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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday May 4, 2007

Bayboro Hall – Room 220

Present: Jerry Notaro, Deanna Michael, Gary Patterson, David Carr, Jim Fellows,
David Naar, Kim Stoddard (for Margaret Hewitt)

Guests: Karen White, Larry Johnson,

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Patterson at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes of the 4-20-07 meeting were approved as distributed.

Karen reiterated her offer of course/ release time for the Chair of the Faculty Senate. Jerry will send proposed wording to Karen for her approval. She distributed the Partners in Progress Annual Report. She also asked Faculty Senate members to send her names to be considered for Honorary Degree conferral from USF St. Petersburg. Legislative Issues:

- \$350,000 in non recurring funds have been secured for developing a Nursing Program on campus

- Funding for the Student Center was removed from the final bill from the Legislature

- \$9,000,000 was approved for a Science and Technology Center with offices and labs to be shared with the College of Marine Science. The new building already has a Planning Committee with a commitment to building a green and environmentally friendly facility.

- The College of Business building has gone from #3 to #8 priority on the PICO list. A new lease has been signed and funded for the Bayboro Station building.

The new USFSP Strategic Process will define its peer institutions and focus the campus” priorities. Our present status as a regional campus is unique in the State of Florida.

A discussion continued as to the role and responsibilities, beyond acting as Faculty Marshals that represent the Senate, that Faculty Senate will play in Commencement Planning for the future.

Ashok Dhingra has asked for two faculty volunteers to serve on the Budget Advisory Committee. The Committee will work over the summer on recurring, non-recurring, and carry forward funds. Jerry volunteered to serve.

The Graduate Council reviewed the proposal for policies and procedures for suspension and renewal of programs. They made some minor language changes. These changes had been previously submitted to the Senate in writing and were approved.

Deanna reported the Undergraduate Council had also approved the proposal with minor changes. The Senate moved, seconded, and approved the wording.

Gary recognized the contributions of departing Faculty Senate members Kathy Weedman, Jim Fellows, and Deanna Michael.

David Naar brought up concerns of the College of Marine Science employees and students having access to USF's emergency communications network. Karen explained the emergency communication systems are available on all campuses. The campus Reverse 911 notification calls USF phones first, and then home numbers on record. Marine Science may or may not be able to opt into the Reverse 911 notification system. It was reiterated that the campus lock down prevents entry, but not exit.

The College of Education is conducting an outside search for the position of Associate Dean.

Jerry will send Gary wording to send thanks to President Genshaft for her visit to the Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.20.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary