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USPS Council
General Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2005
POY 234

Present: Lori Anderson, David Brodosi, Cynthia Brown, Jerry Coleman, Jean Ferguson, Linda Green, Brandy Heinrich, Tanya Radabaugh, Barbara Reynolds, Sue Ryan, Pearl Tritter, Rosemary Trukenbrod, Robert Vessenmeyer, Michael Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Williams at 10:05 am.

Michael asked new USPS members to introduce themselves and welcomed Robert Vessenmeyer, Lori Anderson, and Tanya Radabaugh.

Michael announced that a questionnaire/survey would be sent to all USPS members seeking input on the future of USPS.

Michael thanked former officers David Brodosi, Virginia Champion, and Chris Heinrich for their hard work on behalf of USPS.

Michael congratulated Jennifer Woroner on receiving a Quiet Quality Award and encouraged USPS members to nominate others for the award.

Unfinished Business:

Parking – The parking lots at the end of the airport runway (Lot 20) and near the Children’s Research Institute (Lot 18) are open and operational.

Fitness Center – Dr. White is drafting a proposal that faculty and staff pay to use the fitness equipment and machines but not to use showers, basketball courts, etc. She proposes that concessions funds could be used to subsidize the use of the general facilities and that family members and guests would still pay a \$5 fee. Members voiced objections to using concessions funds, since concessions funds are already limited and are needed for recruitment and other campus events that are important to the functioning and growth of USFSP. Also, although students funded the upgrades of the fitness machines, the fitness center itself was built with E&G Funds and should be open to faculty and staff without cost. Some questioned the logic of making faculty and staff bear the cost of maintaining the machines and paying increased fitness center staff. If faculty and staff don’t use the equipment and revenue therefore is not generated, how would they pay for the maintenance? Also, since the fitness center needs to be staffed regardless of staff & faculty usage, why would increased staffing paid for by fees be necessary? Brandy Heinrich will check into why staff members who are also students are not given student access to the Fitness Center but must pay the staff fees. David Brodosi asked Michael Williams to contact the Faculty and A&P Councils to seek their opinions.

ID # - The issue was raised that, although students no longer use Social Security numbers as their IDs in order to protect against identify theft, staff and faculty confidentiality is not protected in

the same way. Lori Anderson and Sue Ryan spoke about getting information to new students about how to access their U# student IDs. In order to issue parking permits, Parking Services can no longer look up students by SS# and therefore must send students to Admissions to get their U#s. Brandy will look into getting this information included at student orientation to make the process more efficient.

New Business:

Hurricane Katrina Fundraiser - Student Government is spearheading a Hurricane Katrina relief effort to raise \$5,000. They have placed a donation box at the Cashier's office for donations to the Red Cross, and USPS members are encouraged to contribute.

Search Committee - Dr. White asked for the names of three USPS members who might serve on a search committee to replace Abdul Nasser, Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance. Nominees' names were to be given to Michael Williams by 3:00 pm for transmission to Dr. White for her consideration. Dr. White will select one USPS member to serve on the committee.

Construction Update – The residence hall has 4 floors built and is expected to be completed, along with the parking garage, in July 2006. Construction of the science & technology building expected to commence in Spring 2006 is now on hold. The Davis Hall lounge remodel is now expected to be completed October 7.

Campus Events -

Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 – October 15. Anyone interested in more information on this should contact Steve Marshall in the Multicultural Center.

Benefits Fair – Wednesday and Thursday (9/21-22) in the CAC

College Fair – USFSP will host the Pinellas County College Fair in the CAC from 12:30 – 3:00 on Sunday, October 9.

ACT Workshop – October 13, 8:30 – 12:00 in Davis 130.

Fall Open House – October 19, from 12:30 – 3:30 outside Davis Hall.

Final Friday – September 30 in the Library (part of 40th Anniversary celebration). Barbara Reynolds invited everyone to take a look at the exhibit of 40 years of history in the Library and to visit the website.

SP Times Festival of Reading – October 29 in Poynter Library.

Fall Commencement – December 18, Tropicana Field. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with this event should talk to Joneen Maczis in Student Affairs.

David Brodosi mentioned that Mark Durand would be giving a SACS update on Friday, 9/23, but that the location of the presentation was still uncertain.

Sue Ryan announced on behalf of Terri Johnson that the United Way Campaign kickoff will be announced soon.

Meeting Participation - HR will provide Michael with a list of all USPS members at the beginning of each month. Those names will be included in the new sign-in sheet. David reported that there are currently 63 Listserv subscribers. Michael asked that USPS meeting participants encourage people in their departments to subscribe to the Listserv and to attend meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.