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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday December 14, 2007, 2007

Library Conference Room – POY 319

Present: Jerry Notaro, David Carr, Margaret Hewitt, Larry Johnson, and Tom Carter

Guests: Karen White, Eric Odgaard and Chris D'Elia.

Chair Margaret Hewitt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Announcements

Margaret: The Library's web site is now available from the campus home page with one click.

New Business

The minutes of the November 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

The Library's Special Collections now has the archives of the Faculty Council and the Faculty Senate. Jim Schnur has published and distributed a five page Finders Aid.

SACS – Karen: Six areas were identified to be monitored by SACS after receiving our accreditation. Four areas were cleared and two were flagged for warning. Much of the problem has to do with the reporting of individual, campus efforts, as opposed to system wide efforts. Chris: The academic Deans have met and will form a Committee for Assessment. Some members of the Faculty Senate's General Education Committee will be asked to participate on the Committee. Dean Biafora believes the information needed is available but it needs to be collected and reported more effectively. The committee feels it can successfully set up systems for proper reporting of data.

Karen: The Dali land deal is complete for the College of Business.

Margaret has met with all the standing committees and councils (except for Enrollment Management) to discuss charges, minutes, meeting schedules, and annual reports.

The campus is anticipating another cut next year of at least 4%. The Budget Committee is meeting regularly to address current and anticipated cuts. The Faculty Senate will discuss possible ways to reduce spending if the cuts do occur.

Margaret passed out the General Education and Exit Course program requirements. There needs to be much more coordination and communication between the Tampa campus and St. Petersburg campus disciplines.

Council Reports:

The College of Business has preliminary good news about their program certification. The COB College Council is working on Tenure and Promotion Committee terms of service; and combining committee assignments to equalize the workload.

Larry Johnson reported there was a College of Education Faculty Council concern about the availability of full text online journals. Jerry explained the journal are not subscribed to individually, but in huge groups available through vendors, and purchased as required through various buying consortiums. Sometimes the content providers decide to not renew their licensing agreements and the content for a single title is dropped, but that is very rare.

The Library Faculty Council has met for the first time. Minutes and a meeting schedule have been posted on the Faculty Senate Home Page.

CAS – No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

The next meeting is set for Friday, January 25, 10 a.m., POY 319.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A. Notaro, Secretary