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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday March 23, 2007

Library Conference Room – 3rd floor

Present: Jerry Notaro, Deanna Michael, Gary Patterson, Kathy Weedman, Margaret Hewitt, Ray Arsenault

Guests: Sandi Conway and Karen White

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

The minutes of the 2-15-07 meeting were approved as distributed.

Karen - Informational Updates

Legislative Session – There is less money and fewer recurring dollars available. USFSP will attend and participate in USF Day in Tallahassee. The Science and Technology building received planning funds two years ago and we anticipate that the construction portion (\$9 million) might be funded this year. There is now a System wide Pre-Health initiative named “Leadership for Emerging Health Professions.” A USFSP Nursing Program is still a priority, but the Legislative Budget Request for core recurring funds needed has not been recommended for funding. Supporting gifted funds are available as soon as a program is established.

Sandi Conway– Classification Redesign Project

Sandi explained that the Project is not a compensation study. It will have minimal impact on the totality of employees. Job duties and responsibilities do not change. The goal of the project is to have job titles and descriptions more accurately reflect the actual position and job responsibilities.

Karen distributed the latest Draft of the USF Strategic Plan. President Genshaft is meeting with all USFSP Colleges and with the Library. Karen is proposing a strategic planning daylong retreat led by a professional and experienced facilitator to initiate USFSP campus strategic planning to be completed before spring of ‘08.

Gerilyn Franklin, Dean of the College of Business, will chair the search for a permanent Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Members of the Faculty Senate were asked to forward names for consideration for committee membership to Gary, who will forward to Karen. Karen would like a committee of six or seven to complete a job description and recruitment plan before the end of spring semester. There may be activities for the committee during the summer term. Dr. Blaine Brownell will remain in the interim position through July.

Karen is researching retired provost/presidents who might be interested in the interim position from July until the permanent position is filled.

The Faculty Senates of all of the USF institutions will meet soon to begin planning a system wide Faculty Senate.

Karen would like names submitted to be considered for honorary degrees from USFSP.

Gary brought up concerns about the frequency of evening patrols around the COB. Karen told the Senate that evening police patrols around the College of Business have increased, the number of blue emergency phones has increased, and that the student Safe Teams will respond to calls for rides from the Business building to the parking garage.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Next meeting, Friday, April 20, 10 a.m., Library Conference Room, 3rd floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary