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**USF St. Petersburg Staff Council
General Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2010
TER300**

Present: Lori Anderson, Jean Ferguson, Yoli Lanuza, Rose Law, Nalini Soni, Byron Thoburn, Reginald Williams, and Michael Williams.

I. Call to Order: Michael called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

II. Guest Presenter: Julie Jakway, Regional Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administrative & Financial Services, discussed issues regarding the Master Plan of 2005 for Parking Services. This was a follow-up to comments/questions from the Council's January 22, 2010 meeting. She indicates that the plan focus is to accommodate a higher number of students, faculty and staff rather than a plan to lower the cost of parking to employees. The plan assumes student enrollment between 8000-9000. Today, USFSP hosts approximately 6,000 students. Changes that have happened in our parking needs since the parking plan was created include a reduced number of parkers on campus and the loss of several contracts with surrounding businesses who have constructed additional parking in recent months.

Julie noted that parking prices for gold tags have not increased as expected in the original plan and that they will be reviewed in the next parking fee cycle. Also, gold spaces have not been made available to students as proposed in the plan due to the decreasing number of gold spaces available with the construction of the Science and Technology building as well as the move of the COB faculty from Bayboro Station to the Pianoman Building.

For the future, Chancellor Sullivan and Vice Chancellor Dhingra are proposing a lot be provided for staff at reduced prices once the Dali Museum purchase is complete in Spring 2011. As well, 11 Parking spaces were leased to the Ronald McDonald House. Efforts are also underway to sell parking spaces to businesses and organizations in the surrounding neighborhood.

Julie mentioned the upcoming Grand Prix event and noted that Parking hires staff from other departments to work during the event. Interested staff should contact Bill Benjamin at 3-4199. Julie requested input on ideas to improve parking and received the following information:

* A Council member indicated that USF was the second highest for parking rates in the State University System compared to other universities and colleges.

* A Council Member suggested that instead of increasing prices to USFSP employees, one could buy a new permit to use between campuses.

* Several Council members gave ideas about how certain areas around the campus could be utilized during the race event for example, the soccer field, basketball field, and the Marine Science area for parking of RV's.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: The minutes from the November 20, 2009 and January 22, 2010 were approved as read.

IV. Reports

• President

- Union Collective Bargaining – Public hearing before the Board of Trustees (BOT) is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Information about location and time to follow. There is a meeting tentatively set for February 26th between AFSCME and USF in an attempt to resolve the issues, which caused USF to reject the Special Magistrate's recommendation.
- February 19th - Memorial Service of Professor David Carr in the library today at 11:00 am.
- February 19th - Google Apps Training – today in DAV 253 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.
- Employee of the Month for February was Sheri Beaudreau, Custodial Worker, OMF. The deadline for March nominations is February 23rd.
- Haiti Earthquake Relief – Donations continue.
- March 13th – 2010 Diabetics/Walk — More information contact Lynn Hawkins – DAV 100.

V. New Business – One staff member brought up issues regarding treatment in the work place (equal opportunity) as not being good.

- Suggestion made by one member about improving the situation was that there should be a mandatory training for all staff members to improve on creating a better work environment and treating all staff members properly.
- Another member added on that the training should be mandatory twice a year.
- Michael indicated that he will contact the Human Resources office regarding the employee concerns.

VI. Adjournment: Michael adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.