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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST.PETERSBURG
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday March 28, 2008

Library Conference Room – POY 319

Present: David Carr, Deb Henry(alternate for Jerry Notaro) Margaret Hewitt, Larry Johnson, Gary Patterson, Tom Carter

Guests: Jeff Reisberg, Bob Dardenne

Chair Margaret Hewitt called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

New Business

The minutes of the February 22 meeting were approved as electronically distributed.

Jeff Reisberg handed out copies of the University of South Florida System Communication and Technology Acquisition Policy. This is coming from the new USF System Director Michael Pierce. He asked us to be aware of these new policies and be assertive in the protection of the autonomy of our campus as the USF System is in the process of developing. Members asked the chair to arrange if possible a meeting of all who could attend to meet with Dr. Pierce when he comes to our campus.

Margaret Hewitt reported to the members her understanding from both Tampa and St. Petersburg administration the policy for search committees dealing with administrative positions in contrast to faculty positions. She also reported on the newly established group of Senate Chairs from all campuses. They had their first meeting on the Tampa campus March 21st. The President has asked this group to meet twice a year to share common concerns and work toward better communication between campuses.

The Senators volunteered for positions as commencement marshals. List of names will be given to the commencement committee. They are Margaret Hewitt, Jerry Notaro, Gary Patterson, Tom Carter, Ray Arsenault, Deanna Michael, and David Carr.

Margaret Hewitt asked the senators who are representatives for their College Councils to request that elections be held for new senators in April or first part of May so that the new senators could attend the Senate meeting on May 16TH.. It is hoped that this will make for a smoother transition in to the next year.

Old Business

Margaret Hewitt gave a short report from the Budget Council. We are still waiting for the final reduction percentage number to come from the legislature. The Council is making the maximum reductions with the hopes that the percentage will be less. All ideas and

suggestions from faculty and staff were collected by the Budget Council's ad hoc committee , categorized in to ideas that could be used right away and those that could be done in the future. These suggestions will be given to the Council to recommend to the administration.

David Carr is still communicating with Eric Odgaard concerning questions for the assessment survey for administrators. Margaret Hewitt gave David the forms already used for evaluation to see if there are other questions or additions we might want to make on the forms.

Library and College Reports

David Carr: No report from the College of Arts and Sciences

Gary Patterson: College of Business continues to work on their governance policies and their Tenure and Promotion document.

Larry Johnson: College of Education continues to work on getting programs etc. ready for the NCATE visit in September. There is some confusion concerning search committee chairs and this will be discussed and checked at the next council meeting.

Deb Henry: Announced that the Library was sponsoring a reception for authors that afternoon and invited the senators to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hewitt, Secretary pro tem