of the St. Petersburg waterfront since 1973. Construction on the modernized replacement, Pier Park, is set to begin in 2017.

Where Am I?

Be&N – Barnes & Noble College Booksellers
- Buy or rent any college textbooks you need

BAY – Bayboro Hall
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Records & Registration – BAY 102
- Financial Aid – BAY 105
- Parking Services – BAY 132

COQ – Coquina Hall
- Student Lounge – Play a game of pool or foosball here!
- Swimming pool (Hours)

DAV – Lowell E Davis Memorial Hall
- Academic Advising – DAV 134
- Student Success Center – DAV 107

FFP – 5th Ave Parking Garage Facility
- Where students and staff can park their cars (permit required)

HBR – Harbor Hall
- Department of English and Department of Graphic Design
- Location of campus art studios

HNY – Haney Landing & Sailing Center
- This is where all the kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and sailboats are – free rentals for USFSP students; just remember to bring your student ID.

POL – University Police Services
- You can register your bikes here. Make sure to always lock them up.

POY – Nelson Poynter Memorial Library
- The higher you go, the quieter it is – choose whichever environment best suits your study needs.

SNL – Snell House
- USFSP student & housing

STG – Science Technology
- Uses innovative Green Technology to power the building and its classrooms

TER – The Terrace
- USFSP Research Lab

URL – USFSP Research Lab
- University Student Center
- Majority of Housing for Underclassmen
- The Reef Dining Hall
- The Ballroom Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis Courts are behind this building.

WEL – Welcome Center
- WMS – Williams House

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

ANGELINA BRUNO
STAFF REPORTER

There are so many ways to save as you start the semester. You might not be able to get out of paying for course fees or computer access codes, but you can save on textbooks. Here are the Crow’s Nest favorite places to buy and rent textbooks:

Barnes and Noble: For the most convenient option, the on campus Barnes and Noble is the place to go. The staff at Barnes and Noble can rent or sell textbooks, and knows exactly what book is required for each course. Convenience comes at a price, however. Even with renting, Barnes and Noble usually costs considerably more than other textbook vendors.

Chegg.com: If you know you won’t want to hang onto your texts after the semester is through, renting is the way to go. Try chegg.com for great prices and books that all ship together in one bright orange box. When you’re done using the books, just pack them all together in their original box, print out the free shipping label and send them back. Easy!

Amazon.com / Half.com: To really save money on textbooks this semester, try to buy your books used. Amazon.com or half.com usually have the titles you need and at a decent price. Buying the previous year’s edition can really save some serious coin, so ask your professor if that’s an option.
A STUDENT’S GUIDE, FROM PARIS WITH LOVE

COLLECTIVE CONTRIBUTION

Janet Keeler, journalism professor and former food editor for the Tampa Bay Times, hosted an abroad course on food and travel writing. During the duration of the 10 day trip, students stayed in the France and ventured throughout the European country to study the cuisine and culture.

Tickets in advance: If you want to go to the Catacombs, you need to buy tickets at least a month in advance (do this with all the popular spots) and get the “skip the line” passes. If you don’t, make sure to get there early - It opens at 10 a.m., but when we got there at 9:30 a.m. we had to wait in line, for hours hours.
- Samantha Sotos

Finally! A Starbucks, but... Your Starbucks app and card will not work in Europe! And if you want to get a drink you would normally get at home (like an iced coffee or iced vanilla latte) be prepared for a drink that will probably taste nothing like what you’re used to.
- Samantha Sotos

Stay in the city: Stay in the heart of the city when you travel. Do your research and try to find a hotel near places of interest, that way you have more freedom. But if a city-centered hotel is too expensive, try to find one close to public transportation.
- Sara Katherine Ennis

Oh my God, shoes: Shopping in Paris is especially exciting in July and January when the government allows merchants to have semi-annual sales. However, weather can be a factor during both months. January can be very cold and record heats have been recorded in July. In general, Parisians don’t drink cold drinks and they don’t serve ice. Be prepared.
- Kathy Sanders

I just want a glass of ice water: I was really craving a glass of icy cold water when I got to France. But when I tried ordering one, it was certainly not the same. If you’re lucky enough, they will give you a small cup of ice cubes –for the entire table.
- Samantha Sotos

Explore: Do not plan every second of your trip. You never know when you will stumble upon a place or restaurant you didn’t even know about.
- Sara Katherine Ennis

It’s getting hot in here: Beware of the widespread lack of central air conditioning -- or any air conditioning for that matter. As we all know, having air conditioning in America isn’t a privilege but a necessity. This is not the case in France.
- Samantha Putterman

Take the Metro: It’s fast. It’s definitely possible to get around well without the metro, but it really helps when you’re in a time crunch between sites.
- Caitlin Ashworth

No GPS for you: It’s important to talk to your cell phone provider in advance about purchasing sufficient cell and data services. Phones are essential for directions, translations and communicating with other travelers in your group. Without a special global plan it’s possible your phone won’t work or that you will end up with a very high bill when you get home.
- Kathy Sanders

Mona Lisa mosh pit: If you plan to visit the Louvre to snap a picture of the famous painting, be sure to enjoy the never-ending mosh pit that surrounds it. Also it’s really tiny. May the odds be ever in your favor.
- Samantha Putterman

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The historic city of Strasbourg is located in Southeastern France along the French-German border.
Do This, Not That
A new student’s guide to navigating campus life

Angelina Bruno
Staff Reporter

**Don’t** drink or possess alcohol in the dorms if you’re under age and don’t let any visitors that are over 21 bring it into a dorm that houses underage students. The university has the right to take legal and disciplinary action and that’s no fun.

**Do** join in on campus clubs for safe and legal on campus fun. Bring your board to the Longboarding Club, or try your hand at knitting in the Needle Arts Club. Take part in activities like kayaking at the waterfront or swimming in the campus pool.

**Don’t** eat all of your meals at The Reef. While it may be on your meal plan if you live on campus, and thought the location is convenient, the city is overflowing with delectable and creative cuisine, many just a 5 minute walk away. Several restaurants offer a student discount with a flash of your student ID. Just look for the Bulls in the Burg sticker on your university fees.

**Do** take advantage of beneficial resources on campus like the wellness center, gym, computer and printing lab, pool and library. These places exist for you. They are either free or already paid for as a part of your university fees.

**Don’t** let roommate troubles spoil your on-campus living experience. Communication is key and can save you a whole lot of discomfort and drama. Just communicate, set necessary conditions, and get everyone on the same page.

**Do** check your USF email often. Word for the Herd is an emailed weekly flier detailing upcoming events. Your professors and classmates will probably email you important questions and information, too. Faculty and staff will also keep you updated on university events and future plans.

**SG looks ahead for 15-16 students**

Jeffrey Zanker
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association (SGA) hasn’t wasted any time preparing future activities and events for USF St. Petersburg students in the 2015-2016 academic year.

Student Body President Joseph Gherman, senior, and Vice President Juan Salazar, junior, have only served for three months, but have passed 10 bills, two grants, enacted three executive orders, made eight nominations for SGA organizations and began developing several new programs and projects for the year.

Summer is usually associated with relaxation, but SG has done so much in the summer that it would take up the length of this speech,” Gherman stated at the State of the Student Body address on August 3rd.

Gherman has four platform focus points for his presidency: elevate veterans’ service, increase sustainability, connect with campus organizations and enhance student life services.

According to SG Chief Financial Officer Elizabeth Cooney, the Anthropology Club received a $4,527 grant for plane tickets to attend the American Anthropology Association conference in Denver this November. The Women’s Empowerment Club was given $375 for new t-shirts with their logo.

SG lobbies USFSP and Sodexo in an effort to offer students need-based meal plan scholarships, and successfully secured 20 scholarships - 10 for the fall and 10 for the spring. Gherman considers this “one of the keystone accomplishments of the administration thus far.”

The Senate will now allow students to schedule appointments with the senators.

“This will provide more accessibility of our senators to the students they represent,” said Senate Pro-Tempore Richard Marini. Vice President Juan Salazar has brought the It’s On Us Campaign to USFSP. With its start last September at other universities, the campaign’s purpose is to spread awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence on campus. To launch, the campaign’s petition requires 500 signatures. The campaign is expected to take place October 26-30.

Salazar is also in the process of developing a Workforce Mentorship program, which allows workforce leaders and local managers educate students on jobs. Salazar hopes to launch the program in the Spring.

The Office of Sustainability, responsible for environment and energy matters, plans to get two projects running in the fall. The first is creating a garden named Food Forest behind Residence Hall One.

The second project is working with SEAS (Student Environmental Awareness Society) on a restoraiton project for USFSP’s Waterfront mini-beach. Secretary of Sustainable Initiatives David Vasquez hopes to get these projects completed before the spring semester.

“Everything is in progress for the works” said Vasquez. “We want to make our campus environment-friendly and sustainable.”

SG’s new Department of Veteran Affairs will host a Day of Remembrance on 9/11 dedicated to those affected by that day in the University Student Center. Salazar said that the idea was generated from a student’s post in the USFSP Know-It-All Guide on Facebook.

“I envy the real presidency because they got four years to serve. I only got one,” Gherman said. “I only have one year to make a difference on campus.”

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Wisniewska said the labs will be finished in time for the Spring Semester.

Harbor Hall, the center for verbal and visual arts, will be renovated to include a small auditorium, classrooms for graphic design and writing students, and offices for faculty. The building is set to be completed in January.

“We invite student participation,” Wisniewska said.

Wisniewska said the new tennis and volleyball courts are a result of student requests. With more recent student requests, the university looked into alternative ways to fix the pool and with the use of new technology, the pool was fixed with a fraction of the cost than originally quoted.

The importance of community and engagement, is something the chancellor strives for, especially for first year students.

“TRUTH IS WEIRDER THAN ANY FICTION I’VE SEEN”

- Hunter S. Thompson

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ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
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University Speech Codes Revised

USF Tampa and St. Petersburg are now rated as yellow-light institutions, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education’s speech code rating.

Samantha Puttermann
Staff Reporter

Codes of conduct are put in place by colleges and universities across America to keep everything, and everyone, under control. While rules are always needed to help maintain a functional society, there are times when the rules go a little too far.

Public colleges and universities are fully bound by the U.S. Constitution, but many of these institutions have speech codes that infringe on the civil rights of its students and faculty—specifically, the First Amendment.

USF St. Petersburg was used to be one of those universities. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, known as FIRE, is a civil liberty organization that defends the fundamental rights of student speech on college campuses across the country.

FIRE has over 400 schools in its database where speech codes are reviewed and given a rating of green, yellow, or red.

According to FIRE, USFSP and USF Tampa were considered red-light schools until late May, when the USF system leadership responded to FIRE’s request to revise three speech codes—making both yellow-light institutions.

Of the three, the last code revised was a systemwide sexual harassment policy which previously defined sexual harassment as “conduct which may be interpreted as unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature.” Although this does cover sexual harassment, according to FIRE, ambiguous wording leaves too much room for speculation.

These policies affect a largely diverse student and faculty population. By making them overly broad, students no longer have the right to express individual beliefs.

According to Jacob Diaz, the dean of students at USFSP, the university code of conduct is under constant revision.

Diaz said he honors all perspectives on the code of conduct policy, however the university’s legal counsel annually revises policies.

According to FIRE, red-light institutions often conflate sexual assault with sexual harassment when the conflict did not involve physical violence or conduct of that nature. Harassment is generally stalking behavior, and more recently, online stalking that involves repeated messages even if somebody indicates they are not interested. On the other hand, sexual assault often involves rape issues and sexual violence, which are criminal behavior.

FIRE advises universities to address sexual assault and sexual harassment as separate issues, under separate policies.

“It’s dangerous and inaccurate to address those very separate issue under the same umbrella,” Majeed said. “When you have those kinds of issues getting mixed together you can end up with a lot of poorly written policies— which is exactly what we are seeing at too many colleges.”

Sexual Harassment Vs. Sexual Assault

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The Crow’s Nest interviewed Azhar Majeed, the director of the FIRE’s Individual Rights Education Program, last fall regarding the speech code violations. A few months after the article was published, the school organized a forum where the policies in question were discussed.

“In March, we discovered that some of the system wide policies for both the St. Petersburg campus and the Tampa campus had been changed,” Majeed said.

FIRE wrote USF in late April, applauding them for the changes made, while also giving a reminder—the last remaining red-light policy were to be revised, the overall rating for both institutions’ would improve to yellow.

“They got back to us by the middle of May and sent a link to their updated student conduct code, which included the much improved sexual harassment policy, so that was very responsive on the university’s part,” Majeed said.

Although USFSP and USF Tampa have yet to become green-light institutions, over half of the 400 schools FIRE reviews have at least one red-light policy.

“The number is high but the good news is that both USF institutions are now faring better than 55 percent of their peer institutions,” said Majeed.

According to FIRE, the state of Florida doesn’t do comparatively well when it comes to speech codes. The majority of the sunshine state’s universities are red-light institutions, including the University of Miami, Florida State University and the University of Central Florida.

The first and only Florida institution with a green-light rating is the University of Florida, which worked with FIRE in July 2014 to receive the rating.

While USFSP isn’t quite there yet, the recent revision is just another step closer to getting the green light.

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The First Amendment to the Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.