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University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2015

Bayboro 220

I. Recognition of Members and Alternatives – n/a

Present: Mark Pezzo, Steve Lang, Jill McCracken, Dan Marlin

Regrets: Patricia Pettijohn, Deanna Michael

II. Recognition of Guests – n/a

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from May meeting - Tabled

V. Student Government Report and Discussion – Student Government Pro Tempore Richie Marini

Richie Marini discussed the following:

- A resolution thanking Councilman Karl Nurse for the co-naming of 2nd street south to University Way
- Day of remembrance on 9/11 in USC Ballroom 6-8pm
- On campus housing for veterans
- USFSP day at City Hall
- Harbor restoration project including “water goats”
- Improving the image of Student Government
- Pastries with the President (like is done at USF Tampa)

VI. Administrative Reports and Discussions – RC Sophia Wisniewska and RVCAA Mark Durand

Dr. Durand:

- Provided updates on 4 job searches: KTCOB Dean, Library Dean, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
- Discussed the need for a faculty credentialing policy. Deans have been asked to go to college councils for discussion. This is important for SACS accreditation. Also, discussed some pros and cons of having graduate and undergraduate faculty.
- Discussed a desire to have more awards for faculty and students.
- Provided an update on the Faculty Excellence Report. Advisory groups will be formed and charged with the creation of a center for innovation in teaching and learning. Funds exist for a director of the center.
- Discussed external funding goal and faculty mentoring program.
- Discussed the veterans and military services center on campus. An assistant director has been hired. Soft opening on 9/11. Celebration on veterans day.
- Discussed minority post doc program and goal of having a more diverse faculty.

- Provided an update on T&P revision committee. This included looking at guidelines for instructors. Vote should occur sometime this academic year.
- Discussed two legislative budget requests: student success and internship program.
- Discussed retention and progress on 2nd year metric. A free class was offered to some students to get them back for second year. Retention has increased from 62% to nearly 69%.

Dr. Wisniewska

- Added to many of the items discussed by Dr. Durand.
- Discussed statistics of incoming class. Applications were up, 600 new freshman, and academic profile (GPA, ACT, SAT etc.) was stable.
- Discussed construction of new COB building. Had lunch with Kate Tiedemann. Many naming opportunities associated with the building are available.
- Discussed the need for another residence hall.

VII. Action Items:

- A. USF System Research Council rep from USFSP – Possible rep from CAS identified.
- B. USFSP Research Council rep from CAS (from Sciences) – done
- C. Faculty Senate Councils and Committees' Charges – Need updates from COE and CAS.
- D. New Faculty Senate members from COE and COB – Steve Lang will be serving for COE. COB will be holding an election soon.
- E. Finalize and Form Senate DL committee – Tabled

Executive Session:

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Strategic Planning Group Faculty Excellence Report – done (see above)
- B. T & P Revision Committee update – done (see above)
- C. Distribution of Faculty Senate Survey of Administrators – These should be sent out sometime next week.

IX. New Business - none

X. Tabled Items:

- A. Faculty Conduct Policy in the Dean's council Meeting/Healthy Work Environment Policy - Tabled

XI. Reports:

- A. System Faculty Council – Dan Marlin, Deanna Michael and Steve Lang - none
- B. UFF – Steve Lang – Agreement reached by teaching evaluation committee. No agreement reached on intellectual property committee. Discussed possible reopening of contract for salary adjustments.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10pm

Dates for Future Meetings:

- October 2, 2015 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- November 6, 2015 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- December 4, 2015 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- January 15, 2016 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- February 5, 2016 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- March 4, 2016 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- April 1, 2016 1:30 pm Bayboro 220
- May 6, 2016 1:30 pm Bayboro 220