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## Staff Council Meeting : 2011 : 03 : 18

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**USF St. Petersburg  
STAFF Council – General Meeting  
BAY 220  
MARCH 18, 2011**

**Present:**

**Call to Order:** Michael called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as read.

**Reports:**

**President:**

- **Employee Awards**
  - Employee of the Month for March is Michele Holton, Adm. Spec. for Human Resource Dept.
  - Employee Annual Awards Banquet will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at CAC Core. There has been a multitude of quality nominations.
- **Union News**
  - March 29<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee Union meeting/vote. Proposed bill to eliminate unions if less than 50% of eligible employees are union members
- Starting Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Union negotiating meeting/bargaining session will be held as an all day event.
- **New Council Officers**
  - Everyone is encouraged to scout for new officers.
  - All positions (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) are available.
  - Former officers will be available to incoming officers for consultation.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Ground Breaking Ceremony for Multipurpose Student Center on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Provost Wilcox will be visiting USFSP on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Honda Grand Prix from March 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. will be closed
    - Parking available in Garage on Levels 2 to 5
    - Lots 2, 17, and 15 are designated for Grand Prix
    - Central Parking will handle cash collection.
    - USFSP will monitor decal parking

**Vice-President:**

- **Leadership report**
  - New Student Govt. President, Courtney Parrish, ran unopposed
  - Fall 2011 term -Alternative dorm space will be available at the Hilton (3 floors)
  - USF Tampa is offering for fall term residential scholarships for 700 to 800 students with a minimum of 3.5 GPA.

- New policy for employee bonuses – they cannot be made for: recruiting, advising, retaining, and financial aid. This policy includes ‘Employee of the Month’ and ‘Employee of the Year’.
- The state of Florida will no longer be funding FACTS. Org; all websites leading to this site will have to be changed.
- Tobacco Free Campus
  - In late 2007 research began to designate USFSP as a smoke free campus.
  - Campus is too small to designate smoking areas.
  - HR will offer smoke cessation classes.
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> is the next free class for non-smoking.
  - Student Government raised student safety issue regarding females smoking on the borders of USFSP at night.
  - Smoke free campus is not enforceable on city property.
  - Amendment to smoke free campus: does not include USF property (Marine Science/Children’s Research Institute) or city of St. Petersburg property.
  - A committee to advertise ‘no smoking’ policy will begin prior to implementation of policy.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM