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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

Faculty Council Meeting
January 15, 2004 10:00 am

Present: Robert Egley, Bill Heller, Deb Henry, , Jim Spence

Absent: Ellen Hufnagel, David Naar

Regional Campus Autonomy

The meeting began with a discussion of Ralph Wilcox's 12/23/03 memo and the draft Regional Campus Principles Worksheet that accompanied it. Although Council members took no position on the draft Principles, it was noted that this document provides for less autonomy than expected. It was agreed that the document should be disseminated to all College Councils as well as the FC councils/committees for informational purposes.

Review of Faculty Handbook/Collective Bargaining Agreement

Due to the holidays, little progress was made on the review of the USF Faculty Handbook (no longer available online) and the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

News from the Colleges

Bill Heller noted the resignation of Rebecca Johns who is on medical leave this semester. Ambe Njoh indicated that an election would be held shortly to fill this 2-year A&S seat.

Ambe also indicated that the AVP-AA Search Committee was scheduled to meet on January 16th and that applications were being received.

A concern was expressed that many key committees or task groups like the Strategic Planning Committee were being composed of faculty who were vulnerable and might not be able or willing to take a stand on certain issues. The problem is one of numbers, not enough tenured faculty in the various colleges. It is apparently a dilemma we'll have live with for a while.

The remaining councils had not met so no reports were made.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 29th at 10:00 am in the A&S Conference Room (DAV100).