

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, January 13, 2006, 8:10 AM
Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Jim Fellows, Deb Henry, Ron Hill, Deanna Michael, David Naar,
Kim Stoddard, Kathy Weedman
Absent: Ambe Njoh
Guests: Mark Durand, RVC Academic Affairs
Karen White, Regional Chancellor
Mark Walters, CAS, Academic Conduct & Awards Committee
Bill Heller, COE

Announcements

Ron Hill was elected to complete the COB term vacated by Jim Spence.

New Business

Academic Awards Committee

Prior to the meeting, Cyndie Collins had distributed the Committee's revisions of the USFSP awards for teaching, research/scholarly work, and service. Mark Walters attended the meeting to answer questions. The Senate reviewed the documents. Under Section III, Application Process, Deanna suggested that the statement about compensated service be clarified. The sentence should specify that service compensated by a non-USF entity will not be considered. Members agreed to the suggestion.

As part of the guidelines for the research and creative scholarship award, both current and previous accomplishments may be considered in the deliberations. Since faculty have often worked at more than one institution, Ron asked if an applicant's affiliations, other than USF, would be play any role in decisions. Mark explained the awards committee did not wish to restrict applicants or reviewers in that regard.

Deb made a motion to accept the changes with the minor clarification suggested by Deanna. Deanna seconded and all voting members were in favor.

Karen asked if there was any interest in college level awards for part-time faculty. College representatives will take this idea back to their respective councils.

SACS Update

Mark Durand presented an update on the SACS process. He and Karen White then answered additional questions from the group. Mark provided a brochure describing the site visit scheduled for February 7-9, 2006. He also announced that there would be three SACS information/Q&A meetings open campus-wide. The visiting team will consist of ten reviewers who have expertise in the areas under review. The vote to approve accreditation will take place in June, 2006.

USF System

Mark reported that USF policies have been reviewed and revised as needed to accurately reflect the USF System organization. These revised polices have been submitted to the USF President.

Minutes from 12/9/05 meeting

Jim moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Deanna seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Strategic Planning committee

Bill Heller asked for some time to present an update on the progress of the various subcommittees and to compliment the members on the work they have accomplished to date. Bill submitted a three-page report to the Senate. Surveys are in the process of being conducted to gather information and feedback from different constituencies on issues.

A discussion of some of the issues such course loads assignments and service learning/community involvement followed. Ron remarked that there is does not appear to be as much emphasis on editorship, professional program involvement at regional and national levels, and other types of activities that also contribute to a professor's reputation and accomplishments in his or her field.

USFSP faculty representation at System level

Karen White stated that a faculty member was needed to serve on a system-wide committee charged with developing a constitution for a system-wide senate. A member of the USFSP Senate volunteered to attend the first meeting until a permanent member of the committee can be found.

Mandatory CPR training

There was a suggestion from a faculty member of the College of Business that faculty be required to be certified in CPR. The members discussed the ramifications and although training of that sort is very helpful, it was not an activity that this Senate could support as a mandate.

Faculty Senate Representative to Leadership meetings

Deanna Michael volunteered to attend these monthly meetings as representative spring semester.

Senate photograph

A new photograph for the Senate web site was taken at the close of the meeting.

College/Library Reports

College of Arts and Sciences

The college has not had a meeting recently. The search for a Dean is ongoing. The college voted on a vision statement although there was some spirited discussion concerning civic engagement and it was agreed upon that this may be a possibility when appropriate.

College of Business

Jim Strachan is the Interim Associate Dean and Undergraduate Director. Toni Criss is the director of the MBA program. Chris D'Elia will chair the search committee for a new Dean of the College of Business. The tenure and promotion review process has been completed.

College of Education

Both the College of Education Council and the general faculty have held meetings. Joyce Nutta will replace Steve Micklo at the end of July as the Associate Dean of the college. She will work with Steve until that time. The Council is working on a constitutional change regarding committee appointments. Tenure and promotion applications have been reviewed. The Dean of the college confirmed that she is following the Collective Bargaining Agreement with regard to teaching assignments. Tenure earning faculty are receiving 3-2; tenured are 3-3.

This announcement generated some discussion about the differences in assignments between the USFSP colleges. It was suggested that this topic be discussed at a future meeting.

Library

No report.

Old Business

Committee on Committees – Student membership

Kim reported that she sent a message to Regina Young Hyatt and asked for help getting student members for some FC committees.

USFSP 'Faculty Senate' name vote

The majority of the voting general faculty accepted the name change from USFSP Faculty Council to USFSP Faculty Senate. Deanna made a motion that the current Council accepts the name change. Kathy Weedman seconded the motion and all were in favor. Deb will change the web site and other documentation to reflect the new name.

Faculty Council Survey

Not discussed.

Faculty attendance at campus activities

Not discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Next meeting

January 27, 2006

Future meetings:

February 10 & 24

March 10 & 24

April 7 & 21

Prepared by Deb Henry