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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday December 12, 2008

Library Conference Room

Present: David Carr, Tom Carter, Larry Johnson, Patricia Pettijohn, Philip Trocchia, Brie Reck, and Melanie Ann Riedinger-Whitmore

Guests: Norine Noonan, Julie Jakeway

1. Chair David Carr called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Announcements

2. Julie Jakeway distributed information on small increases in parking rates.
3. USFSP will now be represented at the state faculty senates meetings.
4. USF-Tampa has a draft document for evaluating provosts and presidents. We'll see copies and discuss these in January.
5. We agreed that faculty members must observe university holidays unless there is unanimous consent of all students enrolled, determined by a secret ballot, for holding a class on the holiday. Even then, no critical assignments or exams should take place. An announcement will be sent to all faculty before the start of the semester
6. The announcement will also deal with the importance of all faculty members observing the final exam schedule and will note that not doing so disadvantages students.
7. Leroy Dubeck will be at USF in late January. He has analyzed the budgets of several Florida state universities and will discuss budgetary issues in the USF system.

Action Items

8. November's minutes were approved.
9. Continuing last month's discussion of the need to have councils and committees ready to go early in the semester, they are to elect chairs in the first three weeks of the semester.
10. We discussed the faculty forum on on-line courses. The new plan is now to have a series of 90 minute meetings, perhaps in the Library studio, perhaps on the final Fridays of the month. The first, on January 30, would cover current practices and support available for on-line courses. The second is scheduled to look at philosophy, pedagogical issues, and assessment. Topics for later meeting are yet to be determined.

New Items

11. Norine Noonan is organizing a Veterans Task Force to think about issues related to making USFSP a welcoming place for veterans. It will have its first meeting after the holidays. Faculty senators might want to make suggestions as to potential members.
12. After college/library reports and a further discussion of graduation, we adjourned.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS:

Our only motion (made, seconded, and approved) was to accept the minutes from last meeting.