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USF's Research Board of Deans has transformed itself into a new group that will dramatically change the way sponsored research is supported and undertaken at the university.

The Division of Sponsored Research Board of Directors, modeled after a similar governing body at the University of Florida, will establish policies governing research at USF. The group plans to immediately look at the allocation and management of indirect costs, graduate student support and establishing a long-range research plan.

"The formation of this Board speaks directly to some of the communication issues noted by the recent consultants and members of the USF faculty," said Richard Streeter, non-voting member of the Board of Directors, modeled after a similar governance body at the University of Florida. "It will present a unified front of major research units, facilitating policy formation.

"This, issues impacting other vice presidents, and not funded to the faculty and president for approval will be regarded as comprehensive representation of university-wide research priorities, and the Board membership will present a unified front of major research units, facilitating policy formation."

Sponsored Research Vice President George Newkome said the change is designed to make the division run more smoothly and be more responsive to the needs of the research community.

"It will also bring the evaluation and management aspects of sponsored research programs more in line with the tradition of discipline itself," said strong peer review determining priorities and how money is allocated, Newkome said.

The new board, composed of deans and research faculty, has already formed subcommittees to examine its first three priority areas. Perhaps the most significant of those — the establishment of a long-range research plan — will help focus USF research activities in areas where the university can be most successful, said Friscilla Pope, associate director of sponsored research.

"This will give everyone the opportunity to decide where money should be spent for maximum effectiveness and efficiency," said Pope. "It will be a big help in establishing priorities for the institution.

USF's research programs have enjoyed phenomenal success over the past five years, growing at a rate of 15 percent annually. As recently as 1987-88, the annual sponsored research budget was $135 million. Last year, though, it hit $65 million, and officials say it likely will drop in 1995 to $75 million this year. That growth has boosted USF well into the ranks of the 50 most successful public universities in research funding.

Members of the new board are: Newkome (chairperson); Interim Provost Michael Kovac; Vice Provost for Academic Affairs John Hodgson; Dr. John C. Ruckless, Director; and CEO of the Lee H. Tippett Cancer Center and Research Institute; Dr. Gregory Nicolosi, Executive Associate Vice President for Health Sciences; Richard C. Fender, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, Arts and Sciences Dean Rollin Richmond; and Dr. Marvin Dunn, Dean of the College of Medicine.

Also, Florida Mental Health Institute Dean Max Denker; Dean John Smith; Educational Dean William Koonenmeyer-Nursing Dean Judith Plawecki; Public Health Interim Dean John Skinner; Business Administration Dean James L. Parpworth; Architecture Dean Alex Ratensky; Graduate School Interim Dean Richard Maness; Dr. Thomas Klentzman of the Medical Faculty Council; Kristin Shradter-Frechette and Richard Davis of the USF Distinguished Research Professors and Eminent Scholars; Marc J. Defant of the USF Research Council; Sponsored Research Director Richard Streeter (non-voting member) and Division of Patents and Licensing/Director Kenneth G. Preston (non-voting member).

By Todd Simmons

Briefly

St. Petersburg award winners

The following recipients of the Teaching Incentive Program were inadvertently left out of the Inside USF story on March 4. These St. Petersburg campus faculty also received a $5,000 raise for their undergraduate teaching efforts: Barbara Frye, Education; Tim Fellows, Business; Konda S. Vaughn, Education; Ray Arsenaux, History; Sonia Helton, Education; Gerry Lander, Business; and Harry Schaleman, Geography.

Opinions sought

Faculty and staff members are invited to submit editorial columns to the Office of Media Relations and Publications/Op-Ed Service. The columns appear in Inside USF and are sent to more than 30 daily newspapers across the country including the Atlanta Journal/Constitution, USA Today, and the Washington Times. Columns may be a maximum of 600 words. Send columns to Media Relations Manager Joe O'Neill at ADM 264.

Below, a column by Richard McHugh of the Center for Economic Management and Research.

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Up and coming

Quinton Abdullah, shown above with his book, The Cookeman, was one of 300 students who participated in the Suncoast Young Authors Celebration held March 4 at the College of Education on the Tampa campus. Below, Chris Hogan, a participant in the USF Fort Myers Young Authors' Conference on March 5, strikes a pose with children's author Verna Aardema. Aardema, who has written 25 books and "has five more coming," recently donated a collection of her work to USF Fort Myers.

By Todd Simmons
Retirement planning is a very important aspect of each person's future. When considering the product of retirement offered by each company, some areas to consider include the following: company's investment performance over the short and long term; guaranteed cash values; interest rates; fees; and benefits. Employee must analyze the company which may impact an account's value (upon enrollment, on each deposit, and at retirement). The number of times a participant can transfer funds within a company's various investments and the fees involved in each transaction; mortality benefits; lump sum transfers; loan provisions; and quality of service. The decision to participate in any of these programs is up to each employee.

Personnel looks forward to this being a successful retirement fair. If a response is received, the next retirement fair will be scheduled in conjunction with the various presentations and training seminars. The dates for the training seminars are:

- April 4: The Marshall Center Room 270
- April 5: The Student Union
- April 6: The Engineering Building

There will be a two-day event, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please share this information with your colleagues.

In addition to all the agencies available to speak to employees about their retirement savings plans, there will be three speakers: an overview about the Florida Retirement System, an overview of the University's Internal Auditing Division in recommendations that will affect current personnel policies and procedures, to discuss the current fee waiver program. The following changes to personnel procedures will be implemented effective April 1, 1994:

OPA Appointments
- OPA appointees must be permitted to end automatically unless the appointment-end date is actually the last day of the semester. Exceptions may be made to permit appointments extending through the semester for which they are intended.
- All employees who perform interdepartment work may be appointed to extended appointments. Employees are encouraged to request appointment forms to end the appointment as soon as work has been completed. If re-employment is desired at a later date, the employing department must re-submit an appointment form to re-employ the employee.

Accountable Officers' Signatures
- Personnel staff will verify that appointments are approved by an authorized accountable officer as listed in the University's Authorization File. Signatures on the appointment forms will be verified against names in column one (1) (employee signature) of the appointments of the University's on-line Samas Authorization Screen - F522.

The following employees who have received retirement planning and an opportunity to discuss their retirement plans with a financial advisor:

- Cheryl Reed, Assistant to the Dean, College of Medical Professions
- Kathleen Nidasio, Telecommunications Services Specialist - Telecommunications Center Media Center
- Mark Goldfain, Senior Computer Systems Specialist - Information Technologies
- Epperly, Program Assistant - Division of Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education;
- Barbara Owen, Senior Secretary - Division of Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education;
- Sharon Rehm, Senior Clerk - ES Administration, Continuing Education;
- Carla Rodrigues, Senior Secretary - Division of Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education;
- Lorraine Reeves, Counselor - Child and Family Studies; FMHI
- Elaine O'Brien, Senior Secretary - Child and Family Studies, FMHI
- Paul Strom, Senior Clerk - ES Administration, Continuing Education;
- Lorraine Reeves, Counselor - Child and Family Studies, FMHI
- Kimberly Meacham Jr., Senior Computer Systems Specialist - Telecommunications Services;
- David Smith, Senior Clerk - ES Administration, Continuing Education;
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Art exhibits: Action Free Our Dreams, the St. Petersburg campus art exhibit celebrating Black Emphasis and Women’s Awareness Months, will be on display through March 31 at the Poynter Library in St. Petersburg. For more information, call ext. 3-9160.

Lecture: Michele Wallace, author of Black Magic and the Myth of the Super Woman, will speak at 7 p.m. in the Sudakoff Center, USF Sarasota. Her professor is part of the panel Symposium. For more information, call Rosa Cruz at (813) 359-1924.

Lecture: University Police Lt. Bob Stahlke will discuss “How to Identify a Rapist Before He Identifies You” at 7 p.m. in the Activities and Recreation Center, USF Fort Myers. For more information, call ext. 7-5974.

Lecture: Jane Hutchings, president of the Fort Myers chapter of Stop Turning Out Prisoners (STOP), will discuss the group’s effort to lobby for laws that would require prisoners to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences, at 7 p.m. in the Activities and Recreation Center’s multipurpose room, USF Fort Myers. For more information, call ext. 7-5974.

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Computer training: A DOS-based class in WordPerfect 5.1 will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and March 24 in SVC 1091. Cost is $50 for a two-day class and $35 for a one-day class. For more information, call Kevin Browning at ext. 4-2323.

Panel discussion: USF criminology professor Kathleen Heide will moderate a discussion on “Women in the Judiciary” at 10 a.m. in Cooper Hall, Room 103. President Betty Staehle will speak. Panelists include: Judges Cynthia Holloway, Elizabeth Jenkins, Susan Schaeffer and Lynn Pepper. For more information, call ext. 4-5984 or 672-0707.

Theater: Puppet TheaterUSF will perform Darfur! at 3:30 p.m. today and March 24 in Theatre 1. Ticket prices are $3 for children in grades 3-6 and $8.50 for children in grades 7 and up. For more information, call the box office at ext. 4-3233.

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Meeting: The Faculty Senate will meet at 5:15 p.m. in EUU 302 (KIVA). Library Director Sam Fustukjian will discuss funding issues facing all of USF’s libraries. For more information, call ext. 4-2889.

Lecture: Ryta Vilkaz, a biologist at Duke University, will discuss “Molecular Evolution and the Origin of Species in Fungi: A Biogeographic Study of Patterns of Speciation in the Oyster Mushroom Pleurotus” at 4 p.m. in the Bio-Science auditorium, USF 100. Her talk is part of Biology’s Lecture Series. For more information, call ext. 4-3250.

Lecture: Jo Ann Benner, owner of Aziza African Art Gallery, will discuss “The Spirituality of African Women” at 6 p.m. in Davis Hall, Room 130, USF St. Petersburg. For more information, call ext. 3-4956.

Movie: Cool Runnings will be shown for free at 9 a.m. on Crescent Hill, behind the Student Union. For more information, call ext. 4-5207.

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Concert: The USF Flute Choir, conducted by Martha Reareck, and the USF Brass Ensemble, conducted by Don Kneeburg, will perform at 3 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, FAH 101. The concert is free. For more information, call ext. 4-2331.

Lecture: Peter Davies of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York will discuss the “Neurobiology of Alzheimer’s Disease” at 4 p.m. in MDC 106, as the David B. Tyler Memorial Lecture. For more information, call ext. 4-2543.

Lecture: Lawrence Que Jr. of the University of Minnesota will discuss “Nonheme Iron Enzymes: Structure, Spectroscopy and Mechanism” at 4 p.m. in 1092 CHE. For more information, call George Jurch at ext. 4-2344.

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Workshop: Dr. Michael First will conduct a regional workshop on mental health for professionals, “Differential Diagnosis: Using the DSM IV” from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg College, 7524 N. 31st St., room of Cook Hall, USF St. Petersburg. The program will run from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost is $725. Checks should be sent to Jimetta Anderson, CTR 246, by March 25. For more information, call ext. 4-5400.

Seminar: USF’s Suncoast Area Teacher Training (SCAT) program and the Mendee Foundation will host “Youth and Drugs” from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in EDU 302 (KIVA). The seminar will focus on the most commonly used drugs: alcohol, marijuana and tobacco. Reservations must be made by March 23. For more information, call ext. 4-2500.

Lecture: Tom Juster, a Ph. D. candidate at USF, will discuss “Circulation of Hypersaline Groundwater in Florida Bay Mud Islands” at 3 p.m. in CHE 101, as part of Geology’s Colloquium series. For more information, call Jerry Ryan at ext. 4-1598.

Lecture: Jacqueline Jasiro, the Florida Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Young Career Woman of 1993-94, will discuss “Building Women Power” at noon in the Campus Activities Center, USF St. Petersburg. For more information, call ext. 3-9996.

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Meeting: The Student Group of the Special Libraries Association will host County Commissioner Jan Platt at noon in CIS 206. Platt will discuss the relationship between libraries and local and state government. For more information, call ext. 3-3520.

Lecture: Kim Vaz, USF professor of Women’s Studies, will discuss “The Woman with the Artistic Brush” at 6 p.m. in Davis Hall, Room 130, USF St. Petersburg. For more information, call ext. 3-9596.

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